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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- ◆ Saturday, 12th March Annual General Meeting
- ◆ 29th April to 2nd May Annual Camp

The Committee makes every attempt to hold the events as advertised but there may be instances when changes are unavoidable.
Functions are also subject to COVID-19 restrictions



PLEASE ATTEND

NOTICES INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION



TO ALL MEMBERS

Membership Fees expire on 31st January 2022. Please send your renewal for 2022/2023 without delay. A Membership

Subscription / Renewal form is included in this issue.

A member who has not paid his / her current year's membership subscription is not entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and enjoy member rates at functions.



ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP 2022
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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

By the time you read this, the festive season will be a distant memory, but another iteration of Covid has come back to challenge us in a different way, just when we felt we had put it behind us and/or learned to live with it. You may have heard that a number of attendees at our NYE function had COVID like symptoms and they have been following QLD Health's advice to get tested, isolate and go to hospital if symptoms get severe. We want to assure everyone that all duty of care as required by QLD Health was taken by the Club to ensure only double-vaccinated persons were admitted to the venue.

The explosion in case numbers and the general nervousness in the community has sadly forced the committee to cancel the first event for this year, our Valentine's Day function planned for 20th February. So our first gathering for the year, covid permitting, will be the Club's Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday 12th March at Mitchelton, commencing at 6.00pm.

I want to thank Susan and Fyri, David, Marcelle and Thomazine who have advised the Committee that they will not be standing for re-election in 2022. They have contributed a great deal to the success of the Club this year, plus all of them have put in so much of their lives into running the club as part of many, many previous committees. Their dedication, commitment, and contribution to the Club's well-being not just in the last 12 months but over such a long period will be sorely missed, and they leave a big hole in the management of the Club that will be hard to fill. Thank you again Susan Fyri, David, Marcelle and Thomazine.

Needless to say, we need your help to fill the vacancies created by their departure and I do hope that you will consider nominating to join the Committee. As I've said before, the well-being of any club depends on a handful of members prepared to give their time to its management. That's what it's all about. Details about the AGM can be found in this Newsletter including the Agenda and Nomination Form for anyone interested in joining the Committee, and I'm happy to talk to anyone about what is involved. A reminder that the AGM is a very important meeting for our Club and I encourage everyone to attend if possible.

I would like to flag two items which the Committee intends to raise for discussion at the AGM under 'General Business':

- 1. Streamlining the Club's Cancellation Policy.** Recent experience with requests for refund of ticket monies has forced us to review the Club's current cancellation policy, which is printed in the front of every Newsletter. This policy has been around for quite a few years but is out of date and needs to be streamlined. The Committee will work on this and bring an amended cancellation policy to the AGM for your approval.
- 2. Reviewing and Refreshing our Constitution.** Our Constitution has served us well for many years, but is also out of date and needs a re-write. We will be seeking assistance from 1-2 members to help with preparing a new Draft Constitution in the coming year for consideration and approval at the AGM 2023.

As the upcoming AGM signals the end of yet another Club year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a great year we've had. Despite Covid, we soldiered on with a full program of typical 'Silver Fawn' type events and activities and our members responded magnificently by coming to everything we put on; no functions were cancelled for lack of interest. The heartbreaker was having to cancel our much awaited 50th Gala after going so close, but we kept going and finished off the year with three great parties – Halloween, Christmas Carols and New Years' Eve. So thank you once again members. You make it all worthwhile.

Thanks also to our hard-working Committee who stepped up time and time again during the year to plan, set up, execute and clear up after every function in their characteristic 'no-fuss' way. To those members who have been staying back of late to help the Committee, thank you so very much – every little bit helps especially at the end of a night. After all, we are no longer 'spring chickens' and can do with all the help.

In other news, we had our second bus trip, this time to Maleny and Montville and Suzie had another well planned trip laid out for us. It was superb value and a great day out. Our Christmas Carols night attracted over 120 guests who were welcomed to a wonderfully decorated Christmas Hall thanks to Marcelle, the Committee and other helpers who set it all up. An impromptu choir led the carol singing and Jeremy and Ty provided great food and music respectively. For New Year's Eve, once again the Committee and helpers dressed the Hall in black and orange décor designed by Suzie. Thilani's lovely food flowed all evening, from entrée to kirri-buth at midnight while Ray and Nigel played special music to welcome in the new year and Ty filled the rest of the night with old favourites. Separate reports about them are in this Newsletter.

I can't finish this report without noting, with some sadness, the passing of Stella Ephraims on 18th December. Mercifully she passed away peacefully in her sleep having celebrated her 90th birthday a few months ago. Stella was not only the beloved wife of one of the Silver Fawn Club's founder members, the late Ivor Ephraims, she was actively involved in the club for many, many years, especially adding her musical ability to the Club's events over the years. Personally, I have fond memories of the countless evenings at her home, around her piano, planning and choir-practicing the yearly Carols and pantomimes. To say we miss her, especially at Christmas time, is to understate just how much she contributed to our Club. That's about all for now. Keep well, stay safe and be kind to each other.

