

The Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT

2025 – 2026

01 JULY 2025 to 30 JUNE 2026

President's Review

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that as a united committee, we have accomplished many initiatives and milestones and propelled the Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc. (GOAV) into the digital world.

We kicked off the year by publishing the "*Calendar of Events*" for 2025 - 2026 on our website and emailed the calendar to members within a couple of months of being elected to office.

The committee acquired a Microsoft business license and has streamlined GOAV administration by uploading documents, including the membership register to SharePoint folders. The strength of our current membership stands at 237 members, mostly families, after welcoming 42 new members during FY2026.

Nowadays, social media is the mainstream of communication. During our term, the committee modernised our communication strategy by introducing several new social media channels to better connect with members:

- *GOAV Members Connect* (WhatsApp group) used to announce events/updates.
- *GOAV Bulletin Board* email service, whereby we announce information on Goan and other noteworthy happenings and functions.
- *GOAV Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and website* www.goav.org.au presence keeps our members and followers abreast of events. Our Social Media promotor did an excellent job uploading real-time reels of our events on FB during the year.
- *GOAV AGM online*, allows financial members to securely log in from home to participate in the Annual General Meeting in real-time.

Highlights and lowlights of the year:

- The committee hosted the *Meet & Greet* event at ScienceWorks Museum this year and attendees thoroughly enjoyed the invigorating, interactive activities.
- GOAV celebrated 25 years since *World Goa Day* was initiated. The event featured a heartfelt video message from its founder in UK — Rene Barreto.
- The *Goan Inter-Village Soccer Tournament* marked its 10-year anniversary. The champions took home a stunning rolling trophy sponsored by Dorellis.
- The *Valentine's Day Ball* was a remarkable success and we received glowing feedback from attendees who especially loved their glowing heart-shaped pins.
- It was disappointing that the *Explore Melbourne Extravaganza* had to be cancelled due to lack of response and the *Bowling, Australia Day Picnic* and *Weekend Away* events experienced low member turnout.

As my term comes to an end, I want to express my deepest gratitude to my zealous committee members for their incredible dedication and hard work throughout the year. My sincere thanks go to their partners, whose unwavering support made our achievements possible, and to the volunteers who generously assisted with our various events.

Finally, I am immensely grateful to our Auditor, Returning Officer, and Social Media promoter for their valuable time, and vital contributions.

I also express my gratitude to our Gold Sponsor (Dr. Natasha Misquitta from Seaholme Dental, Altona) and special thanks to our generous supporter, Ellis Fernandes, and to all our sponsors who kindly contributed in-kind prizes. Sincere thanks to Belinda and Simon Fernandes for generously sponsoring and catering the food for the AGM lunch.

Mog Asundi,

Andrew Mendes

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Thanks to our Sponsors and Donors

Sponsors	Amount
Monitory Sponsors	
Glen Eira Council Grant	\$3,551.52
Melbourne Unique Badminton Centre hire fee waiver	\$600.00
Dr. Natasha Misquitta from Seaholme Dental, Altona	\$500.00
Ellis Fernandes & Andrew Mendes (\$250 each towards the Travel Voucher prize for Valentine's Day Ball)	\$500.00
Total	\$5,151.52
In-kind Sponsors (contributed towards prizes for various events)	
▪ Andrew Mendes ▪ Bibian & Edmund Lobo ▪ Dorellis International Pty Ltd. ▪ Gerard & Ana Lobo ▪ Jean & Gerry Tavares ▪ Llewellyn & Nella Noronha ▪ Maryann Scales ▪ Silver Platter Catering ▪ Stella Paes	

Donors	Amount
Donations to Outreach	
Fr. Arnold Heredia	\$40.00
Ophelia D'Souza	\$100.00
M Petts	\$10.00
Total	\$150.00
In-kind Donors	
▪ Pearl & Errol Rodrigues ▪ Josemarie Alphonso	

Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.
Cash Flow Statement as at 30th June 2026

