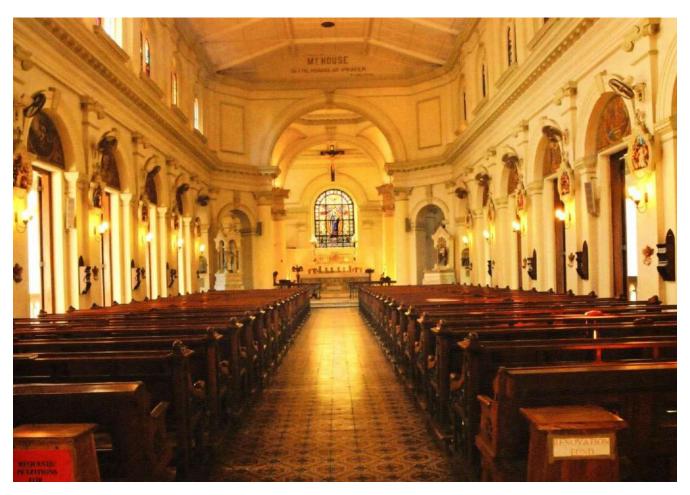
# The Burgher Welfare League of WA Inc.



Helping the needy in Sri Lanka

August 2020 Newsletter Vol. 31.1



St Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya

The BWL of WA Inc. is a charitable organisation formed specifically to raise funds to help people in need in Sri Lanka.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well what a surprising and unwelcome start to the 2020 year! As the Corona Virus hit us many of us thought it would be short lived but not so. As a result, all our lives have been totally disrupted but for a good cause, fighting the spreading of this virus in Western Australia thanks to the State Government and the cooperation of we, the residents. As a result, we curtailed our fund raising activities for the safety of our members.

During this dormant period we were advised that the functions manager's contract at the Noranda Club had not been renewed and he had advised us before he left – all our members would be required to pay a membership fee of \$25 each if we wished to continue using the Morley Noranda Recreation Club for our activities. I would also guess that since then the fees would have gone up.



We pursued the matter with the Department of Liquor and Gaming who gave us another option to put to the MNRC which we could manage without calling on our members but the MNRC would have to agree and apply to the Department of L&G. After numerous phone calls to the administration of MNRC requesting a meeting to discuss the matter I had no success as all calls were not returned. It was then decided at our last committee meeting that we would revert back to our beginnings and have our lunches at St Martins Anglican hall, resulting in the only time the hall would be available would be on Saturday morning. It is our hope that you will all continue to support our cause by your attendance. However, numbers are limited to 100 attendees and preference will be given to members and sponsors. Harvey and Valerie will be taking your calls to advise us of your attendance. Hopefully, unless the virus restrictions change, we will be holding our first lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October commencing at 12 noon.

Hoping that everything is well with all of you and let's keep up our good work.

With every best wish.

### **PAT LEWIS - PRESIDENT BWL OF WA**

### WELFARE REPORT

### **DUTCH BURGHER UNION JUNE 2020 QUARTER REMITTANCE**

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| PENSIONS 62 @ Rs 10,000                    | Rs | 620,000.00   | 4,992.09         |
| BANK CHARGES                               | Rs | 500.00       | 4.02             |
| PRIVATE SENIOR BENEFICIARIES 35 @ Rs.4,500 | Rs | 157,500.00   | 1,268.15         |
| SERENDIPITY KIDS                           | Rs | 782,438.58   | 6,300.00         |
| SERENDIPITY KIDS GIFTS                     | Rs | 27,2323.25   | 220.00           |
| ADMIN.                                     | Rs | 47,617.85    | 383.40           |
| TOTAL                                      | Rs | 1,635,379.68 | <u>13,167.66</u> |
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### **CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH JUNE 2020 QUARTER REMITTANCE**

| PENSIONS 9 @ Rs10,000 | Rs. | 90,000.00  | 724.66 |
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| BANK CHARGES          | Rs  | 500.00     | 4.02.  |
| BROHIER MEMORIAL HOME | Rs  | 20,000.00  | 161.04 |
| TOTAL                 | Rs  | 110,500.00 | 889.72 |