Laurensz

FUNCTIONS/EVENTS REPORTS

Maleny Montville Bus Trip by Denis Anthonisz

My wife, Suzie, loves organising; especially bus trips and her husband. Friday November 12 dawned with grey skies and steady rain with no rainbow in sight. The power of prayer saw the skies lighten as we climbed the mountain and bad weather wasn't going to rain on Silver Fawn bus trippers.

First stop was the Orangery at Maleny for a Devonshire Morning Tea. This rather quaint but beautiful setting saw us imbibing in tea and coffee from beautiful china cups and the most delicious fresh scones laden with cream and jam. The Orangery's collection of fine china cups from places far and wide was fascinating.

The Christmas Markets in Maleny were the next stop. This three day annual event specializes in intricate and beautiful craft and jewellery items which emptied the wallets of many of our bus trippers. A lot of specialty shops captured our number, Suzie and I succumbing to the temptation of the Maleny Chocolate Factory.

Lunch was at Montville and we were left to our own devices. Some went for restaurants with a view, some for the curry restaurant, others snacked with scones still heavy in their stomachs and still others picnicked on Sri Lankan morsels in the park.

Blue skies greeted us at the picturesque Lady Cairncross Park. More food! But what a treat with tasty Sri Lankan tiffin catered by Nicola, washed down by iced coffee or coffee/tea of the hot variety. The taste treat was walked off in the forest canopy walk and we marvelled at the magnificent views of the Glasshouse Mountains. The only casualties were Gerard and Fyri who lost their watches on the Rainforest Walk and Hortense who lost some blood to an over friendly leech!



REPORT ON THE CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

There were 125 members and guests who attended the Club's annual Carols and Christmas function held on Saturday, 11th December.



As Jeremy Henderling described the night - the hall looked resplendent, decorated in the traditional Christmas colours of red, green, silver and gold. The tall white centre pieces were surrounded with fresh pine leaves and pine cones, painstakingly collected from the parks of Brisbane, and they were filled with red and silver Christmas baubles. Stiffened bows of net, with red and silver poinsettias and holly were attached to the top of each centrepiece. The table décor included a gold runner, numerous Christmas ornaments, lights and bon bons, which enhanced the yuletide theme. This was completed by adding a green serviette folded in the shape of a Christmas tree topped with a little bow and a Santa chocolate. All of this was the work of Marcelle Moran who spent many hours folding each serviette. Our guests were taken aback when they entered the hall and many compliments have been received. The Club wishes to thank Rena and Jeremy Henderling for lending a lot of the décor, thus keeping costs to a minimum.

The evening commenced with Carols and those attending enjoyed a great night of singing organised by Laurensz Manricks with some help from Alan Western. They were enthusiastically joined by a 'voluntary' choir from the guests.

During the singing of Carols guests were served platters of savouries made by Christina de Silva which was enjoyed by all.

After a selection of wonderful music from our DJ Ty Fox our guests were looking forward to the dinner buffet.

Before dinner commenced, the buffet fairy lights were switched on to unveil a wonderful Christmas display at the buffet table that included huge prancing Silver Fawns. Not to miss a photo opportunity, many guests took advantage of having their photos taken at the buffet table.

*Our guests were treated to a traditional Sri Lankan Christmas buffet of Ghee Rice and all the traditional accompaniments provided by Jeremy Henderling. This was followed by a wide selection of desserts which also included a **Display** of some **Dutch Burgher** favourites of Love Cake, Yule Log, Christmas Cake and Breudher but sadly some guests had not seen the "Display Only" sign and the caterer is very grateful to Suzie Anthonisz for being his security guard for the entire duration of the serving of the dessert buffet. Our guests did not miss out completely as each guest received a piece of Christmas Cake made and beautifully wrapped by Christina.*

A big thank you to our MC for the evening, Laurensz who as always, did a great job in keeping the show going.

Thank you also to all our members and their guests who supported the raffle which was a huge success and helped greatly to defray some of the costs.

Thank you Marcelle for the wonderful work of art you did with the décor and to everyone who came in the morning to help set up, and all who stayed back after the function to clean up, it was truly appreciated.

In conclusion I would like to thank Fyri for all his support. A successful function does not come without planning and preparation and a few stressful moments!

*Susan Fahir
Chairperson*

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & DINNER - 11 DECEMBER



NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE 2021

Seventy-six double-vaxed revellers celebrated the dawning of 2022 at Mitchelton Senior Citizen's Centre. What looked like being a whiz bang crowd of one hundred plus was decimated by Covid nervousness and medical emergencies at the eleventh hour. However the 'new normal' of Covid is a moving feast and something we will have to carefully tread as we navigate the Silver Fawn ship between 'good times' and 'good health'AND...financial viability!

So what makes such a small crowd have such an enjoyable evening and make the dance such a rousing success? Our members and guests who respond to our functions with gusto and a spirit of fun!

What else? The ambience helped. The hall was tastefully decorated in our club colours of orange and black. The lighting bathed the hall in multi-coloured stars, flashes and twinkles which allowed the Fred Astaires and Ginger Rogers to shine and those of us with two left feet to hide in the shadows.

