



# Darley News

THE BULLETIN OF THE OLD JOSEPHIANS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW

NOVEMBER 2017

## Blues shine on the green on Golf Day

**F**OUR ladies were among the 56 golfers who teed off at the Strathfield Golf Club on Sunday 29 October in the Annual Josephian Golf Open organised by the Old Josephians' Association of NSW. As usual there was keen competition rewarded by an array of prizes for the winners in various categories.

**Alan Homes**, (pictured) with a score of 74 +4, emerged as the winner of the 2017 Old Joes Golf Open Championship and the Blue and White Challenge Cup, with **Troy Graham**, 80 +10, the first runner up. Full results are on page 6.

The evening was set with some 100 attending the post-golf dinner and the award ceremony. Another occasion to meet, mingle and enjoy the company of friends.

A fully subscribed raffle raised much needed funds. The rich selection of raffle prizes was generously donated by Kingsgrove Sports, Dilip Kumar, Phillip Muller, Selva Saverimuttu and Lucian Wijetunge.



Once again the splendid work of Committee Member Kumar Thomas who planned and executed the event was acknowledged.

The evening also saw the induction (with cap) of a new member, Riyaz Jeffrey, into the Association. Riyaz left College in 1990 and we extend a warm welcome to him and his family.

### Annual General Meeting

Please make an effort to attend the Annual General Meeting on **2 December**. The formal notice and relevant information is included in these pages. Also please put your hand up to serve as an office bearer or committee member.

## OLD JOSEPHIANS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The **28th Annual General Meeting** of the Old Josephians' Association of NSW Inc will be held on

**Saturday 2 December 2017**

at the Thornleigh Community Centre, Phyllis and Central Avenue, Thornleigh, at 6.15 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approve and confirm minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting (page 2)
3. Any matters arising from the minutes
4. Consider and adopt the annual statement of accounts (see pages 3 and 4)
5. President's report
6. Election of office bearers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Committee members. (*Nomination forms on page 3.*)
7. Any other business of which due notice has been given.

GEORGE RUPESINGHE  
Secretary

## OLD JOSEPHIANS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc



PRESIDENT  
Chrys Fernando

VICE PRESIDENT Lalith Grero

SECRETARY George Rupesinghe

TREASURER Nishantha Seneviratne

COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Ivor Baptiste Phillip Muller V. Ranganathan  
Kumar Thomas Emil Van Gramberg

### Old Josephians' Association of New South Wales Inc

**Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
of the Old Josephians' Association of NSW Inc held  
on Saturday 27 November 2016 at the Thornleigh  
Community Centre, Thornleigh, Sydney.

Present: 17 members including office bearers.

Apologies: Mohan Alles. Elmo Xavier, Anston  
Francke.

The minutes of the previous annual general  
meeting, already circulated, were taken as read  
and approved. Proposed: Ivor Baptiste, seconded  
Ken Ferreira.

#### **Matters discussed and decided:**

**1.** Annual statement of accounts: These docu-  
ments, already circulated, were approved after  
Treasurer Nishantha Seneviratne advised there  
were no post balance sheet items to report.  
Proposed, Fred de Souza, seconded, Emil Van  
Gramberg.

**2.** President Chrys Fernando thanked the com-  
mittee members and their spouses for another  
year of well-attended events. The emphasis was  
to provide members, their families and friends the  
opportunity to meet and greet and have a good  
time at an affordable cost.

He presented George with a special gift in  
thanks for his work as secretary of the club for the  
past 10 years.

A moment of silence was observed for the pass-

ing of Old Joes Iggy Paiva and Raj Cooray and the  
mothers of Kevin Pereira, Jayanthi Francke and  
Dericka Baptiste.

**3.** Election of office bearers. In the absence of  
any nominations for positions on the committee  
Ken Ferreira proposed and Herbert Kreltzshheim  
seconded that all the present office bearers be re-  
elected. This was carried unanimously.

**4.** The possibility of holding a combined dance  
in May with the Peterites is being discussed. The  
event hinges on the availability of the band, Misty,  
due to tour Australia next year and whether it will  
be feasible to stage a function selling some 400  
tickets to break even.

**5.** President Chrys urged members to renew  
their subscriptions regularly so that the club  
can meet its ongoing expenses at least. Aubrey  
Joachim observed that an umbrella association,  
say with the Peterites, will reduce the cost of  
insurance considerably.

**6.** Fred de Souza proposed a vote of thanks to  
the Committee for their efforts during the year.

**7.** Secretary George Rupesinghe thanked  
President Chrys for his drive and enthusiasm in  
leading the Association, and the members for their  
continuing support.

