

LOCAL NEWS

WGD 2007, A MILESTONE FOR MELGOANS

For the Fifth year in a row, Goans in Melbourne got together on the 25th August, to celebrate World Goa Day 2007 with their families and friends.

'Many Goans had been waiting for this day for the last one year and had it marked in their calendars last year' Mrl Oscar Lobo told BT.

'And they had a feast of a time enjoying the

Lidia Martins was called in to take a bow.

The evening had a Goan fiesta mood. People dressed up in traditional Goan style, Goan food, Goan music, Goan culture and Goan talk (people speaking in Goan) - it was a slice of Goa descended at Kingston City hall.

'After Dark' a complete nine piece live band with two brass instruments (trumpet and a

Melgoans) including copies of the newly released book 'Domnic's Goa' that brought out nostalgic Goan memories, Goan scenic novelties which brought back some of the sweetest memories for many members of the crowd for instance where they first fell in love, got married and some of their favourite spots in Goa during their holidays. Prizes were also given by local businessmen - Garvin & Margaret of Highett Tattersall, Delhi Bazaar and a Dinner for four from Cinnamon club to name a few.

Prepared by D& S catering, the buffet had a large spread of many delicious chaffing dishes including Goa's favourite Sorpotel and Xacuti.

The function was Co-ordinated by Oscar Lobo and ably supported by an enthusiastic team - Mr. Salus and Linda Correia and their family, Amanda Faria, Alfie and Lidia Martins and their family, Callan and Henrietta Cure, Nevil and Jean Dias, who showed their tacit support, loyalty and genuine love for Goa and World Goa Day. The Masters of Ceremony for the night were Mr. Roger Correia and Salus Correia - a father and son team guiding the guest with zeal, enthusiasm and knowledge.

Mr. Rob Hudson, Member of Parliament in Victoria was present throughout the night, so was our very own Goan - Mr. Amay Kamath, "Flying Officer" in the Australian Army, guest from Goan Overseas Association in Sydney, and people from Brisbane and Adelaide.



cultural as well as the food side of the night. From Goan Harvest Dance to dances by Beach City Dance group, it was an out and out entertainer of a night at WGD. It was wonderful to see young Indian Victorians attired in traditional attire, a set of three young girls and boys justified their presentation of song and dance to the thrill of the crowd. The nostalgic memories of Goa were evoked. The choreographer, Mrs

saxophone - a Goan necessity in a Band) entertained a full house crowd. The floor was packed with couples dancing and every one was happy. Konkani songs were sung by none other than our very own Goan - Geneviev D'souza who flew from Dubai for the occasion.

The night had a complete package for patrons. Prizes galore (given away by

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