Thilani's feast was a gastronomic delight. The entrée was delicious. This was followed by a buffet meal which was a taste sensation. Thilani always manages to explore a variety of tastes and styles, beautifully presented. Then there was the plethora of desserts to suit every taste. Kiri Bath after midnight hit the spot for those who still had room in their 'bundy'!

The music really brought the night to life. Cool Daddies Nigel and Ray were in fine voice and belted out toe Tapping music which always had the dance floor full. They brought in the New Year with a traditional bracket of New Year's Eve oldies which saw 2022 dawn with colourful hats, garish whistles and noisy poppers. Ty Fox complimented the "Cool Daddies' music with a wonderful compilation to keep the Silver Fawn dance troupe on the floor.

*Our Committee works hard to put on a good show. What a pleasure it is to do so when we see how much you enjoy it. **HAPPY 2022 EVERYONE!***

Denis Anthonisz



Letters to the Committee



Heather Freeborn about the Maleny Bus Trip

Just like to say thanks so much for all the organising you did for today ... it was a very enjoyable day, in spite of starting off a bit wet!

The stops for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea were well planned too. The rain obliged too by keeping away at the right time. Hopefully we can have another one in the new year.

Trudy & Ian about the Bus Trip & the FSOQ Sri Lanka Day

You've done it again! Congrats Suzie, Denis and all your helpers - another lovely trip! Well organised! The Christmas markets were a treat, and the scones at the beautiful Orangery Hotel was a first for us. We saw lots, and had a wonderful day, and it was topped off by a picnic tiffin which brought back memories of food eaten at afternoon parties in Sri Lanka, with iced coffee that was definitely a Sri Lankan speciality!

I would also like to mention that we attended the FSOQ Sri Lanka Day Multicultural Festival at Seventeen Mile Rocks advertised in the Silverfawn Newsletter and was pleasantly surprised at the amount of stage entertainment put on - lots of dances from many countries, SL bridal sarees modelled and many food stalls - albeit with long queues. We supported the Silverfawn sausage sizzle stall for lunch and brought home thosais for dinner!

Due to the lack of space in this Edition, email extracts about the Christmas Function have only been produced

Davenal Flanderka

A short note to congratulate your committee and you for the wonderful Christmas evening on the 11th of Dec. The décor and table settings were fabulous and provided the ambiance required for the event (I understand that it was done by Marcelle). The food was delicious. You were right to engage Jeremy, a caterer extraordinaire, and the music by Ty Fox was well suited to the mood of the revellers. Thank you from Margot and me and our friends to your hardworking dance committee. It was nice and most welcome to hear Susan expressing her thoughts because she rarely speaks. Good on you Susan.

Deanna Misso

The much anticipated Carols night was a welcome diversion for Karol and myself from the demands of Chemotherapy. It did not disappoint. The hall was a treat to enter. The soft lighting called attention to the twinkling jets. The tables decorated by Marcelle were absolutely beautiful. I wondered from where she had sourced the materials to create such intricate embellishments to adorn the tables. The piece de resistance was the Christmas tree serviettes – a real triumph. Jeremy's buffet was a feast for all five senses! Thank you Jeremy for treating us to your passion for food and presentation over many years. Thank you also Ty for the music we love to dance to – maybe next time we will. The banner is superb. One we can all be proud of.

As a committee, you seem to outdo yourselves with each function. Susan, you are a legend. I LOVED the Christmas cake. Thank you all for a most enjoyable evening.

Javantha Pathikirikorale

An excellent Christmas party is indeed a result of great planning and loads of preparations. It was a wonderful Christmas party and we enjoyed everything from the delicious food to the décor. Music was perfect too. Thank you and your committee for preparing an excellent event for all of us.

Cherry Schokman

My sincere thanks to President Laurensz, the committee, and all the helpers for a magnificent Christmas Party. Wow as you entered the hall the decor was spectacular. It was beautifully decorated and transformed to a wonderful Christmas theme, even the serviettes were folded to detail depicting a Christmas tree. Thanks, Marcelle and all your helpers for a fabulous job. Well done. Laurensz with Allan and the spontaneous choir and with everyone joining in singing Christmas carols created a magical feeling of Christmas.

The entree was tasty and as usual Jeremy excelled in providing and presenting an excellent meal and sweets. The tables were beautifully decorated and there was plenty of food which was delicious. We also received a lovely piece of Christmas cake and there were lots of raffle prizes.

The music was great and I had a most enjoyable evening. I appreciate all the hard work and preparation that goes into the production of a successful function. Thank you to the club for the great fellowship and good times.

Rowena Western

I wish to congratulate Marcelle on the wonderful and tasteful table decorations. I noticed a lot of care and time was taken, making each little item, especially the cute green napkins folded in the shape of a Christmas Tree. WOW that was awesome. In fact, the room was beautifully decorated and gave a real Christmassy feeling. Congratulations to the Committee for a great evening, not forgetting Jeremy's Yummie Menu.

Heather Freeborn

Thanks to the SFC committee who were involved in putting on a superb event last Saturday. The hall and tables were beautifully decorated and as always the food was really delicious, not to mention the elegant and festive settings too. All in all, it was very enjoyable and so nice to see so many dancing again.