The meeting adjourned at 6.55 p.m. for the tra-  
ditional Carol singing and dinner.

### **Please pay your 2018 subscriptions**

Your fees are needed in order to meet the club's routine expenses.  
If you have NOT already paid for 2018 please do so as soon as possible.

Pay on line to Old Josephians' Association of NSW BSB 062 000 Account no. 0092 4464 or  
send cheque to the President at 88 Highs Road West Pennant Hills 2125

### Nomination Form

We hereby nominate  
Mr/Mrs/Ms.....  
for the office of .....

*Name of proposer*

*Signature of proposer*

*Name of seconder*

*Signature of seconder*

I,.....(*nominee*)  
hereby consent to stand for office of .....

*Signature of nominee*

**Note:** ONLY financial members of the Old Josephians' Association of NSW are eligible to stand for office, nominate or vote at the Annual General Meeting.

All nominations MUST be sent to reach the Secretary  
NO LATER THAN 18 November 2017 at 1 Drummond Street,  
Belmore NSW 2192.

### Appointment of Proxy

I, (*full name*) .....  
.....  
of (*address*).....

being a member of the Old Josephians' Association  
of NSW Inc. hereby appoint (*full name of proxy*.....

of (*address*) .....

being a member of the Old Josephians' Association of  
NSW Inc. as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual  
General Meeting of the Old Josephians' Association of  
NSW Inc. to be held on the twenty-sixth day of November  
2016 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against any  
resolution proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

*Signature of member appointing proxy*

*Date*.....

All proxies MUST be sent to reach the Secretary  
NO LATER THAN 18 November 2017 at  
1 Drummond Street, Belmore NSW 2192.

## Old Josephians' Association of New South Wales Inc

ABN 6870 827 8381

### Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
<b>INCOME</b>		
Members subscriptions ( <i>Note 2</i> )	\$925	\$870
AGM and carols	1418	1021
St Joseph's Feast Mass	668	(87)
Hopper lunch	186	270
Golf Day	236	399
<b><u>Total income</u></b>	<b><u>\$3435</u></b>	<b><u>\$2477</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
AGM expenses		
Gifts and tributes	381	467
Cricket quadrangular	460	-
Insurance	970	974
Bank charges	-	-
Administration expenses		54
<b><u>Total expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$1811</u></b>	<b><u>\$1495</u></b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1624</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b> at the beginning of the financial year	<b>\$13 522</b>	<b>12 540</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b> at 30 June 2017 carried forward	<b><u>\$15 146</u></b>	<b><u>\$13 522</u></b>

# Old Josephians' Association of New South Wales Inc

ABN 6870 827 8381

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank	\$16 072	\$14 280
Term deposit	10 908	10 825
Christmas decor	190	190
Prepayments	993	970
<b><u>Total assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$28 162</u></b>	<b><u>\$26 265</u></b>
 <b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors and accruals	\$970	\$970
Ticket sales in advance	475	285
OJA Vision Plan Fund	11 571	11 488
<b><u>Total liabilities</u></b>	<b><u>\$13 016</u></b>	<b><u>\$12 743</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$15 146</u></b>	<b><u>\$13 522</u></b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated surplus b/f	13 522	12 540
Accumulated surplus for the period	1624	982
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$15 146</u></b>	<b><u>\$13 522</u></b>

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

**Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies**

This Financial Report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The Financial Report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

**Note 2: Member subscriptions**

	2017	2016
Annual memberships	620	570
Life memberships	<u>305</u>	<u>300</u>
	\$925	\$870

**Statement by the members of the Committee for the year ended 30 June 2017**

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and this special-purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the Financial Report as set out on pages 3 and 4

**1** presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Old Josephians' Association of New South Wales (non reporting) Inc. as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

**2** at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Old Josephians' Association of New South Wales (non-reporting) Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President  
Chrys Fernando ACA, FCMA

Treasurer  
Nishantha Seneviratne, CPA, ACMA

**31 August 2017**

# The last French missionary: Remembering Fr. Alphonse Margesz

*To the memory of the Reverend Father Alphonse Margesz, OMI, vice rector of St. Joseph's College, Colombo, 1948-1965, on his 110th birth anniversary, with due honour and respect to his humble and valuable services rendered to St. Joseph's College and our great nation, Sri Lanka.*

ONCE THE sound of the bell is heard one could see Fr. Margesz, or better known as our dear Vice Rector, moving along from corridor to corridor and from class to class with a box of chalk in one hand and a blackboard duster in the other. The classes are quiet when there are teachers in them and noisy when there aren't any. On one such day our class was noisy and Fr. Margesz walked in. He asked who is supposed to be the teacher here today? Why is he not here? The third question would normally be what is the subject to be taught in this period today?