TOTAL REMITTANCE DBU AND CRC \$A 14,057.38

Transfer charges \$A 20.00

Rate of Exchange Rs. 116.1712

PAT LEWIS
PRESIDENT/WELFARE

# **BWL LUNCHES RESUME!!!**

The Burgher Welfare League's highly popular and anticipated lunches are scheduled to resume in October this year after a long break due to the COVID19 pandemic.

However, due to problems we have had with the Morley Noranda Recreation Club, their tripling of prices for the hiring of the hall and the difficulty we have had with communications, we have had to make many changes to our programmes. The venue for our lunches has changed as a result and so have the dates and times. New details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 17th October and 21st November 2020

Venue: St Martin's Anglican Church, 77 Bramwell Road, Noranda

Time: 12 noon to 2.30 pm

Unfortunately, St Martin's church hall is not available on Wednesdays and the lunches will now be held on the third Saturday of each month. The time remains the same. However, numbers will have to be limited to 100 in future. It is therefore essential that anyone planning to come to a lunch, lets us know in advance. We will also need to know the names of those attending. Please note that priority will be given to members and sponsors of the lunches. Anyone dropping in casually will regretfully have to be turned away. We apologise for all these changes and hindrances, but they are inevitable in these troubled times and we will do our best to accommodate you all.

Please phone Harvey von Bergheim or Valerie von Bergheim if you intend coming to lunch. Their contact details are:

Harvey Tel. 9409 9841

Valerie Tel. 9247 2047

### **CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**

The committee has decided that this year's Christmas function will be a lunch rather than the usual dinner/dance. Details and venue have still to be finalized but we hope to hold the lunch on Saturday 12 December 2020. We are looking for larger premises as we anticipate that more than a hundred members and well-wishers would like to attend. We shall keep you informed and will probably send you a mini-newsletter within the next month. Tickets will be sold for the Christmas lunch and, all going well, should be available at our November lunch.

# **Membership Fees**

Annual membership fees are now due for 2020/21 and are \$15 per person.

Unfortunately, the BWL has not been able to provide the events and lunches as normal this year but this has been due to circumstances beyond our control. As a result, the BWL has not had its usual income and we have had to draw on our reserves to fulfill our commitment to our pensioners in Sri Lanka. Your co-operation in paying promptly will therefore be greatly appreciated. Payment can be made by cash or cheque or directly into the BWL bank account - BSB 016 353 A/c 4552 26305

If you have any gueries please contact Harvey von Bergheim by phone on 9409 9841 or by

Email: phfvonbergheim@gmail.com

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN COLOMBO





Fr Dilan Perera,OMI Parish Priest at Fatima Church in Maradana, Colombo 10 and formerly Director of St Vincent's Home, Maggona has organised the distribution of bags of rice to 100 families in Colombo. The food was distributed at the premises of Maha Mahinda International Dharma Dutha Society, Maradana on 19th April 2020 in association with the Buddhist monks of the Dharma Dutha Society.

This project of Fr Dilan's has helped a multitude of families living without a daily wage due to the curfew imposed to restrict the spread of the coronavirus. It was the poor and destitute that were affected the most by the lockdown and who lost whatever casual work they were able to find.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Burgher Welfare League has had to postpone its Annual General Meeting from its usual time in May. The new details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 5th September 2020

Venue: St Martin's Anglican Church, 77 Bramwell Road, Noranda

Time: 3 pm

A Nomination form is provided at the back of the newsletter. Anyone wishing to come forward to serve on the BWL committee needs to complete the form by 15<sup>th</sup> August and return it to Pat Lewis or Valerie von Bergheim by email or fax. Contact details for Pat and Valerie are on the back cover of this newsletter. We ask that members please make an effort to attend the meeting as we would like to avoid another postponement due to lack of a quorum.

