

Viva Carnival in Melbourne

Once again, Goans in Melbourne got together in February to have a great time at their Carnival festival, which is traditionally celebrated before the lent season. This was the second Goan Carnival Dinner cum Dance night with hundreds of people turning up with 'Red and Black' attire at the Kingston City Hall. The event was a grand success.

Organised by 'Melgoans', a Goan events promotion company, it was a night, memories of which will have a lasting affect in the minds of all those present. Prominent was the inclusion of the traditional Goan 'King

Momo' [Alfy Martins] whose edict of fun etc was read by Miss Andrea Correia while the cultural troupe led by Mrs. Lidia Martins showed how our young Goans could dance the traditional 'Marcha de Fontainhas'.

This event was a showcase, an opportunity for Goans to show off their culture to their Australian friends and multicultural

Victorians, besides having a great time dancing away their blues to the dynamic tunes of the band, 'AFTER DARK'. There was a great spread on the buffet table catered to the different types of guests. Notable among items on the menu was... Goan Sorpotel and Xacuti, which was delicious



that made many a mouth water. The buffet was laid in a special room and had an appetizing ambience.

The dance floor was packed with almost everyone joining in, dancing away each time the band began to play and they just wanted more.

The Goan Carnival event was part-

ly supported by the National Australia Bank Limited, Clayton branch. Mr. Nesan Naidoo, Regional Executive Manager, of NAB, Dandenong Region addressed the crowd with enthusiasm and praised the organisers of the evening for putting up a grand Carnival show. Mr. Naidoo was accompanied by his colleagues from Clayton branch and mobile managers of the Dandenong area.

Prizes were given away to two lucky couples for the 'Carnival Mask Dance' and many other spot prizes, and door prizes as well. A special DVD voucher was given by 'Delhi Bazaar' which was

awarded as a spot prize to a lucky couple.

Some of the many compliments made by our guests about that night were:

With the World Goa Day fast approaching, the Melgoans intend to celebrate it with much fan on August 25, 2007.

