



# Silverscene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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### Exciting Upcoming Events for 2022/2023 (Dates for your Diary)

<b>Wednesday 21 September</b>	Bus Trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and winning gardens
<b>Saturday 29 October</b>	Bollywood Extravaganza
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Christmas Celebration
<b>Saturday 31 December</b>	New Year's Eve Dance
<b>Sunday 12 February</b>	Valentine's Day Lunch
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	AGM

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# President's message

Greetings members,

On Wednesday, 7th September, we found ourselves attending a memorial service for Fiona Van Der Poorten, the youngest daughter of dear Betty and Hals, just two months after the devastating loss of their second daughter Nicky. What can one say about such a tragedy that befalls one family in one lifetime, and the helplessness we all feel at their loss. We listened and admired the courage with which Betty, Hals, Fiona's five sons and other loved ones talked about the beautiful tapestry that was her life, truly a life that was well lived but far, far too short. Her love of language, the extremes of her interests, in animals, travel, painting, writing, palm reading, food, philosophy, and so much more; and most importantly her family and her amazing five boys, was so, so inspiring. Fiona herself made a poignant comment on her Facebook page just a day before she passed away; "The glasses are clinking in heaven now because I'm on my way. Thank you and God bless all of you".

Betty and Hals, our hearts ache for your loss and we hope you hear the words we cannot speak, for no words can do justice to the heartache you endure. We cannot begin to understand or take away your grief but we can and will surround you with all the love and support we can muster. We love you very much and send you our deep condolences, blessings and prayers.

Our much-awaited Gala Dance started out so well but for inexplicable reasons stumbled when it came to the food, and resulted in many complaints calls, comments and emails from attendees. Up-front, we agree with you that the quantity and quality of the meal was way below what we expected on the day. Unfortunately, in a commercial arrangement like this, we have no control over how their kitchen works. But as simply as I can put it, we were very badly let down by Figs on Sylvan when it came to the food, after being promised so much. We were also quite surprised at the negative and uncooperative way the event staff dealt with the issues we had towards the end of the night.

Still, as the leader of our Committee, the buck stops with me and I want to apologise unreservedly to all members who attended and their guests for the sub-standard meal that was delivered on the night. I have personally replied to all complaints and I'm happy to discuss this further with anyone as needed.

I would also like, with all due respect, to clarify a few points based on some of the comments we have received.

This function was never intended to be a replacement for the 50th Anniversary dance of two years ago, so comparisons between the two are fruitless. The major difference (as hopefully you'll recall) is that \$10,000 was contributed by the Club to subsidise the 50th function, which enabled us to subsidise each ticket by \$20 for that event and thus give much greater value.

There was no such subsidy for this function, which was run as a normal club event, on a break-even basis like we do for all other club functions.

Regarding buffets, post-Covid, the days of guests serving themselves seem to be over. Most caterers now operate under their view of the prevailing health/hygiene rules regardless of what we think, and have staff serve guests at the buffet. We don't have the luxury of hiring caterers on condition that they allow guests to serve themselves.

Sadly, some comments and feedback we've been on the receiving end of, were quite disheartening and showed no understanding on how disappointed we ourselves are, given everything we did to try and make it a memorable night for our beloved club. Thankfully we've also had a few wonderful messages of support and empathy.

I appeal to you to please remember that we are just a bunch of 12 volunteers who gladly give our time and energy to provide our fellow members with opportunities to meet and have a good time. We do it out of a sense of community and we do the best we can. By all means, give us your feedback when we don't meet your expectations, but please try and be balanced and supportive in your comments. For example, you could add your weight of numbers to the committee's complaints to Figs by contacting them yourself to register your dissatisfaction, as one member has already done. Better still, leave a review about your experience on their function website or Google. It shows them your support for us.

Anyway, as mentioned upfront, the Committee agrees with all comments about the meal and want to assure you we are listening to your feedback. We have looked at what we can do to compensate you for a less than perfect Gala Dance. I'm pleased to announce that we will be subsidising all tickets (members and guests) to the New Year's Eve Dance by \$15 per head and this is reflected in the ticket prices shown on the Flyer in this Newsletter. We welcome and encourage all our members, especially those who attended the Dance, to contact any guests you brought and tell them that we want to make it up to them by putting a group together for New Year's Eve. We hope you will take us up on our offer and give us the opportunity to put things right as best as we can.

To summarise, yes, the meal was a major setback and disappointment but despite this, there was a lot to like about the night. The décor, ambience and music were great and we were also very happy with the way the evening ran, the speeches, the acknowledgement of everyone who has contributed to the Club, the historical vignette, the Souvenir, the raffle, and so many other bits and pieces which took a huge effort from the Committee. Personally, I am very proud of them all as I know we did our very best, but understand that we still fell short in 1-2 areas, especially with the food. It's a learning exercise for us all.

