

Grand Fifth Annual World Goa Day

MELBOURNE, AUG 25. Suffused in a mix of love and nostalgia the Goans in Melbourne with the families and friends rocked, up at the Kingston City Hall, Moorabbin to present their 5th annual World Goa Day.

The day is celebrated in commemoration of the inclusion of Konkani language in the 8th schedule of the Indian constitution by both houses of Parliament in 1992.

The Kingston City Hall was packed with many Goans and their mainstream Australian friends. There were guests from Goan Overseas Association, Sydney and people from Adelaide, Brisbane and Dubai.

Mr. Rob Hudson, Member of Parliament, Victoria was in attendance for the entire evening.

A Goan cultural group presented a "Harvest Dance" which was choreographed by Mrs. Lidia Martins of Goa fame. The young Goans that took part in the dance group did a splendid job to the tumultuous applause of a house full audience. In addition to this dance, there was a dance presented by the mainstream Australians from City Dance Group which was enjoyed by all. The night



From left: Mrs. Lidia Martins, Roger Correia, Anush Martins, Lionel Martins, Jocelyn Martins, Michelle Correia and Jean Correia.

was full of enjoyment with live music and a cuisine that catered to everybody's pallet. Many prizes

were given away that night.

The Melgoans have been organizing this event since the year

2003 with a resounding success. During this tenure they have gained a large base of raving friends.