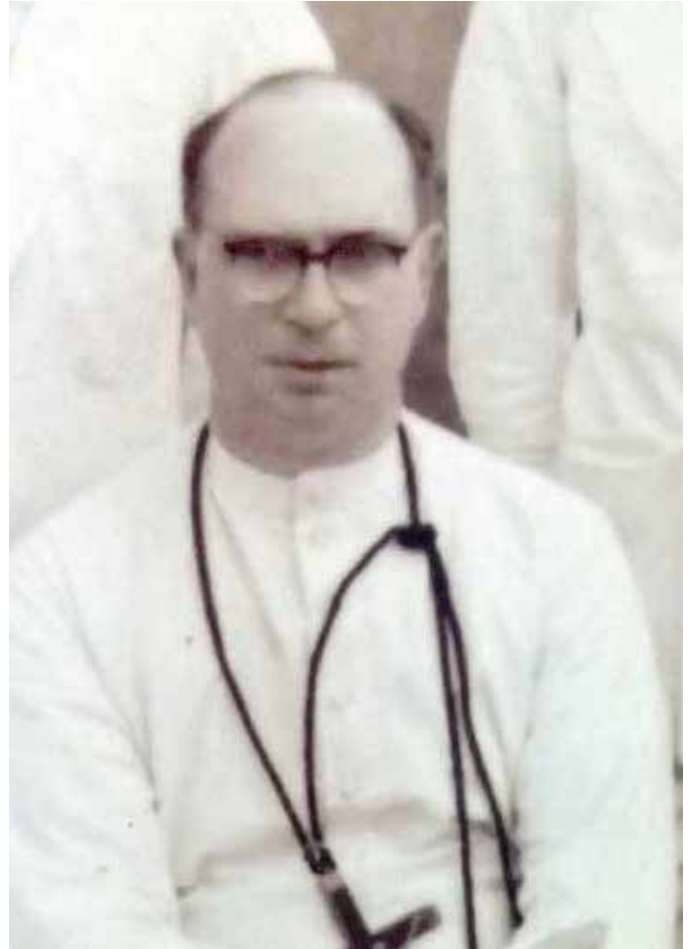
Whether we said physics, chemistry, algebra, geometry, arithmetic, statics, dynamics, trigonometry, botany or zoology, Fr. Margesz would ask where "you boys stopped at the last class you had." Fr. Margesz would then go to the blackboard, keep his box of chalk on the desk and continue from where we had stopped at the last class whatever the subject was.

Father Alphonse Gerard Lucien Margesz OMI, was born on 28 September 1907 in the little industrial town of Lille, in Northern France. During the First World War he served his compulsory military service in the French Army and rose to the rank of sergeant major.

He commenced his primary theological studies in the seminary in Liege, Belgium, and completed his higher studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, obtaining a doctorate in philosophy. He was ordained on 26 June 1932 and came to Sri Lanka on 30 January 1933. He chose Sri Lanka for his missionary work due to the influence of the Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai OMI, the first Sri Lankan rector of the French missionary college, St. Joseph's. Father Peter Pillai was able to see the profound sterling value of Fr. Margesz, his contemporary at the Gregorian University in Rome.

In 1948 he was sent to the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, USA, where he obtained an MSc. degree in biology. On returning to Sri Lanka he took up duties as head teacher of biology at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, and served as vice rector for 15 long years.

Besides being a philosopher he was also a conscientious scientist, a mathematician of repute and a talented musician who trained and conducted the choir. He had a botanical garden at college where he was able to make a single rose tree bear red, yellow, white and pink roses. He was a beautiful singer with a rich baritone voice and, last but not least, he was a gifted artist.



It was during his time at St. Joseph's College that he was awarded the Distinction Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Academique by the French government for the services he rendered in the field of education.

Fr. Margesz was so keen in our educational programs that he took every step to teach any of the subjects to get the class going. Not everybody could change from subject to subject like one could change from channel to channel on a television set just as he had it all well programmed not only in his head but also in his heart.

We believe that this was his God-given talent and a dedicated service both well mastered. As a result of this we see that every student who had studied under him is today doing yeoman service in society in the fields of engineering, medicine, law, armed forces, politics, church ministry or social media.

During his time the assistant in the biology lab who worked under Fr. Margesz was Mr. Laus.