Afternoon tea will be provided after the meeting.

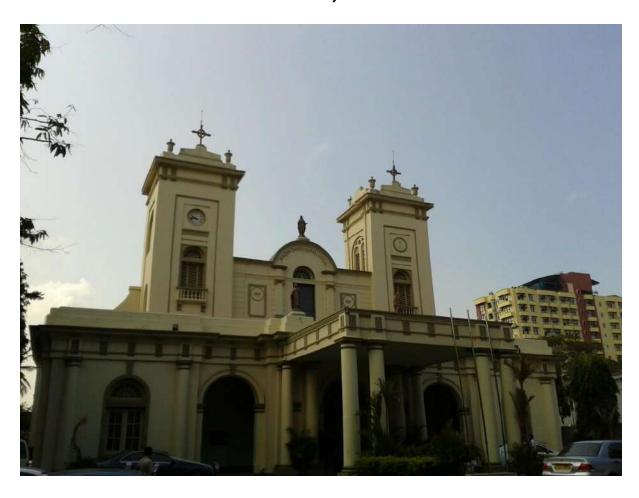


**Catherine Perreau** – our most senior member and mother of Vivienne Perreau, both longstanding supporters of the BWL. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Vivienne and all the family.

**Bill Adamson** – a longstanding member of the BWL and a regular at our lunches. Our sympathies to wife Elizabeth (Liz) and family. You will be missed.

Rest in Peace

# ST MARY'S CHURCH, BAMBALAPITIYA



One of the iconic landmarks of Bambalapitiya is the church dedicated to Blessed Mary. For over 100 years she has been a spiritual beacon to generations of Catholics. She has influenced the setting up of three schools and nurtured many aspiring seminarians to rise as prudent clergy. Her gracious legend continues to this day under the tutelage of Rev. Fr. Felician Perera, the parish priest.

Christianity has been practised in Sri Lanka since 1505 when the Portuguese arrived there. In those early years it is recorded in the temporal and spiritual conquest of Ceylon that the zealous Franciscan Friars built 55 small churches from the banks of the Maha Oya to the Walawe Ganga (river).

These priests came to the island in 1543 and were followed by the Jesuits in 1602 and later by the Dominicans in 1605. By December 1834, Pope Gregory had declared Ceylon as a separate ecclesiastical territory as the Apostolic Vicariate of Ceylon. Initially, the parish of Bambalapitiya was a substation under the church of Saint Philip Neri, Pettah. This church was responsible for the Pettah, Slave Island, Kollupitiya and Bambalapitiya churches. It was only in 1886 that Bambalapitiya was instituted as an independent parish with Rev. Fr. Louis Coquil OMI becoming the first parish priest.

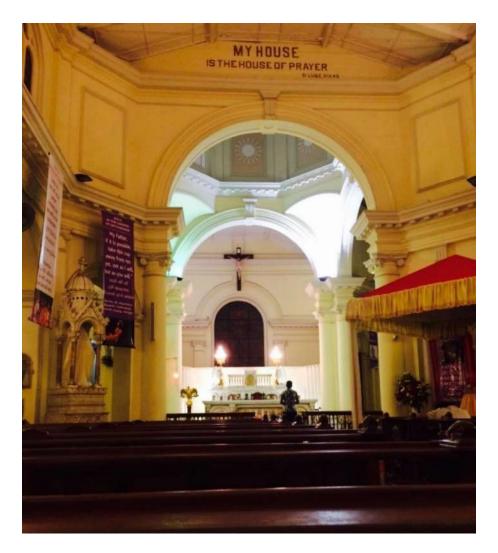
During this time the first seminary was set up at Kotahena. As the students increased, St. Bernard's Seminary was relocated to Bambalapitiya. It is believed that this building stood where the present flats are built. Thus due to its close proximity to the church, Rev. Fr. Louis was also appointed as the first Superior of the Seminary.

