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Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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

Saturday 3 December	Christmas Celebration
Saturday 31 December	New Year's Eve Dance
Sunday 12 February	Valentine's Day Lunch
Saturday 11 March	AGM

**The Committee makes every attempt to hold the events as advertised
However, there may be instances when changes are unavoidable.
Functions are subject to the Club's cancellation policy.**

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1. All tickets must be booked and paid for by the closing date for bookings.
2. There will be no paying of tickets "at the door" on the day of the event.
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4. The Club will endeavor to on-sell tickets paid for after the closing date. However, it is up to the member to dispose of tickets if they are unable to attend.
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President's message

Dear members,

Having spent most of October in Europe, Shameem and I returned home just a few days before our Bollywood function and it was a real hoot. A colourfully decorated venue greeted the 80-odd members and guests, most of whom dressed up in their Indian best in keeping with the spirit of the night. Con the Caterer served up a tasty Indian buffet meal and sweets, Cherry Schokman kindly provided her famous beef patties to complement the entrée, while some great Bollywood and boogie music by Russell Lowe and our very own Ray Anthonisz and a special Bollywood dance demonstration from Sandun's daughter, Panchadi and her friend Shazna, all contributed to a most enjoyable evening. Most pleasing for me was that, in my absence in Europe, the committee did a fantastic job of planning and executing 'Bollywood'. Everything went great with almost no involvement from me, and I'm so proud of a wonderful team effort by our committee. A full report on the Bollywood night is in this Newsletter.

Some of you may know that I'm involved with the Mercedes-Benz club in Brisbane, and this is what took me to Europe. Would you believe that Mercedes-Benz host the (55+) Presidents from around the world for a 3-day meeting in Stuttgart once a year and I was fortunate to represent the QLD Club this year. We also took the opportunity to spend some time in that part of the world before heading to Stuttgart. We visited an elderly aunt in Paris before going to Lourdes (my first time) and then to Krakow in Poland to visit the concentration camps – naturally a confronting but humbling experience. I'd like to do a small plug for Lalani from Traveland who organised our flights and got us some very competitive travel insurance, an absolute essential when travelling these days.

Our Christmas function is only about 3-4 weeks away and our New Year's Eve Dance about 4 weeks later. Thilani will be returning to provide the catering for both these events, and we hope you will all join us at one or both of these events to complete another year of good times for the club. More information can be found in the flyers in this Newsletter.

A reminder that, as mentioned in my last report, we are 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. You'll recall this was a gesture to 'give back' to all members and

guests for the issues encountered at the Gala Dance earlier this year, and we hope everyone will take us up on our offer and give us the opportunity to spoil you and put things right as best as we can.

I have a favour to ask of everyone, please. We have some members who find it a challenge to get to an evening function (like Christmas) but would really love to come along if only they could get a ride. All committee members are glad to help in this regard (and regularly do). However, our problem is that out of necessity, Committee members are the first to arrive and the last to leave, often 30-60 minutes before and after the function, which makes it an extra-long outing for any members wanting a ride. So I'm reaching out to you to please let me or any committee member know if you could help a fellow member come to the Christmas or other club function. On the reverse side, if you would like to come but need a lift, please contact me or any other committee member; we are happy to co-ordinate.

Our last bus trip to the Toowoomba Flower Festival (for the second year) seems like an age ago but I wanted to thank Suzie for organising it all once again in her characteristic quiet, no-fuss manner. As always, we enjoyed a pakka rice and curry lunch and morning tea etc complete with Iced coffee, and despite the inclement weather on the day, a great time was had by all. There is a short article and photos in this Newsletter.

Looking back on 2022, it's been another interesting year with all functions being well attended by members and their guests. From Have-a-Chats and Dances to Bus Trips and Food-fairs, there was something for everyone. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Cub and to the hard-working Committee for putting on such a variety of events. I feel a great sense of gratitude towards our lovely members and our wonderful Committee for another year where we showed great camaraderie and goodwill towards each other. Have a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas season everyone.

With love and blessings to all. Keep well, stay safe and be kind to each other.