Cash as at 30/06/25	\$ 253,632.71
Cash from Operations	
Income	\$ 45,076.89
Expenditure	-\$ 44,820.51
	\$ 256.38
Cash from Investments	
Interest Earned	\$ 13,493.55
Interest Paid	\$ 13,493.55
Cash as at 30/06/26	\$ 267,382.64

Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.
Statement of Income and Expenditure
From 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026

2024/2025	FOLIO ITEMS	2025/2026	2025/2026	2025/2026
Full Year NET		INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
		\$	\$	\$
	ADMINISTRATION			
\$ -159.00	POSTAGE	\$ -	\$ 56.90	\$ -56.90
\$ -	PRINTING & STATIONERY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -2,723.68	GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 249.92	\$ 2,020.21	\$ -1,770.29
\$ -808.22	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE		\$ 801.92	\$ -801.92
\$ -778.55	AGM MEETING +Hall		\$ 540.00	\$ -540.00
\$ -100.00	FIAV ANNUAL FEE - 2026			
\$ 3,597.50	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES - F26	\$ 4,275.00		\$ 4,275.00
\$ 115.00	JOINING FEE NEW MEMBER	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
\$ 1,200.00	LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
\$ 10,212.90	INTEREST ON TERM DEPOSIT	\$ 13,493.55		\$ 13,493.55
\$ 10,555.95		\$ 18,818.47	\$ 3,419.03	\$ 15,399.44
\$ -	CULTURAL ACTIVITIES			
\$ 919.03	GOAN FOOD FESTIVAL	\$ 4,100.15	\$ 3,190.00	\$ 910.15
\$ -	GOA DAY	\$ 5,481.00	\$ 5,480.90	\$ 0.10
\$ 553.70	GOAN SWEETMAKING	\$ 660.00	\$ 471.17	\$ 188.83
\$ 192.15	ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 6,574.32	\$ -1,999.32
\$ 2,234.21	SAO JOAO FEAST	\$ 3,266.00	\$ 1,962.19	\$ 1,303.81
\$ 1,253.80	OUT REACH	\$ 922.13	\$ 98.31	\$ 823.82
\$ 5,152.89		\$ 19,004.28	\$ 17,776.89	\$ 1,227.39
\$ -	SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL			
\$ -	Science Works	\$ 90.00	\$ 194.00	\$ -104.00
\$ 727.26	Ten pin Bowling	\$ 275.00	\$ 276.00	\$ -1.00
\$ 3,250.89	ANNUAL DANCE	\$ 12,823.82	\$ 13,232.72	\$ -408.90
\$ 3,524.18	WEEKEND AWAY	\$ 7,106.00	\$ 7,868.91	\$ -762.91
\$ 7,502.33		\$ 20,294.82	\$ 21,571.63	\$ -1,276.81
\$ -	SPORTS ACTIVITY			
\$ -250.37	ANNUAL SPORTS DAY	\$ 500.00	\$ 549.79	\$ -49.79
\$ 335.49	INTERVILLAGE SOCCER TOURNMENT	\$ 875.00	\$ 882.80	\$ -7.80
\$ 85.12		\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,432.59	\$ -57.59
\$ 23,296.29	OPERATING SURPLUS TO 30th JUNE 2026	\$ 59,492.57	\$ 44,200.14	\$ 15,292.43

Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.
Balance Sheet
as at 30th June 2026

2024/2025		2025/2026
MEMBERS FUND		
\$ 228,403.92	Balance as at 1st July 2025	\$ 250,446.41
\$ 22,042.49	Add: Surplus for the Financial Year 2025-2026	\$ 14,468.61
\$ 250,446.41	Carried Forward	\$ 264,915.02
CURRENT ASSETS		
\$ 32,885.16	Cash in Bank	\$ 33,141.54
\$ 534.65	Cash in Hand	\$ 534.65
\$ 220,212.90	Term Deposit ANZ Bank	\$ 233,706.45
\$ 253,632.71	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 267,382.64
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
\$ 1,253.80	Outreach	\$ 2,077.62
\$ 1,887.50	Prepaid Subscriptions for year 2025/26	\$ 0
\$ 45.00	Prepaid Subscriptions for year 2026/27	\$ 360.00
	Prepaid Subscriptions for year 2027/28	\$ 30.00
\$ 3,186.30	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 2,467.62
\$ 250,446.41	TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	\$ 264,915.02