Distinguished seminarians who studied here were Cardinal Thomas Cooray, Bishop Emilianus Pillai and Bishop Edmund Pieris. The name of a French priest stands out at St. Mary's Church, that of Rev. Fr. Henry Lefrer, OMI.

He was a young man in the Oblate Seminary of France and showed a great passion to serve as a missionary. He was subsequently sent to Ceylon in February 1886 where he took his final vows.

The Oblate missionaries made a great impact on the local ministry and in gratitude their crest is embossed on the left bell tower of the church. In 1887 Rev. Fr. Charles Fonseka became the first Ceylonese to become the parish priest. The early parish priests took great pains to make St. Mary's a cohesive parish community. By 1901 Rev. Fr. Francois Euze, OMI assumed duties at the parish.

He served the church with renewed zeal for 11 years. It was during his tenure that he aspired to build a new church. The cornerstone for the new edifice was laid on July 12, 1908 by then Archbishop Anthony Coudert. The centenary of the church begins from this date. The church was completed in 1917 and by 1927 the façade was added.



### Students and allied troops

The church wielded its caring influence on the community. The parishioners soon requested a school for Catholic students. This paved the way for St. Mary's School which started with 12 students in 1905. Later, Rev. Fr. Yves Gueguen built the present school in 1933. The parish was instrumental in establishing Holy Family Convent.

This leading girls' school first started at Clock House, Laurie's Road in 1903. They then shifted to Manix Rhue on Galle Road, and later to Choice Villa on Clifford Road and again to Park House down Melbourne Avenue.

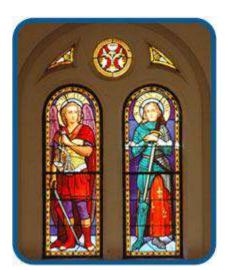
Finally, in 1908 the school was built and established at its present location, Retreat Road. It is recorded that the Bambalapitiya parish was the driving force behind another great boys' school - St.Peter's College.

The year 1942 was one of uncertain change as the perils of the World War reached the tranquil island of Ceylon. Many people vacated their homes and went to live in areas away from the main city. Allied soldiers and sailors were deployed to Colombo. Soon the Colombo 4 area was full of British and Australian soldiers.

These troops began attending Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church. Rev. Fr. Reymann and Rev. Fr. Edwin Fernando realized that these men needed a clean place to eat. Putting the gospel into action these prudent clergymen began a canteen at the church premises, serving bacon, eggs, butter, jam and coffee at a reasonable price. Ladies from the church volunteered as cooks. Men from the parish did the purchasing. Soon the parishioners and soldiers formed close bonds.

This parish played a key role in beginning the church at Thimbirigasyaya, which is today known as St. Theresa's Church. In April 1942 Fr. Reymann built a small shed and began prayers with around 50 people. Later the building of the church commenced.

Aquinas Hall, the Catholic hostel for university students located first at Havelock Road was administered by the Bambalapitiya parish.



### Divine art and sculpture

The church is one of the few in our nation that can boast of an opulent manifestation of stained glass.

This is an art form synonymous with churches. St. Mary's Church has 56 magnificent stained glass windows that portray in intricate real life detail many venerated saints and the twelve apostles. Some of the popular saints depicted are Cecilia, Joan of Arc, Patrick, Bridget, Damian, John Bosco, Francis Xavier, Ignatius, Augustine, Lawrence and Thomas Aquinas.

The bold colours resonating with the radiant rays of sunlight are indeed an inspiring sight. The art is further augmented with 18 large statues and the Stations of the Cross. The sanctum is also enriched with 12 murals which

depict scenes from the Holy Bible. In 1980, Rev. Fr. Claver Perera built a replica of the Lourdes grotto on the site of the old tennis court. St. Mary's Church has a mixture of architectural styles. The main influence seems to reflect Portuguese Baroque, the inside neoclassical and the façade infused with Palladian features.