Laurensz



*The Management
Committee takes this
opportunity to wish all our
members and their families
a very Happy Christmas and
a prosperous New Year.*

Bollywood Night

We ventured into new territory with our theme tuned to things Bollywood. What a memorable night!

The theme was beautifully lived out in the spirit and fun enjoyed by our members and guests, expressed so richly in their efforts to dress in colourful costumes. Silver Fawn members love a 'dress up'!! The judges, Shameem and Suzie, were not impressed with the difficult task assigned to them though!

The hall was a picture, thanks to the creative talents of Suzie and Namal, and this atmosphere enhanced a frenzy of musical enjoyment led by Russell Lowe and Ray Anthonisz who provided us with Bollywood, music, beautiful dance music and a feverish dance floor energized by 'Boogie'!

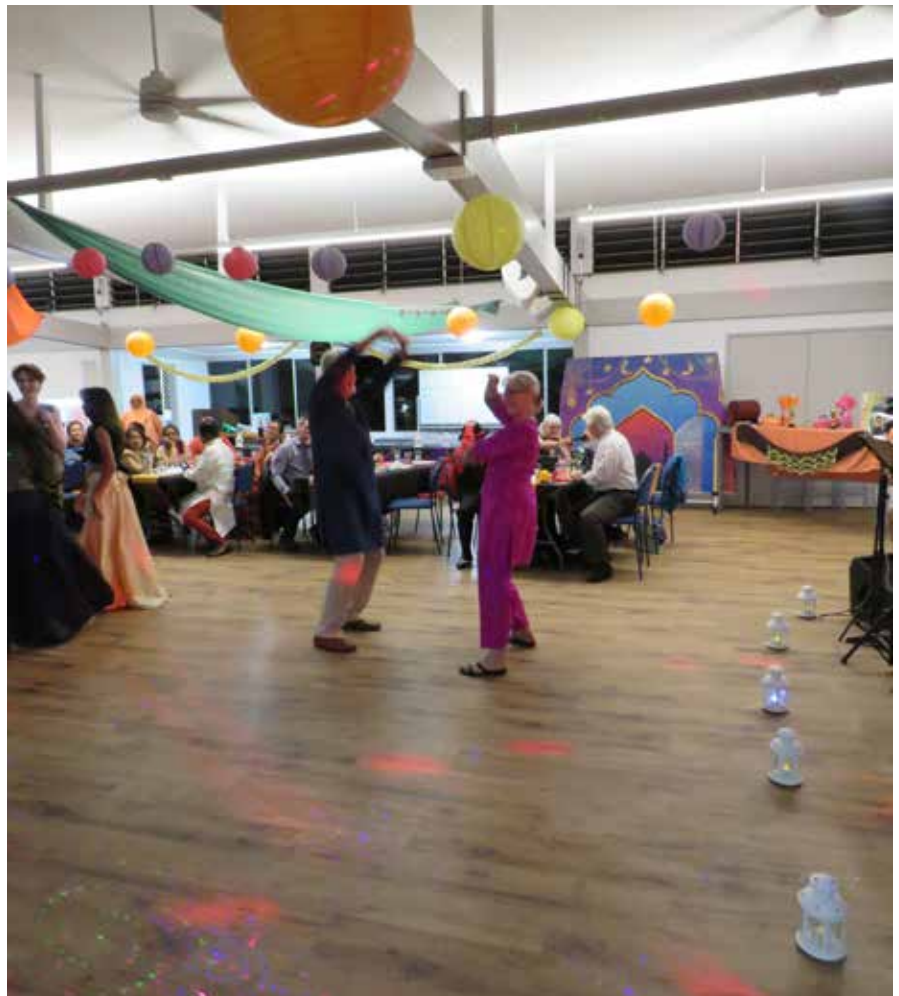
Our special dance guests, Panchadi and Shazna set the tone for the night with their talented routine of Bollywood dance. The response to their lesson sequence was met by less talent but many memorable moves from our dance troupe trainees.