Maryann Scales
MARYANN SCALES
Hon Treasurer

Andrew Mendes
ANDREW MENDES
Hon President

AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the above "Balance Sheet" and "Statement of Income and Expenditure"
for the year ended 30th June 2026

In my opinion, the above have been properly prepared to reflect the Financial Status and Activities
of the Association, for the year ended 30th June 2026

Christopher Pereira
CHRISTOPHER PEREIRA
Hon Auditor
Melbourne

Events Held During 2025 – 2026

The GOAV Committee were involved in the following events for the financial year July 2025 to June 2026 and thank our members and guests for participating in these events. We sincerely thank our generous sponsors and supporters.

 Not-for-Profit Entity (ABN 45 379 439 322). Established in Melbourne, since 1979. Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.			
SAT, 20 SEP 2025 Meet & Greet the Committee at SCIENCEWORKS Spotswood Members Only ✓	SUN, 12 OCT 2025 GOA DAY at Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh Fish & Tisreo Curry  Afternoon Event ✓	SUN, 16 NOV 2025 Goan Food Festival at Menzies Hall, Dandenong North  ✓	SUN, 30 NOV 2025 Sweet Making at The Anchor, Bentleigh East  FREE ✓
SAT, 06 DEC 2025 St. Francis Xavier Feast at Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh  ✓	SUN, 18 JAN 2026 Strike 10 Pin Bowling at Melbourne Central  ✓	MON, 26 JAN 2026 Australia Day Potluck Picnic at Footscray Park  FREE ✓	SAT, 14 FEB 2026 Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball at Caulfield Town Hall  ✓
SUN, 08 MAR 2026 Explore Melbourne Extravaganza in City  CANCELLED Due to lack of response FREE	SUN, 22 MAR 2026 Sports Day Members Only ✓	SAT, 18 APR 2026 Soccer Inter Village Tournament  ✓	10 to 12 APR 2026 Weekend Away  MARYSVILLE ✓
	SAT, 16 MAY 2026 Goan Food Cooking Class Virtual Online Demonstration  ✓	SAT, 20 JUN 2026 Sao Joao Festival at Polish Hall, Ardeer  ✓	

Highlights of Events

Meet & Greet at ScienceWorks held on 20 September 2026

GOAV launched the first event *Meet-and-Greet* the committee at *ScienceWorks*. Despite an early forecast of rain, the weather cleared into a beautiful day, setting a wonderful backdrop for members to connect with our newly appointed committee. Attendees of all ages thoroughly enjoyed exploring the museum's invigorating and interactive exhibits. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for making this inaugural gathering such a memorable event.



Goa Day held on 12 October 2025

Goa Day celebration at Sacred Heart Hall in Oakleigh was a resounding success, highlighted by a heartfelt video message from the event brainchild and founder in UK — Rene Barreto. Authentic Goan '*Fish Curry & Rice*' was served to attendees who enjoyed dancing to the Konkani songs sung by various artists. The outreach stall sold a selection of snacks and drinks. All proceeds from the stall directly benefit the ongoing works of outreach.



Goan Food Festival held on 16 November 2025

The *Goan Food Festival 'A Taste of Goa, in Melbourne,'* was founded by Gerard Lobo in 2015. Gerard did an excellent job this year coordinating the 10 beautifully decorated Goan food stalls at Menzies Hall in Dandenong. The event was highly successful, attracting about 450+ attendees who immersed themselves in the rich Goan culture and esthetically savoring the scrumptious Goan food. The Outreach also put up a stall serving tea and coffee, all set to a lively backdrop of listening and dance music. Highlighting the festival's competitive spirit, a panel of judges meticulously selected the top three Goan food stallholders. Winning stallholders: 1st Calangute-Sebastian Desouza; 2nd Parra-Newton Marques; 3rd Sarzora-Kishore Pawar.