The roof is dominated by an octagonal dome. Behind the main altar another large stained glass window is visible. This shows Mary and the Christ child. It was made in France and installed in 1920. Underneath are written the words, 'Ave Maria Virgo Mater Domina (Hail Mary virgin mother of God). The solid marble altar has a reflection of the Last Supper.

The church has two sets of bells, all cast in France. The largest bell weighing 2,500 pounds is named Sebastian and the other three bells are named Mary Lois, Grace Josephine and Therese. Another stunning feature is the 12-foot wooden almirah where the sacred vessels are kept.

The church choir has many accomplished singers. The church devotedly engages in many forms of ministry and sustains the love of God.

### **OLGA RAMASAMY**

9 March 1925 - 22 April 2020

Olga Ramasamy - Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunty passed away on 22nd April 2020.

Born to Pearl and Bertram Corea in Chilaw, Sri Lanka on 9th January 1925, Olga lived life to the fullest. She had 3 siblings, and leaves behind 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 4 nieces and 2 nephews. With troubled times in Sri Lanka, she migrated to Australia with her family in 1977. She lived in Perth for 43 years and grew to become a living legend. On arrival she took a position with the Girl Guides Australia and this provided her with an opportunity to experience her first working career in Australia.

She joined the WA Sri Lanka Association on arrival, where she quickly took charge, introducing Foundation Day picnics, cultural performances, food fairs, where she cooked endlessly, and dances for every occasion - Spring, Winter, Autumn, Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve. As her daughter says, "she coaxed, cajoled and (dare I say), bullied and bribed all of us young ones in the 'Youth Association' to help set up, decorate, and clean up to keep costs down! She even made us lug our little home sound system to dances before we had bands."

Olga subsequently joined the Australian Asian Association of WA (AAA) and in due course became the CEO, a position she held for over two decades. Olga worked tirelessly for the AAA with a spirit of enthusiasm, determination, dedication and perseverance to reach out to the most disadvantaged in the multicultural community, particularly with newly arrived migrants, supporting and guiding them to settle in a new country. She was well-known and respected among the multicultural organisations in Perth. Olga initiated various programmes at AAA focussing on the needs of the youth and seniors that led to the association's progress and contribution to the community and set the foundation for AAA to organise and promote two Aged Care Programmes. She also organised various cultural displays during Harmony Week and was keen to promote this to the general public. A few years of ill health forced her unwilling retirement as CEO of the Australian Asian Association in 2015, at the age of 90. For tireless work for the community she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal and the Centenary Medal.

A fervent and avid Catholic, going to Mass and joining her Rosary Group every fortnight remained vitally important to her.

Rest in peace Olga, your work is done and your legacy will live on in Perth and you will be fondly remembered and missed by all who knew you.

# **SERENDIPITY KIDS 2010-2020** Sincere apologies for not emailing **April Reminders** to our sponsors! The upheaval of the Corona Vid 19 and ensuing uncertainties caused many to be forgetful! Our kind President and Treasurer gave us extra days to get the lengthy book keeping done. Nearly there! Just waiting for three payments to arrive and we will send them off to the DBU separately.

Dear 94 yr old BWL sponsor **Catherine Perreau** passed away in March and we will miss her at the lunches. We are hoping to find new sponsors for **Treveen Firth 10 yrs, Shanika De Kumare 16 yrs, yr old Minoli Stilmen, 13 yrs. Thanks Fiona Harvey & Siggi Wilathgamuwa.** S KIDS sponsorship is \$100 for 6 months or \$200 for 12 months to help kids to the end of their schooling around their 18<sup>th</sup> year.

70 kids are sponsored, 73 if we find 3 new sponsors!! Sponsors found a way to increase their support by sending additional money..E.g. (gifts for birthdays and Christmas.) As in Australia many Sri Lankans have lost jobs and it is a very difficult time for those reliant on tourism.