The raffle was beautifully presented and worth winning. And the food by Con and 'My Catering Club' was both tasty and plentiful - a stark contrast to our last dance event!

A night such as this couldn't have been achieved without the long hours of preparation and demanding 'set-up' and 'pull down' put in by the Management Committee. A great team effort. As they say in the classics, "Team work makes dream work!" Both the Committee and the attendees should take a bow.

A memorable night indeed!

Denis Anthonisz





Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers bus trip

Thirty-six members and friends chased 'flower power' in Toowoomba and it was a wonderful day.... except for the weather. Toowoomba delivered its inclement best of showers and top of the mountain fog, however this failed to curtail an enjoyable day of 'flower magic' and Silver Fawn community. Our Belbaker bus also enjoyed us celebrity status as it was the Maroons' Bus that transports the Queensland Rugby League team in its quest for the Holy Grail. And it was expertly driven in tricky conditions by the lovely Lou, a commercial pilot on Covid enforced sabbatical.



First stop was the beautiful Laurel Banks Park, awash with colourful gardens. The floral display 'What flutters by' was absolutely stunning and was revealed in all its glory when one mounted the viewing platform. Gastronomic delights are always top of the list at Silver Fawn gatherings and morning tea wasn't to disappoint. Ribbon cake, a cheese and chilli sandwich and a Melting Moment were befitting the golden plate they were served on, washed down by hot tea and coffee and iced coffee.



The State Rose Garden was our next stop. This was a good news/bad news scenario! Most of the bushes hadn't flowered yet and the rain which had been threatening all day began in earnest. And the good news? We had a giant pergola structure to shelter under and enjoyed a delicious rice and curry lunch courtesy of local foodie, Ronald Muller, washed down by iced coffee and enlivened by convivial company.

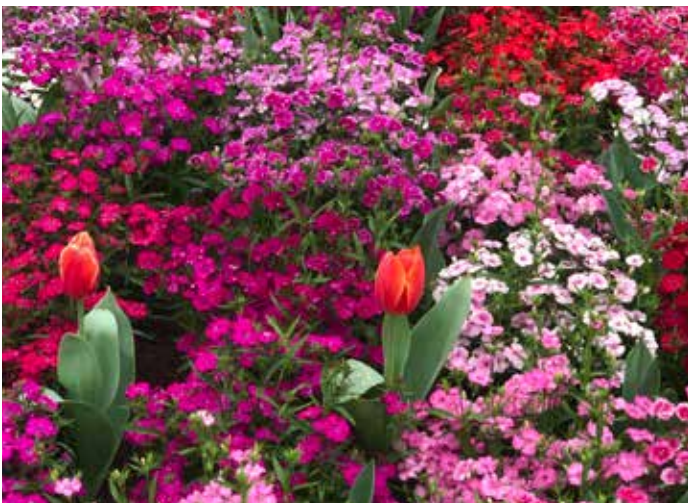
Our celebrity bus then commenced on its journey to some of the prize-winning gardens. It was interesting to see how excited the winning gardeners were to see us, even when they realised it wasn't Daly Cherry-Evans and his team of Queenslanders get off the bus. They were eager to bask in the beauty of their gardens and shared their labour of love and devotion to Seasol. The mosaic of colours and the creativity of those amateur champions was something to behold. The consensus of the Silver Fawn judging panel was that the real judges got first and second place mixed up.



Last stop, Queens Park, emerged from the fog and cloud with the weather providing a challenge to avid flower seekers. The brave were rewarded with spectacular combinations and designs of garden beds displaying magnificent bouquets of an amazing variety of flowers.

A grey day buoyed by blue skies and wide smiles in a maroon bus. Another successful Silver Fawn Bus Trip!