SILVER FAWN CLUB INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty First Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club Inc. will be held on Saturday 12th March, 2022 at 6.00pm at Mitchelton Senior Citizens Centre, 30 Tel-El-Kebir Street, Mitchelton.

Nominations for the following positions are called for:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENTS (2)
HONORARY SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HONORARY TREASURER	ASSISTANT TREASURER
CLUB CAPTAIN	GENERAL COMMITTEE (4)

Formal Nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 4th March, 2022.

However nominations can be called for from the floor at the meeting for positions unfilled.

There will be dinner following the AGM which must be pre-ordered. Cost to Members will be \$10.00 (balance subsidised by the Club). Per QLD Health Covid rules, members are required to wear masks and proof of double vaccination will need to be provided.

To order please contact: Laurensz 0408 414 973, Gerard 0407 453 535, Denis 0432 411 383 or Susan 3878 4782 no later than 4th March.

Denis Anthonisz, Honorary Secretary



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, 12 MARCH, 2022 AGENDA

1. Welcome by President
2. Apologies
3. One Minute Silence for Members who have departed this life during the last 12 months viz: Yvonne Rode, Clement Croner, Alistair Sekarajasingham, Stella Ephraims and Romaine Jayakody
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting held on 13th March, 2021.
5. Receiving the Management Committee Report for the year 2021/22
6. Presentation of the Accounting Statements for the year 2021/22
7. 50th Anniversary Dance
8. Appoint Pro-tem Chairperson
9. Election of Office Bearers
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Appointment of Solicitor
12. Any other business duly notified prior to the meeting
 - 12a *Streamlining the Club's Cancellation Policy*
 - 12b *Reviewing and refreshing our Club's Constitution*

**IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND
SO PLEASE COME ALONG**

SPECIAL NOTES

This edition includes all the formal notices relating to the AGM. Please read the following carefully. To ensure the smooth running of the meeting please observe the following notes.

- **Registration** Registrations will commence at 5.30pm so that the formal part of the meeting can commence promptly at 6.00pm. Members are urged to arrive early to register.
- **Subscriptions** In order to avoid queues at the door we urge members to pay their renewal fees prior to the meeting. A membership renewal form is included in this Newsletter. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid prior to the start of the meeting will be unable to pay their subscriptions until after the meeting and will not be entitled to vote at the meeting
- **Minutes** The Minutes of the 50th AGM and the Management Committee Report for 2021/2022 are included in this edition. In order to save time at the meeting, please read these carefully and direct any questions you may have to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
- **Financials** Copies of the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st January 2022 will be available at the meeting.
- **Catering** Dinner will follow after the formalities of the AGM. A meal at a cost of \$10.00 will be available to those wishing to have one. Please book by 4th March. See “Notice of Annual General Meeting” for how to book a meal. NB. If you order a meal but then are unable to attend please advise one of the contacts as soon as possible as you would be liable to pay for the meal.
- **Drinks** BYO

Only financial members are eligible to cast their vote and participate at the AGM. Members wishing to attend are therefore requested to pay their annual subscription prior to the meeting.

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A story of four people named
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Somebody,
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Nobody

Here's the story, titled
"Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

The story may be confusing but the message is clear: no one took responsibility so nothing got accomplished.

It's a story that plays out often in organizations and companies and on teams – anywhere there is culture that lacks accountability.



SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 12TH MARCH, 2022**

NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned members, hereby nominate

MR/MRS/MISS/MS.....

To the Office of *.....

Proposer:
NAME SIGNATURE

Secunder:
NAME SIGNATURE

- President, Vice President (2 positions), Hon. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Club Captain, General Committee (4 positions.)

Declaration by Nominee

I,, hereby accept the nomination for the office stated above and agree to serve in that capacity if elected.

.....
Signature of Nominee Date

PLEASE NOTE

Completed Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary at the below address on or before 4:00pm, Friday 4th March, 2022.

The Secretary, Silver Fawn Club Inc., 64/36 Woodcliffe Crescent, Woody Point 4019

Mark top left hand corner of your envelope " NOMINATIONS - AGM".

NOTE: Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must be financial at the time of the AGM.

(Please photocopy this form if you require further copies)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club Inc. At the Mitchelton Senior Citizens Centre on Saturday March 13, 2021

Attendance: 34 members as recorded in the Attendance Register

Apologies: 7 members as recorded in the Attendance Register

President's Welcome: Davenal Flanderka opened the meeting at 6.10pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He congratulated Anton Swan on his Order of Australia Award. Anton was presented with a letter of congratulations from the Club.

One Minute Silence for members who have departed this life in the last 12 months:

Davenal Flanderka asked members to be upstanding in remembrance for:

Dennis Noble – Founder member
Kingsley Henderling – Management Committee member
Maurice De Silva
Carl Kronenberg
Ramsford Fernando
Clifford Misso

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting held on March 7, 2020

Secretary, Denis Anthonisz, moved that the Minutes as published in our January/February Newsletter be accepted. Seconded Davenal Flanderka.