In other news, the Committee hardly had time to draw breath after the Dance as it was all hands on deck to prepare for the Sri Lanka Day and Food Fair organised by the FSOQ on 11th September. All the Sri Lankan Clubs participated with food stalls which shared the preparation and sale of the full range of Sri Lankan cuisine. We sold string-hopper meals plus some short eats and Iced Coffee on the day, and it was another wonderful team effort to prepare and sell the food all day. Needless to say, the day was a resounding success for the Sri Lankan community and for us, it was an exhausting but enjoyable experience, and we raised a bit of money for our Club. A short report on the day is in the Newsletter.

The end of the year is charging towards us, and the Committee has now turned its attention to the remaining few functions for the year. First up is our Bollywood Night, on Saturday 29th October. As always, we have a few little fun surprises planned for the night, a buffet Indian meal being prepared by Con from My Catering Club, and Bollywood and Boogie music by DJ Russell Lowe. Please see the flyer for more information.

You will also find a flyer in this Newsletter about our Christmas Party, scheduled for Saturday evening 3rd December (please put this date in your diary before your Christmas weekends fill up!) and the New Year's Eve Dance. Thilani will be returning to provide the catering for both these events and we hope you will all join us at Christmas and New Year to complete another year of good times for the club.

Finally, my apologies that this Newsletter is getting out to you a little late this time. The last few weeks have been very busy for the Committee with the Gala Dance and the FSOQ Sri Lanka Day Food Fair coming along in successive weekends which really stretched our time and resources.

That's about all for now. Keep well, stay safe and be kind to each other, and please keep Hals, Betty and the Van Der Poortens in your thoughts and prayers.

Laurensz

# Gala Anniversary Night of Nights

And finally.... Our fiftieth anniversary celebration came to fruition on our third attempt....and in our 52nd year.

“Figs on Sylvan” was beautifully decked out in the theme of black and orange on the tables and lanterns, with a splash of gold bathing the venue in fairy lights and sashes.

President Laurensz lauded the past Presidents, Executive and Committee members of the last 52 years as the cement which held together a club that has achieved so much in friendship and fellowship. Our special guest, Anton Swan OAM, spoke of the easy relationship Silver Fawn enjoyed in affiliation with other Sri Lankan Associations and with his role as Sri Lankan Consul. Denis Anthonisz led us on an entertaining romp through our history, highlighting our life members and the life of the club which has focussed on dances, picnics, camps, Have-a-Chats and various forays in the sporting arena.

Cool Daddies and Russel Lowe brought the dance floor to life with their lively and melodious music. There was foot tapping talent on display as well as outrageous moves destined to keep many a physio in business post function. Silver Fawn – the club for the good times!

It was so good to see so many old and much loved familiar faces join us. Silver Fawn royalty! Time did not unhone the beautiful community that is Silver Fawn. A night of memories! A night to remember!





# Christmas in July

Australians love a celebration! And doubling up on Christmas with a celebration in cooler climes has successfully infiltrated the Silver Fawn calendar.

Christmas in July was tastefully tinsel at the Everton Park Bowls Club. Con's Catering provided a fulsome three course lunch for 80 plus mid-winter members and guests. Our committee enjoyed their day off as waiters and Con's staff did an excellent job serving the meal.

We got into the spirit of Christmas with hearty renditions of jingling bells, silent nights, the coming of the faithful and the very special happenings in a manger. Pass the Christmas Parcel saw Santas rubbing their ample tummies, prancing reindeer, mischievous elves doing 'Hands, Knees and Booms-a-Daisy' and mummies ignoring covid precautions kissing multiple Santa Clauses. Lots of Fun! My personal highlight was Reindeer Daphne prancing around the hall propped up by her Zimmer frame. Christmas is indeed a time when dreams come true!

The raffle prizes were beautifully presented and much sought after. Ty Fox's music and Ray Anthonisz' singing got our dancing shoes tapping. And then Bingo quietened the revelry as we concentrated on the serious stuff of winning some money, a long tradition at every Silver Fawn Have- A-Chat. What an enjoyable Brisbane winter sojourn!

Denis Anthonisz



*Delight in the colour and the fun  
at our Extravaganza*

# **BOLLYWOOD**

*Saturday 29 October 2022  
Everton Park Bowls Club  
7 Gearside Street, Everton Park  
7:00pm to Midnight*

*Join in the Bollywood Dance Demonstration  
and Boogie to the lively music of Russell Lowe.*

*Tantalize your tastebuds with  
a traditional Indian meal and dessert*

*Members. \$45:00*

*Guests \$55:00*

*Drinks at very reasonable Bowls Club rates*

*Raffles and 'Best Dressed' Bollywood Prizes*

*Don't miss out on a night of fun*

**For Bookings please call:**

**Brian Dissanayake - 0421 210 421**

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**Payment due by Friday 21 October**

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# Letters to the Committee

## ***Bus Trip to Eumundi***

Thank you so much for an enjoyable bus trip. It was a lovely day.

**Cherry**

Just a few lines to say thank you; what an enjoyable day.....we even had the sun peeping out! There was such an array of tasty goodies at morning tea which was washed down by hot and iced coffee, yum!! I found the company great, was a lovely way to spend a day. Well done.

**Romany**

Thank you so much to all for giving us an excellent outing yesterday .

It was good to meet Denis and the Manricks family .

100 marks to the maker of the Iced Coffee !!!!!