Denis Anthonisz

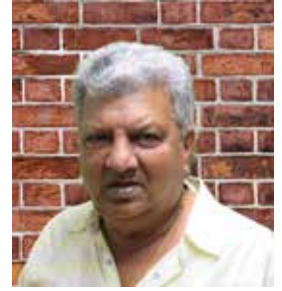


On the Couch with Gerard Fernando

(an interview with Denis Anthonisz)

Bio

Gerard Fernando went to school at St. Sebastian's, Moratuwa and migrated to Melbourne as a young man where he worked as a Cashier with Brambles. In 1975 he met Thomazine Harris and they married in 1976 after a whirlwind romance. Gerard and Thomazine have a son, Ennard, who is married to Amy. Their daughter Evelyn (two), is the apple of grandad's eye. In 1987 Gerard came to Brisbane in the role of Cash Manager of World Expo 88. Gerard and Thomazine decided to settle in Brisbane and began their Brisbane sojourn in Albany Creek. Following Expo he worked in the Finance Department of Suncorp. In 2000 Gerard began a successful career in Real Estate, joining L J Hooker. Two years later he became principal of his own franchise. A move to acreage on the river in Whiteside occurred in 1997 where Gerard retired in 2020 to become a "gentleman farmer".



Silver Fawn History

Gerard became a member of Silver Fawn in 1987, invited to join the Club by foundation member, Ivor Ephraims. He has given long and passionate service to the Club, holding many positions on the Management Committee in the roles of Committee Member, President, Vice-President and Treasurer. His dedicated service was recognised in 2019 when he became a life member. Gerard values the Club's role s providing an opportunity for getting people together and as an avenue of friendship.

Sport and Recreation

Gerard loves cricket, playing school cricket in Sri Lanka and local Club cricket in Melbourne. Today he is a couch devotee to all forms of cricket and also enjoys watching Rugby League and Rugby Union. Gerard loves fishing and is an enthusiastic angler whether it be in a boat, from a pier or from the shore. When asked what his favourite catch is, he replied, "Anything that bites!" Gerard has feasted on the plentiful seas off Norfolk Island on three occasions, filling the boat on all three occasions and also landing a shark on each visit.

Books

Gerard is not a book worm but enjoys reading newspapers and magazines that feature cricket and fishing. His love of dabbling as a handyman sees him as a reader of D.I.Y. publications.

Movies

Gerard enjoys western and action genres in movies. 'The Magnificent Seven' is his favourite. Gerard is also a fan of James Bond movies and nominated Sean Connery as his favourite actor in that role.

Television

Gerard enjoys watching sport on TV, especially cricket. His other favourite is 'Who Wants to Be A Millionaire' where he has a fifty per cent success rate as an armchair quiz champion.

Gastronomic Delights

Gerard nominated Pepper Pork as his favourite food. He enjoys dabbling in the kitchen, with hoppers and stringhoppers as his favourites. He is Silver Fawn's cooking maestro at our Camps and food fares. Whiskey is his preferred beverage, and he loves sipping a glass or two of Chivas Regal when the opportunity presents itself.

What sustains you?

"I like to reflect at the end of each day on what I have done during the day and get the most satisfaction when some of my time has included gardening."

Gerard does voluntary work three days a week with ADRA, the non-sectarian Adventist Development and Relief Agency which specializes in crises relief and assistance to the poor and marginalised. His work for the agency is centred around packing food parcels and packing of meals. "Every Tuesday, we have about 170 cars coming to pick up food parcels."

What saddens you/irks you?

Gerard's initial response was, "Getting old!" He finds the world today a sadder place, "a world without trust and certainty." He gave an example of the complexity of plane travel today to the simplicity of getting on a plane in the seventies.

Do you have a hero?

Gerard admires the Queen who devoted her life to service. "No-one has a bad word to say about her."

If you had a magic wand how would you change the world?

Gerard said he'd like to go back to the good life of the seventies when "the world was a younger and more innocent place."

We congratulate Gerard on his commitment to Silver Fawn and his long history of illustrious contribution to the Club.

Letters to the Committee

My expectations were high as I looked forward to the bus trip to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and all it promised. After days of glorious sunshine, rain and gloomy skies welcomed the day, but hey, what's a little rain! Sure enough I wasn't the only excited person on the bus.