Receipt of the Management Committee Report for the year 2020/21

Secretary, Denis Anthonisz, moved that the Report as published in our January/February Newsletter be accepted. Seconded Gerard Fernando.

Presentation of the Accounting Statements for the year 2020/21

Treasurer, Susan Fahir, presented her Report detailing pertinent points. Susan asked for questions. There were none as the Report was very comprehensive. Gerard Fernando commented that due to Covid 19, our expenses were heightened. Susan proposed that her Report be accepted. Seconded Tyrone Allon.

50th Anniversary Dance

Dance Committee Chair, Gerard Fernando, spoke about problems Covid 19 had caused for our Dance. He stated that it will now be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on June 19. Gerard allayed concerns re the fact that the venue was a quarantine hotel, stating that management had provided us with a written guarantee of safety, given the dance venue is in a different tower, manned by different staff and having different food preparation areas. Gerard spoke about the different price ranges for long and short term members. He said that Laurensz Manricks has formed a new band that will cater for our tastes. Gerard invited Alan Western to speak about the ads in the Souvenir booklet.

Proposed change to the Constitution – Rule3 (IV) Hon. Life Membership

Laurensz Manricks spoke on the following points re the Management Committee's change to this rule:

The reasons why there was a need to tighten up the process

Nominations must reach the Secretary prior to December 31

The nominee and nominator must have club membership for the previous ten years

The Management Committee would discuss the nomination and check the criteria, recommending (or not recommending) the nomination to the AGM.

A 75 per cent majority vote by secret ballot vote would be required

Laurensz invited questions from the audience. Anton Swann asked if this was going to take effect from this point of time. Laurensz explained that if approved by members, this change will be sent to the Office of Fair Trading for ratification before it can take effect. Marcelle Moran asked what qualities could be recommended for a nominee. Laurensz replied that this was up to the nominator. Karol Misso questioned what benefits a life member enjoyed. Laurensz replied that life membership entailed prestige and no fee payment. He also advised the meeting he was aware that some life members continued to pay their subscriptions. Fyri Fahir asked whether life members should pay for postage of Newsletters. Laurensz replied that because this is a proposed change to our Constitution, we legally can't amend the proposal, as prior notice to members of all changes are required. Actions on such a matter could be taken at next year's AGM. Alan Western stated that we should not worry about postage for this small number of people. The proposal was carried unanimously and will be incorporated into the Constitution as follows:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (Cont'd).....

Proposed change to the Constitution – Rule3 (IV) Hon. Life Membership (Cont'd).....

3 (iv) *Honorary Life Membership can be conferred on a member by a recommendation of the Management Committee to the Annual General Meeting for approval by 75% of the attendees voting through a secret ballot. The following conditions must be met.*

- a. *The member nominating another member must have been a member of the Silver Fawn Club for a minimum of the last 10 years.*
- b. *The member nominated for Honorary Life Membership must have been a member of the Silver Fawn Club for a minimum of the last 10 years.*
- c. *The member making the nomination of another member for Life Membership must do so to the Secretary of the Club by 31 December of any year to give the Management Committee sufficient time to consider the application, make a determination and give notice of the proposal to members within the approved time-frames for the next AGM.*
- d. *Any member nominating another member for Honorary Life Membership must provide the reasons (supported by evidence where possible) as to why they feel the member should receive Honorary Life Membership.*
- e. *The Management Committee will consider the application using the following criteria, in addition to the “10+ years continuous membership” rule mentioned above:*
 - i. *Demonstrated (evidence of) commitment to the ideals and ethos of the Club.*
 - ii. *Committed service to the Club either on the Committee or in some other important sphere of its operation.*
- f. *ALL nominations for Life Membership MUST be taken to the AGM for discussion and voting by secret ballot regardless of whether or not the Management Committee is prepared to recommend the nominated person for Honorary Life Membership.*
- g. *If the Management Committee does not support the nomination, this will be advised to the AGM and the member who made the original nomination will be given the opportunity to state their reasons for making their nomination, prior to the secret ballot being taken.*
- h. *The AGM can approve a maximum of 2 members for Honorary Life Membership at each AGM. Where there are more than 2 nominees for Honorary Life Membership, the Management Committee will make a recommendation accordingly for consideration by the AGM. Where needed, a secret ballot will be conducted to select the maximum of 2 members for that year.*

Prior to vacating the Chair and asking Alan Western to be Pro Tem Chair, Davenal Flanderka thanked the Management Committee for their support this year and stated what a pleasure it had been to serve the members of the Club. Gerard Fernando then came up to express his thanks to Davenal and presented a gift to him. Susan Fahir presented flowers to Margot.

