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Australian Indian Historical Society Inc.

Who Are We

We are a group interested in researching, preserving and publicising Australian Indian History with the aim of reducing racism in the community. The Australian Indian Historical Society Inc. is a non-profit organisation that was formed on the 31st March 2012.

The AIHS was formed by the following four Sikh Gurudwaras in Victoria;

Sikh Community of Western Victoria Inc., Tarneit,
Sri Guru Singh Sabah - The Sikh Cultural Society
of Victoria Inc., Craigieburn, Sri Guru Nanak
Satsang Sabha, Blackburn Gurudwara Sri Guru
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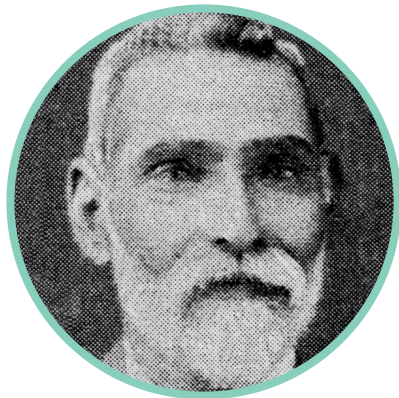
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**AUSTRALIAN
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**Artefacts
Photographs
Paintings**

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12 -16 September 2016**



Pooran Dabee Singh

Dabee Singh was probably one of the first Sikhs to arrive in Australia. He was born about 1802 in Benares, Varanasi, India and he arrived in Queensland Australia, on the 28 October 1844, on the brigantine "Minerva" out of Calcutta. He started a horse drawn cab service in Brisbane before 1860.

Two of his sons followed in his footsteps driving and owning horse drawn cabs. His second son, Pooran Dabee Singh, pictured above, gained the contract for the Stagecoach Mail Run and also carried passengers from Brisbane to Cleveland in 1877.



Pooran Dabee Singh at the Tingalpa Hotel, Qld.



Bud Singh

Bud was a Hawker and Shopkeeper at Yerranderie, NSW. As a tribute for his good works at the Camden Hospital, NSW in the early 1900's, Bud Singh was given life membership and a plaque was erected at the hospital in his honour. The plaque was removed and misplaced when renovation was carried out at the hospital. Due to the efforts of Baljinder Singh Nanda, a new plaque was installed for Bud Singh on 31 October 2014

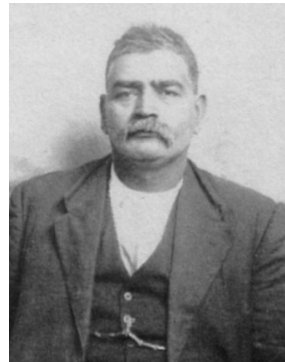
Sunda Singh

Daryl Maguire is a Member of Parliament for Wagga Wagga NSW in the present Government

Daryl is the great grandson of Sunda Singh a hawker, dairy farmer and shopkeeper at Swan Hill, Victoria from Kumat Kumat, Jandiala, Jalandhar, Punjab, India who first came to Australia ca.1900.



Daryl Maguire M. P.



Sunda Singh



Desanda/Dasunda Singh A.I.F. WWI

Desanda Singh was a hawker in South Australia and during the 2015 ANZAC celebrations in Australia his great grandson, Nehchal Singh saw our photo and story about Desanda and contacted us and related the story to his family in India.

Our Research of Pooran Singh

During our research we found that the ashes of Pooran Singh were stored in the Memorial Wall at the Warrnambool cemetery and had not been returned to his family in Uppal Bhopa, India, as instructed in his last Will and testament. We then insured that his ashes were returned to his family and they were later cast on to the holy waters of the Ganges River, at Hardiwar.



Pooran Singh - Warrnambool, Vic.