Sweet Making held on 30 November 2025

GOAV successfully kept its cherished *Sweet Making* tradition alive this year by hosting a gathering at the Anchor Hall in Bentleigh East one week prior to the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. The event brought together dedicated community members and enthusiastic children who worked side-by-side to make handcraft iconic Goan festive treats - Kulkuls, Neureos, and Kadio Bodio, all of which were sold to attendees on the Feast day.



St. Francis Xavier Feast held on 06 December 2025

The *St. Francis Xavier Feast* was vibrantly celebrated at Oakleigh's Sacred Heart Church with a special mass led by Goan priests Fr. Eldridge and Fr. Vincent, featuring Konkani hymns sung by the choir and a ceremonial homily. Festivities then moved to the church hall, where around 130 members and guests gathered to enjoy delicious food. Children received gifts from Santa, and DJ Ben Faria energized the crowd with upbeat hip-hop and line dancing music.



Strike 10 Pin Bowling held on 18 January 2026

The *10 Pin Bowling* event at Melbourne Central's Strike centre was a friendly contest between 15 competitive members. The competition was intense between the team members, and the highest bowling score on the board was by Edwin an impressive 120 points. Great achievement!



Australia Day Potluck Picnic held on 26 January 2026

It was a perfect day for the GOAV to celebrate *Australia Day* and honoring *Indian Republic Day* by holding a Potluck Picnic at Footscray Park. There was a diverse spread of delicious food brought by attendees, and a lively lineup of activities that included Mini Golf, Scatter, and various Card games.



Valentine Masquerade Ball held on 14 February 2026

Valentine Masquerade Ball was celebrated at Glen Eria Town Hall in Caulfield and was a magical evening. Couples loved their glowing, heart-shaped lapel pins when entering the hall and hitting the dance floor to the vibrant music of the band 'Colours'. Attendees enjoyed a delicious, expertly catered buffet by Silver Platter, and the best masquerade contest winners walked away with excellent prizes.



Explore Melbourne Extravaganza on 08 March 2026

Unfortunately, the *Explore Melbourne Extravaganza* event which was projected to be an exciting afternoon of fun discovering unique places and icons in the City was cancelled due to lack of response from members.

Sports Day held on 22 March 2026

The *Sports Day* at Glen Waverley Badminton Centre brought together 32 enthusiastic participants for an exciting day of Badminton and Table Tennis competition. Fr Vincent claimed the men's table tennis trophy, while the duos of Lionel Rodrigues and Hector Lewis secured the Gents Badminton title, and Usha Shivalkar and Katherine Athade won the Ladies Badminton trophy. To top off the successful event, Ilana D'lima was awarded the sports encouragement trophy for his great spirit.



Goan Inter Village Soccer Tournament held on 18 April 2026

GOAV celebrated the 10th anniversary of its *Goan Inter-Village Soccer Tournament*, an event organised by its Sports Sub-committee that successfully fostered community spirit and sportsmanship among numerous enthusiastic players and teams. The President highlighted a special tribute to founder Gerard Lobo for his decade-long dedication to nurturing the event.

It concluded with the winning team Chandor (Captain - Marshall Fernandes) receiving a stunning trophy sponsored by Ellis Fernandes of Dorellis and the runners up trophy was awarded to Sircaim (Captain - Russel de Souza).



Weekend Away held on 10-12 April 2026

The GOAV *Weekend Away* was held at Maryville from Friday, 10 Apr to Sunday, 12 Apr 2026. Although attendance was smaller this year, with 37 participants, everyone enjoyed a memorable and relaxing weekend together.

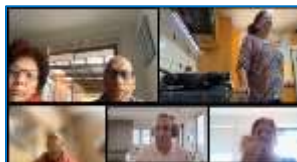
The program featured a variety of games and competitions, line dancing and karioke, and a movie night on Saturday - providing plenty of fun and entertainment.