Election of Office Bearers

Alan Western went through each of the nominations received prior to the due date of March 5 and each nomination was duly ratified by members.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Laurensz Manricks	Denis Anthonisz	Suzie Anthonisz
President	Laurensz Manricks	Alistair Gonsal	Camille Gonsal
V-President	Gerard Fernando	Denis Anthonisz	Fyri Fahir
V-President	Susan Fahir	Thomazine Fernando	Laurensz Manricks
Secretary	Denis Anthonisz	Susan Fahir	Laurensz Manricks
Ass. Sec.	Suzie Anthonisz	Laurensz Manricks	Susan Fahir
Treasurer	David Tambyah	Susan Fahir	Fyri Fahir
Ass. Treas.	Thomazine Fernando	Denis Anthonisz	Fyri Fahir
Gen. Comm.	Fyri Fahir	Denis Anthonisz	Thomazine Fernando
Gen. Comm.	Tyrone Allon	Ray Anthonisz	Heather Anthonisz
Gen. Comm.	Sandun Wickramasinghe	Fyri Fahir	Susan Fahir
Gen .Comm.	Ray Anthonisz	Laurensz Manricks	Gerard Fernando

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (Cont'd).....

Election of Office Bearers

Alan declared a vacancy for the position of Club Captain. There were no nominations from the floor so the position was declared vacant. Alan declared the nominees duly elected and this was greeted with applause from the members. Alan then invited our new President, Laurensz Manricks, to conduct the rest of the Meeting.

Appointment of Auditor

Laurensz announced that Shiran Seneviratne is going to continue as our Auditor.

Appointment of Solicitor

Laurensz confirmed that Paul Pattinson is going to continue as our Solicitor.

Any Other Business

Life Membership Egerton de Fransz: Davenal Flanderka nominated Egerton for this honour, stating that he had been a member of the Club for a long time and he had served on the Committee in many positions, including the position of President. Davenal said he had no answer for Egerton when he asked why he wasn't a life member, given his record of service to the Club. He invited Egerton to speak. Egerton stated that he had been a member since 1972 and this had only been broken when he was away from Brisbane with his employment. He had been thrilled to serve the club in so many capacities. Given his problem with driving at night, Egerton would now appreciate a break from the Committee. A show of hands confirmed Egerton's life membership and this was acclaimed by applause.

Increase of Subscriptions: Susan Fahir handed out a summary which showed the fixed costs to run the Club (e.g. insurance, website, audit fees, storage, etc.) far exceeded our membership fees (by an average of \$25.00 per membership). Fees hadn't been increased for 16 years. Susan stated that the Management Committee proposed an increase of \$5.00 for all membership categories. If approved, it would be implemented for 2022. Alan Western stated that we have historically tended to be "too cheap". Anton Swan maintained that we must strive to make a profit on all our functions, or at least break even, thus subsidizing the 'loss' incurred in our subscriptions. Gerard Fernando asked why we don't increase our subscriptions by \$10.00 per category. Egerton De Fransz replied that it should be a step by step increase and the next increase occur over the next few years.

Suzie Anthonisz asked if we could have a show of hands for those who supported a \$10.00 increase.

This was supported by the members. Laurensz then proposed the following rates:

- Family \$30.00
- Single \$20.00
- Pensioner Family \$20.00
- Pensioner Single \$15.00
- Concession \$15.00
- Student \$10.00

Once again, this was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Conclusion

Laurensz Manricks thanked Davenal Flanderka for his devotion to the Silver Fawn Club (eleven years as President) and other outgoing Committee members Egerton De Fransz, Manuka Jayamanne and Sharyn Paton for their good work. Davenal replied that he really enjoyed working as a team. Laurensz welcomed David Tambyah back to the Committee. He welcomed Sandun Wickramasinghe and Tyrone Allon who were new to the Committee. Laurensz then welcomed Suzie Anthonisz who was also new to the Committee. Laurensz stated he was looking forward to the Jubilee Dance which was going to be a 'ritzy' night, encouraging members to take out a message in the Souvenir for a cost of \$25.00. Laurensz maintained a major focus for the Committee this year was the need to update our Constitution. He said that after we celebrate our fifty wonderful years we must start to take a serious look at future directions for the Club. Laurensz invited Gerard to advertise the Camp and he did so with his usual enthusiasm. Laurensz went on to thank the Secretary and thanked Jeremy Henderling for his wonderful dinner.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Denis Anthonisz

Hon. Secretary

Silver Fawn Club Inc.

Management Committee Report for 2021/22

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Saturday, March 13 at the Mitchelton Senior Citizens Centre. There were 34 members present as recorded in the Attendance Register and 7 Apologies. As there was only one nominee for each position, the following members were appointed:

President: Laurensz Manricks

Vice-Presidents: Susan Fahir and Gerard Fernando

Secretary: Denis Anthonisz

Assistant Secretary: Suzie Anthonisz

Treasurer: David Tambyah

Assistant Treasurer: Thomazine Fernando

Club Captain: Sandun Wickramasinghe

General Committee: Fyri Fahir, Tyrone Allon, Ray Anthonisz and Marcelle Moran

Membership

As at January, 2022 there are 178 registered members of the club, an increase of 6 on last year's numbers. This number can be sub-categorized into the following groups: 77 Families, 38 Pensioner Families, 18 Singles, 32 Pensioner Singles, 8 Life Members and 5 Concessions (overseas and interstate members).