**Michael**

Thank you for coordinating yesterday's bus trip. You both did an excellent job to ensure that we all had a great time (It was so enjoyable visiting new places, and also seeing new faces this time). The morning tea was equally delightful.

With no disrespect to anyone, may I suggest that we avoid school holidays for future bus trips please (Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers may be an exception)? The Eumundi Markets in particular would have been much easier to navigate around if fewer children were running around. As a consequence, food queues were exhaustingly long, however, we lucky people at the back of the bus did not suffer the consequences of having to stand in line for food because we had the bonus of "Burgher Parcels" being passed around in the form of sandwiches that were lovingly prepared by Shameem.

Additionally, the returning road traffic was also notably heavy, which could have been avoided if we had sidestepped the school holidays.

Thank you again.

**Marcelle**

## ***Christmas in July---***

A word of appreciation to the committee from a member who has experienced some challenging times over the past few weeks; I was grateful for the opportunity for laughter and camaraderie with friends.

Our Christmas in July was far from sunny and warm, but the atmosphere inside the hall was colourful, warm and inviting. This was a classy function, with a well- presented roast meal served individually. Keeping the atmosphere light was Denis's fun and novel 'passing the parcel' game assisted by Laurensz, and accompanied by Ty's appropriate choice of music. Bingo and dancing were not forgotten.

Thanks to our Committee for their dedication and innovative ideas. We do appreciate all you do.

A grateful member

## Welcome to our New and Returning Members

Salinda and Santhosi Watapoluwa  
Arden Forster and Doreen Weiman  
Fred and Olivia Bartholomeuz  
Pat and Maxine Sela





# SRI LANKA DAY CULTURAL AND FOOD FESTIVAL

## Sunday, 11th September

Sri Lanka Day at River Rocks Park was a cultural and culinary feast on Sunday September 11. Co-ordinated by FSOQ., this Federation of Sri Lankan Clubs in Brisbane puts on a fabulous expression of Sri Lanka's place in multicultural Australian Society.

Led and organised by Ranjan and Namal Wijeratne and with Gerard Fernando and Shirley Don at the helm of the cooking, Silver Fawn's menu was Stringhoppers with chicken curry, potato curry and pol sambol, a snack pack of samosa and patties and Iced Coffee. The sold out sign was quick to go up on the Iced Coffee, soon followed by the snack pack. The mountain of Stringhoppers sold out at the death.

It was testament to the commitment of our Committee plus Tammi Dissanayake that EVERYONE was involved in the prep of the food in a marathon Saturday cook up and EVERYONE worked together on Sunday to get through a mountain of work to enhance our coffers. What a Team! 'Twas interesting to see the marketing techniques of our Committee Touters as they creatively engaged passers-by in wheeling and dealing things stringhoppers!



WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

Fiona Sawyer (nee Van Der Poorten)

Passed away in the early hours of 24th August 2022 with her loving family around her, after a short second battle with metastatic breast cancer. She was the precious youngest daughter of Hals and Betty, adored Mum of Xavier, Max, Oscar, Tyrone and Raphy, and loved Aunt to Harry, Ben, Lily, Eva and Lola.

Our deepest sympathy to Hals and Betty, and the Van Der Poorten family during this unbearable time of great loss. Fiona is now reunited with her beautiful sisters, Bronwyn and Nicky.



“In the sweet bye and bye,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore...”



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We trust you will support this committee initiative to improve communications with members.



*Light the Night*



**Sharon MacIntyre**

I'm lighting the night on Friday, 30 September to shine a light on blood cancer. Please help me reach my goal.

Sharon MacIntyre is one of our members suffering from blood cancer. Please follow the link below if you wish to assist her in raising awareness and funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=869354>

*A very Silver Fawn  
Christmas Celebration  
Carols, Dinner and Dancing*

*Saturday December 3, 2022  
6:00-pm - 11:00pm*

*Raffles*

*Everton Park Bowls Club  
7 Gearside Street, Everton Park*

*Savouries served during the Carols  
Delicious Buffet Dinner by Thilani  
Christmas Cake will be served*

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Were you unable to attend the Gala Night of Nights?  
Would you like a souvenir program?

If so, please contact Laurensz Manricks on 0408 414 973

## Christmas Breudher Orders



**Breudher @ \$20 and \$30**

Would you like to order Breudher for Christmas? Suzette Davanzo is making traditional Breudhers with 20 egg yolks just like her mum (Audrey Garth) used to make and will include or remove cashews and sultanas. Large \$30 and small \$20. Please text or call on 0412 955 409



*Silver Fawn Club Inc.*

*New Year's Eve Dinner Dance*

*Saturday December 31, 2022*

*7:30 - 1:00am*

*Welcome 2023*

*Everton Park Bowls Club  
7 Gearside Street, Everton Park*

*Sumptuous Buffet Dinner by Thilani*

*See in the New Year with Kiribath*

*Dance to the non stop music of  
Nigel Anthonisz  
and  
Russell Lowe*

*See 2022 out  
with revellery  
and fun*

*Oh What A Night!*

**Members \$50.00**

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