We set off comfortably seated and belted into the large Maroons bus driven with care and confidence by the lovely Lou. Our morning tea shouldn't have surprised us – it really was a mini lunch. Delicious Cheese and Chili sandwich, a cream filled biscuit and a huge slice of ribbon cake, washed down with iced coffee and/or hot tea and coffee. We munched and chatted as we walked, admiring and photographing the flowers in Queens Park. Perhaps the weather was responsible for the fact that we had the Rotunda at the State Rose Gardens to ourselves. Here we enjoyed our hot lunch.

The flower beds in the Laurel Bank Park Gardens were a delight to behold. The rain clouds did nothing to dampen the brilliance of colour that greeted our eyes. We also had the pleasure to meet and chat with the gracious hosts of the prize-winning gardens.

I had long desired to visit the Carnival of Flowers, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip meticulously planned and executed by Suzie and her helpers.

Deanna.



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*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*

Members \$45.00

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13 fun facts you might not know about Christmas!

Fun fact #1 - The traditional three colours of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolises the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.

Fun fact #2 - Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.

Fun fact #3 - It is estimated that the single "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best-selling single of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.

Fun fact #4 - US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

Fun fact #5 - The abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious. The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.

Fun fact #6 - The highest-grossing festive movie is 2000's How The Grinch Stole Christmas, which has raked in \$175m so far.

Fun fact #7 - The Beatles hold the record for most Xmas number 1 singles, topping the charts in 1963, 1965 and 1967.

Fun fact #8 - The word "Christmas" comes from the Old English name "Christes Maesse," which means "Christ's Mass"

Fun fact #9 - Santa Claus is based on a real person, St. Nikolas of Myra, the world's most popular non-biblical saint.

Fun fact #10 - Santa Claus has different names in different countries: Sheng Dan Lao Ren in China, Father Christmas in England, Papa Noel in Brazil and Peru, and Pere Noel in France.

Fun fact #11 - There are 364 gifts in the popular holiday carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Fun fact #12 - The French gave the biggest Christmas present ever in 1886. It was the Statue of Liberty, and they gave it to the United States of America. (The French have one too, a smaller one, in Paris.)

Fun fact #13 - The Candy Cane is one of the most familiar symbols of Christmas. It dates back to 1670 in Europe but didn't appear in the U.S. until the 1800s. The treat we see today, where the shape is Jesus's hook to shepherd his lambs and the colour and stripes hold significance for purity and Christ's sacrifice, became common in the mid-1900s.



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New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Saturday December 31, 2022

7:30 - 1:00am

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Sumptuous Buffet Dinner by Thilani

See in the New Year with Kiribath

*Dance to the non stop music of
Nigel Anthonisz
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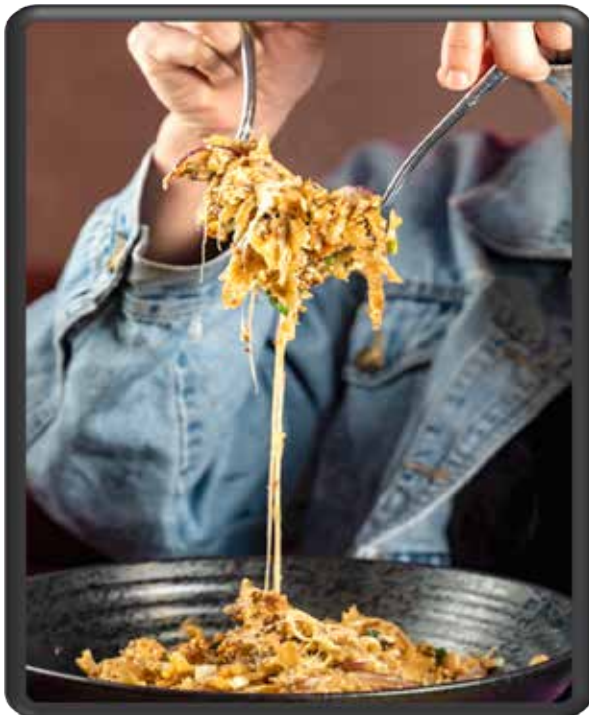
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