Meetings

There were 11 Management Committee Meetings held since last year's AGM (6 at Fallon Cottage, Everton Park; 3 at the residence of Laurensz Manricks; 1 at the Toowong Community Centre; 1 via Teleconference.) Five 50th Anniversary Dance Committee Meetings preceded some of these meetings. Formal meeting procedures were adhered to at these meetings, based on a set agenda and recorded Minutes.

Financial

Treasurer David Tambyah will present the Club's Financial Statements and appropriate Audit Reports at the AGM detailing the Club's performance during the year. These Reports will detail the Club's financial performance during the year and its financial position as at January 31, 2022.

The Year That Was – Challenges and Triumphs

Covid-19 once again reared its ugly head but careful planning and organisation to cater for all the various demands of Government legislation by the Management Committee and the generous response by our members saw a full year's program take place....nearly! After three years of planning, the third iteration of our Jubilee Dance on August 28, a glittering, sold-out gala extravaganza at Victoria Park Ballroom had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour when Queensland went into lockdown. The fact that the lockdown ended on the 27th was galling, and all we could offer our 200 guests at this stage were the beautiful Anniversary glasses which were previously destined to be gifts at our night of nights. As the landscape changed, the Management Committee found a major agenda item of our meetings was that of shuffling and re-shuffling our program of events. The other casualty is the Valentine's Day Lunch planned for February 20. Our border opening predicts the zenith of Omicron numbers by this date and sadly, the Management Committee felt these uncharted waters made it too difficult to proceed.

Newsletter

A total of 6 Issues of the Silver Fawn Newsletter were published in 2021/2022, with approximately 178 newsletters mailed out in hard copy from each issue and the balance was emailed at no cost to the club. Once again, we ask members to please consider their options for receiving the Newsletter. Posting newsletters is a huge expense to the club, while email recipients receive it much quicker and can view the Newsletter in colour.

Summary of Functions

So here's the year that WAS!

Annual Camp

Covid nervousness saw Lake Perseverance floundering for numbers but Camp Captain Courageous Gerard Fernando persevered and this wonderful facility was once again populated by Silver Fawn members and guests, albeit only 45 in number. But what quality! The sporting contests were entered into with vigour and a sense of fun. The Concert epitomised 'bravery' and the Fancy Dress Night the group's creativity. And the cooks led by Shirley Don made eating a tasty pleasure. Yet it was the comradery, friendship and impromptu music jamming that made the Camp a memorable long weekend.

Have a Chat

May 16 saw 67 members and guests enjoy a delicious Sri Lankan buffet and dessert prepared by Thilani. Ray Anthonisz provided his beautiful voice to entertain us and President Laurensz outlined the year and the challenges ahead in the Covid climate. And then there was Bingo which brought the sounds of silence to the gathered gamblers as Egerton and Sharyn called two games to entertain us.

Summary of Functions (Cont'd)....

Christmas in July

Covid restrictions of masks and no dancing were a challenge to our plans for a wonderland of Christmas festivities, but the décor added cheer to our Aussie July celebrations. Ray Anthonisz' dulcet tones soothed the needs of the music lovers minus their dancing shoes and a delicious three course menu by Nicola Seneviratne plus Christmas cake by Christina de Silva hit the gastronomic spot for our 80 attendees. Christmas games saw chocolates passed to the left and right and 'snowpersons' decked out in toilet paper and baubles...lots of fun as a substitute for dancing! The icing on the July Christmas cake was the old team of Egerton and Becky calling the Bingo again!

Bus Trips

Two bus trips organised by Suzie Anthonisz filled the function gap in the Covid void. Thirty-nine members and guests went to Toowoomba in September to see the beautiful parks decked out in colour for the Carnival of Flowers. The trip took in the gardens at Picnic Point, Queens Park, Laurel Banks Park, the Japanese Gardens and Spring Bluff Station. A rice and curry lunch at Laurel Banks Park where we sat around in a circle framed by a large tree, emerald green grass and beautiful gardens was a special moment reminding one of a lazy afternoon in up-country Sri Lanka. In November, thirty-seven bus trippers headed north to Maleny and Montville. Devonshire Tea at the Orangery was first on the menu, followed by visits to the Christmas Markets and specialty shopping in Maleny. Lunch was left to the individual's fancy in Montville and then we gathered in the serene beauty of Lady Cairncross Park for a tasty Sri Lankan tiffin and Iced Coffee. Both trips were a great success and much enjoyed by all attendees.

Stringhopper Lunch Fundraiser and Food Fair

Ninety eager curry and sweet enthusiasts rushed the stall holders at midday for tasty take home treats and bargains in September. This was followed by a string hopper and curry lunch expertly cooked by Shirley Don, Gerard and Thomazine Fernando. Ray Anthonisz' music got us dancing on full stomachs, while Bingo and Musical Chairs added to the party atmosphere. This event was a huge success both as a fundraiser and as an event which catered for the entertainment and gastronomic needs of our members. However, one has to question whether the huge workload it demanded of our Committee cooks and other Committee members was worth the profit margin.