The delicious meals served throughout the weekend — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — were highly praised by participants. As the weekend came to a close on Sunday, attendees departed with happy memories, strengthened friendships, and an appreciation for the enjoyable time spent in each other's company.



Goan Food Cooking Class held on 16 May 2026

Initially planned as an in-person event, the *Goan Food Cooking Class* was moved online after the venue became unavailable. Participants who had registered for this event received a Zoom link by email. Josette de Souza demonstrated how to make two traditional Goan delicacies: pork solantulem (pork sukkem) and banana fritters (filos). The session was well attended, with participants engaging through questions and shared memories of Goan cuisine. The class received enthusiastic feedback, with many requesting more online cooking sessions in the future.



São João Festival held on 20 June 2026

São João was held on the 20 June 2026 our last function of the financial year which was a great success. We had a total of 180 members attend, which was the best turnout for the year.

One of the highlights of the evening was the colorful floral headgear (Kopel) competition, with beautifully crafted crowns made of fresh flowers and leaves, adding a splash of colour and authenticity to the festivities.

The Kopel's generated much excitement among attendees. The winners of the Best Kopel Competition were Gerard Lobo (men), Anthea Menezes (women) and Ivy Coelho (child).

Another eagerly awaited attraction of the evening was the São João_Zanvoi Competition, with Luke Brouwer emerging as the Zanvoi Winner 2026, much to the delight of the audience with his entertaining answers.

The delicious meal was catered by Dorellis. A fun night had by all ♥



Message from GOAV Outreach

The GOAV Outreach Team sincerely thanks all our supporters for your kindness and generosity. Your ongoing support has enabled us to reach out to and assist members of the Goan community who are disadvantaged or experiencing hardship. It may come as a surprise to some, but there are indeed members of our community who are facing difficult circumstances and need our support.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide:

- Seven Christmas hampers to families and individuals in need.
- Support for three international students through food hampers, practical advice, and a dental referral.
- Transport for a wheelchair-bound lady to attend the GOAV Bowling event held in January.
- Telephone support for people experiencing homelessness and for young people struggling with addiction.
- Home-cooked Goan cuisine for someone unable to prepare meals independently.
- Assistance to a single mother facing challenging circumstances.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Avalon Centre, Dr Natasha Misquitta (dentist) for their valued support of the Outreach Program, donors, and Maryann Scales for her ongoing assistance in maintaining our accounts.

We simply could not continue this ministry without your support—whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or prayer.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you are aware of any Goan individuals or families experiencing financial hardship or other disadvantages, we encourage you to refer them to us via the GOAV Outreach email address below.

Please be assured that all referrals will be treated with the utmost privacy and confidentiality. Our volunteers are committed to serving with compassion, dignity, and respect.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity, compassion, and prayers. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of the disadvantaged, within our community.
With gratitude and blessings,

GOAV Outreach Team

Annabelle Henriques – Chair
Dominic Carvalho
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GOAV Members Connect
WhatsApp Group

The Goan Overseas Association of Victoria Inc.

The Managing Committee graciously thank our well-wishers, and sponsors for their support during our 2025 – 2026 term

Duly elected until June 2026			
President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
			
Andrew Mendes 0411 230 975	Josette de Souza 0400 541 098	Aloysious Dacunha 0431 012 511	Maryann Scales 0412 199 619
Committee Members			
	Stella Paes	0425 738 518	
	Ellis Fernandes	0409 729 322	
	Llewellyn Noronha	03 9553 4897	
Sub-Committees			
Sports	Gerard Lobo Tyrone D'Souza Alston Soares Anand S Rao Nolan Faria		
Outreach	Annabel Henriques Joe (Josemarie) Alphons Dominic Carvalho Pearl Rodrigues		
Auditor: Christopher Pereira		Returning Officer: Annabel Henriques	
Webmaster: Andrew Mendes		Social Media: Monica Moraes	