S Kids received their exam results. Some will sit supplementary exams or begin their next 2 yr course for A Levels. One young lady is studying to become a teacher, others are aiming for jobs in commerce. **INTERESTED** 

# IN HELPING A CHILD

# OR AN ELDERLY PERSON IN NEED?

# **PLEASE CONTACT:**

| <b>NEXT PAYMENT</b> | Oct-Nov 2020 |
|---------------------|--------------|
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Sponsorship is collected in Apr/ May and Oct/ Nov.

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Thanks for helping us to assist people in need.

Rosie Zuiderduyn for BWL Welfare

# THE LOST GLORY OF THE KV RAILWAY LINE

## Story and pictures: Mahil Wijesinghe Sunday Observer

The Kelani Valley Railway, popularly known as the KV Line, holds a unique position in the 145-year long history of the Sri Lanka Railway, which was originally built as a 2ft 6 in narrow-gauge line to transport goods, between Avissawella and Yatiyantota. During the narrow-gauge era, the line had its own fleet of narrow-gauge locomotives, where steam locomotives of Class K were used.

The European planters in the Kelani Valley and Sabaragamuwa had been agitating for a railway line since the successful completion of the railway to Kandy, in 1867. This resulted in building the KV Line, at first from Colombo to Yatiyantota via Avissawella during 1900-1902.

Avissawella is only 37 metres above sea level, but one gets a sense of being deep in Sri Lanka's hill country. Its station is the terminus for the KV Line, although the train used to run to Opanayaka via Ratnapura, the city of gems. Now, we have to travel there by road.

Avissavella is also an important town in the KV Line and an important junction station for the railway where the line from Colombo branched off to Yatiyantota and Opanayaka, which was extended up to Ratnapura, completed in 1912, and eventually extended to Opanayaka in 1919.



The KV Line is Sri Lanka's only narrow-gauge railway, a mere 76cm wide. A survivor of a more leisurely age, it was opened in 1912 up to Ratnapura, primarily to transport the Valley's agricultural produce to Colombo by British planters. Since the transport of coffee, tea, rubber, cinnamon and coconut, then the main crops of the island, from the plantations around the Ratnapura and Kegalla districts to Colombo, for shipment to Britain took long, thereby adversely affecting the plantation industry, the colonial British planters wanted the railway.

During the rule of British Governor Sir Henry McCallum (1907-1913), the KV railway line expanded up to Ratnapura having branched off from Avissawella as a narrow-gauge line to transport agricultural crops. Again, in 1912 the railway line was connected from Ratnapura town to Opanayaka, around 20 kilometres from Ratnapura, which was the terminus of the line.

However, the main stretch from Fort to Opanayaka via Avissawella was shortened up to Ratnapura during WW11, by the British rulers due to the lack of revenues way back in 1947. Eventually, the Ratnapura to Avissawella track closed down in 1976. Subsequently, the line was further extended to Avissawella and finally to Homagama.

The main reason for the extinction of the narrow-gauge railway was the lack of speedy operations due to the sharp regular curves along the line. Once again, the broad-gauge line from Colombo was introduced to the KV Line up to Avissawella, in 1993. The railway line beyond was completely abandoned, and now the line from Avissawella to Yatiyantota and along the way to Opanayaka can only be traced by the remaining ruined stations, huge iron bridges, old telephone posts and stone arched-culverts.

At present, the terminus railway station of Opanayaka has been housed at the Police Station of Opanayaka of the Sri Lanka Police Department and the old building is considered as a most exquisite ruined architectural monument within the Sabaragamuwa Province.

The old railway station in the Ratnapura town was converted into the present bus stand in 1976.





Although the old buildings of the railway station are still used with some modifications, the old grandeur of the railway station is still visible from the remaining old iron-roof with rounded iron beams.

I walked a few kilometres further along the old railway track (today villagers called it 'Railpaara') from Ratnapura towards Opanayaka and came across an amazing construction of the British builders during the heyday of the railway line. At Warakathota off Ratnapura town, on the KV railway line, I discovered a fascinating monument of an iron bridge across the Kalu Ganga still intact, standing majestically as a monument, without any damage even though mother nature caused many disasters in the area.