Halloween Dance

The Halloween Dance celebrated Halloween a week early in October and 76 revellers resplendent in the black and white of saints and sinners and ghoulish costumes had a rollicking good time enhanced by a light show of lanterns, pumpkins and dancing shadows. The costumes were fantastic and displayed the creative talent of our members and guests and added to the stress levels of the judges! The Baila competition unearthed a social media sensation from amongst our Committee ranks and Thilani's buffet once again satisfied our taste buds. Yet it was the music that made a special night sensational. The sound created by Cool Daddies and Russell Lowe kept the floor rocking on a fulltime basis, making the planned elimination dances impossible to pursue. The eliminated just kept dancing!

Christmas Carols and Dinner

Our biggest crowd of the year saw 125 people flock to the Mitchelton Senior Citizens Centre to be greeted by a stunning yuletide setting created by Marcelle Moran, assisted by her team of decorators. Laurensz Manricks led the carol singing on keyboard and Alan Western the choir of volunteers from the audience to create a very special sound. Susan Fahir organised our Christmas function with precision and her usual aplomb. Jeremy Henderling's buffet dinner was sumptuous and his table setting a work of art. The buffet was preceded by a plate of savouries and followed by dessert and Christmas cake. Jeremy's cake and bread display was so enticing it had to be guarded! Ty Fox' music rounded off a very special Christmas celebration.

New Year's Eve Dance

The opening of our borders and the rapid spread of Covid-19 cases created a climate of nervousness which restricted our numbers. Illness and accidents also saw us struggle and take a financial blow. Still we took all the necessary and demanding precautions and put on an enjoyable night for our 79 attendees. The hall was tastefully decorated in our club colours of orange and black. Thilani's buffet dinner was a taste delight, preceded by an entree of savouries and a wide choice of desserts, followed by kiribath after midnight. Cool Daddies and Ty Fox had the music tuned to dancing and good times and we saw 2022 in with hats, whistles and our renowned Silver Fawn want for celebration and enjoyment.

Thank You

Another challenging year for the Management Committee! May I acknowledge the creativity and resilience of everyone on the Committee in meeting these challenges? I also acknowledge our members who responded so trustingly and enthusiastically to our endeavours.

Denis Anthonisz

Hon. Secretary on behalf of the President and Management Committee 2021/22

MEMORIES OF ROMAINE JAYAKODY

It is with great sadness that we inform members of the passing away of Romaine Jayakody. Romaine passed away peacefully on Friday 7th January in Melbourne and our deepest sympathies are extended to her husband Bryce and two Children Bradley and Scott. Romaine has been a member of the Silver Fawn Club for many years and for some of that time she has been on the Committee.



Her passion was for the older members of the club and in particular loved running the club's "Have a Chats". She was known as the "Queen of the Have a Chats" and she unselfishly gave many hours to the Silver Fawn Club. She had a particular talent with crafts and took delight in table décor whether it be new ways to fold serviettes, constructing a sleigh filled with chocolates or making cake boxes for the golden years party.

She freely donated her time and money and would often present me with savouries or sweets to add to the morning tea served at the Have a Chats. Romaine and Bryce attended most if not all club functions and was a valuable helper at the club's annual camp.

Sometimes she would run these functions like a school mistress and her favourite saying when questioned would be "Now we won't go there". I only had to ask and she would willingly accommodate any of my ideas.

When Romaine and Bryce decided to return to live in Melbourne I felt very sad and now I am heartbroken to have lost such a dear friend.

Thank You Romaine for all that you have done for me and the Silver Fawn Club and until we meet again may you Rest In Peace.

Jeremy Henderling

Romaine first joined the Committee in 1997 and I in 2002 after we moved from Sydney. We both took over doing the Newsletter at the time and also enjoyed working together on the Committee for many years. As members would always say "if Romaine was there Susan was there and if Susan was there Romaine was there" we were a "pair"! My friendship with Romaine goes back 45+ years when we worked together in Sri Lanka.

When Bryce and Romaine moved to Melbourne about 5 years ago it was a great loss to the Club and me.

Susan Fahir

OBITUARIES



STELLA EPHRAIMS passed away peacefully on 18th December 2021. She leaves behind her lovely family comprising her brother Vernon Potger (Tasmania), three children Christine (and husband Keith), Serena (decd), Ivor (and wife Kirsten) and Julianne (and husband Brad), grandchildren Steven, Deanne (and husband Alex), Kyle and Joel, Christie (UK) and Nisa, and great-grandchildren Mia, Aby and AJ.



Stella lived a very full Life with so many friends and family connections and will be dearly missed by all who got to know her over her 90 years. With her enduring religious belief, Stella is once again united with her husband, Ivor, and her daughter, Serena.

For those that may have missed Stella's farewell church service, it is available for viewing anytime at <https://youtu.be/slJ5NQUX8ps>

ROMAINE JAYAKODY passed away peacefully in Melbourne on 7th January. Wife of Bryce, mother of Bradley and Scott.

The Management Committee wishes to extend their sincere sympathy to the families of Stella Ephraims and Romaine Jayakody.

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- Cinnamon Bey, Beruwela (5*)
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- 07 TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC
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- 12 DOWN SOUTH
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