When the rail track was abandoned from Avissawella to Opanayaka, there was a massive land-grab of the property along the railway line to dig for gems and to put up houses and even commercial establishments. Quite a lot of houses are now built illegally on this stretch. It is tragic to note how people uprooted all the iron bars of the narrow-gauge KV railway line and sold them to dealers.

One of the remaining arch-culvers on the Kelani Valley line

Although people live in these houses, it seemed that they live with eternal trepidation all the time. For instance, when we photographed an old station at Getaheatta which is one of the prominent stations after Avissawella, now in a dilapidated condition, an elderly woman living close to the station, approached us and asked 'Mahatthela CGR ekenda?' (Are you from the CGR?) We said no, we were taking photographs of these old buildings for posterity. Then she left us in peace.

We experience much emotion when we see these monuments of the old arch-culverts, iron bridges and former railway stations in this track and feel strongly that they should be protected without delay as archaeological monuments for future generations to observe the hard work toiled by the Sinhala labourers with British engineers to build this marvellous railway track. Probably, the KV Line is also the second narrow-gauge railway track built connecting the hill country, and the first ever railway line that has been lost to the nation.

To view more monuments of a by gone era of the KV Line, we then stepped into the Railway Museum at the Sri Lanka Railway headquarters in Maradana which was the first railway station built in the country, before it was shifted to the Colombo Fort Station. It exhibits many railway items used in the past, especially, from the inception of the railway in the country, in 1865. At the museum, our attention was drawn to the items used in the KV Line such as, locomotive steam train engines, graders, jacks and old signal systems. It is a must-see place for those who wish to research on the old days of the railway system in Sri Lanka.





Narrow gauge train on the Kelani Valley line at Kuruwita

## The Lockdown

Poet Unknown

I'm normally a social girl I love to meet my mates But lately with the virus here We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now We need to stay inside If they haven't seen us for a while They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did Before we got this old There wasn't any Facebook So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies Who would never be uncouth But we grew up in the 60s -If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll The pill and miniskirts We smoked, we drank, we partied And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married And turned into someone's mum, Somebody's wife, then nana, Who on earth did we become? We don't mind the change of pace Because our lives were full But to bury us before we're dead Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside For four weeks, maybe more I finally found myself again Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me I'd while away the hour I'd bake for all the family But I've got no bloody flour!

At least I've got a stash of booze For when I'm being idle There's wine and whiskey, even gin If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown To recovery and health And hope this bloody virus Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis And be back to join our mates Just hoping I'm not far too wide To fit through the flaming gates!





# The Burgher Welfare League of W.A. Inc. P O Box 544 MORLEY WA 6943

### **NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE**

### Please print clearly

| Ibeing                                       | g a current Financial | Member o | f the Bu | rgher Welfar | e League of |
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| Western Australia Inc. accept nomination for | or the position of    |          |          |              | and will    |
| serve on the committee for the year 2020/21  |                       |          |          |              |             |
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| Seconded by                                  |                       |          |          |              |             |
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| Signature of Nominator                       | Signature of Seconder |          |          |              |             |

NOTE: A person cannot be a Committee Member if they:

- Are an undischarged bankrupt or their affairs are under insolvency laws;
- Have been convicted of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a body corporate;
- Have been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable on conviction by at least 3 months or more imprisonment; or
- Have been convicted of an offence under Division 3 or section 127 of the Associations Incorporation Act.

Completed nomination forms to be returned to the Secretary by **15 August**, 21 days before the Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Saturday 5 September 2020.

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FUNDRAISING LUNCHES IN 2020: Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>

Please call Harvey von Bergheim or Valerie von Bergheim to make a booking

# **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 5 Sept. 2020

at 3pm

at St Martin's Anglican Church,

77 Bramwell Road, Noranda

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