He told me of this incident. You have been an altar server faithfully serving the Rector's or the Vice Rector's mass, (*pujawa*) every Sunday at 6 a.m. without fail for many years. You may not be aware that I clearly remember that on one such Sunday this mass which starts sharp on time started at about 6.05.

Later when I was having breakfast in the refectory with the sacristan, Mr. Marcelline, I asked

him, "Why did the mass, the *pujawa*, start a little late today about five minutes, after six?"

He replied, "Fr. Margesz did not start the mass because the student who comes to serve the Rector's Mass every Sunday was a little late. The Swami waited till the boy came and dressed up in his red cassock and it was only after all that did the Swami start the Sunday service."

I responded, "I never heard of a priest ever waiting till the altar boy arrives to start a mass. Are the altar boys so important?"

On Monday, the next day, when Fr. Margesz came to the biology lab Mr. Laus asked the Swami why he had to wait till the altar boy came.

Fr. Margesz, whom the college minor staff refer to as Pranser Swami, responded in good Sinhala with a heavy French accent. "This is to show the closeness of the altar boy and the priest. It is a new development coming from the Second Vatican Council in session now in Rome."

Fr. Margesz was always up to date in everything.

When teaching geometry, the triangles, circles or cyclic quadrilaterals he drew on the blackboard and his Sinhala letters written for certain explanations were like computer-printed images because Fr. Margesz was an excellent artist.

Many students of St Joseph's, both young and the old who learned under him, knew or came to

know of Fr. Margesz and experience the depth of his great services, will always remember this missionary priest as one who has helped us greatly to fit right into the path of *in scientia et virtute*.

Fr. Margesz was sent to Rome to do a course in the judicial process of the matrimonial court and practised this ministry at Borella. While he worked there I used to visit him in his room and often I had to walk back very silently in order not to disturb him lying in bed in his white cassock. He used to do this due to fatigue in his mid-seventies.

On Monday 7 October 1985, a car at the Archbishop's House was to take Fr. Margesz to the doctor. But Fr. Margesz did not come down to the car. He was in his bed in his white cassock. He had breathed his last that day, a feast day of his Congregation.

*By Chaplain R. R. W. F. Pereira, OBU SJC, former chaplain to the British Royal Navy Port of Colombo.*

*Written with the help of the clerics and altar boys of my university entrance class of 1964-65 under Fr. Margesz: Fr. Leo Perera, Fr. Clement Waidyasekera, Fr. Nihal Nanayakkara, Fr. Joe Anthonypillai, S.J., Fr. Mervyn Perera, PC Romesh de Silva, GM Suresh Britto.*

### **Golf scores and results**

*2017 Old Joes Golf Open*

*Champion and winner of the Blue & White Challenge Cup*

Alan Homes 74 +4

First runner up: Troy Graham 80 +10

*Handicap event Champion and winner of Candappa Memorial Challenge Trophy*

Alan Homes 72 (2)

First runner up: Troy Graham 72 (8)

*Best School Team*

St. Joseph's College

*Winners of the Josephian Challenge Trophy*

Selva Saverimuttu 72 (12) and Anura Jayawardane 72 (12)

*Best Josephian Golf Champion and winner of the Anderiesz & Pereira Challenge Trophy.*

Selva Saverimuttu 72 (12)

*2017 Ladies Champion*

Dilini Saverimuttu 74 (17)

*Nearest to the pin winners*

Kevin Pereira

hole #6 130 cm

Troy Graham

hole #10 63 cm

Alan Homes

hole #8 93 cm

Royce Rebeira

hole #14 153 cm

*Longest drive winners*

Kevin Jamie

hole # 5

Hans Joachim

hole #17

*Drive and pitch*

Myles Anderiesz

hole #12

Hans Joachim

hole #17

*The open golf tournament included a bevy of ladies, adding more sparkle to the event*



## **We mourn the passing of Old Joes**

**Derrick Francke**

brother of Malcolm Francke, in Brisbane, after a long illness

**Laksiri Fernando**

of Melbourne



*With the crush of the tournament behind them the golfers joined the guests and kicked off the evening at a well-received buffet dinner before being awarded their respective prizes; the ladies, at bottom right, were then invited to draw the prizes for the raffle*



*There were smiles all round as the lucky winners of the raffle selected their prizes from the range of generous donations. The evening culminated with the customary full-throated rendition of the College Anthem*





Old Josephians' Association  
of NSW



# 2017 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**DINNER AND DANCING**

**Saturday 2 December**  
**Thornleigh Community Centre**  
**Corner Phyllis and Central**  
**Avenue Thornleigh**  
**From 7.15 p.m.**

**DINNER MENU BY FLAVOUR OF CEYLON**  
**MUSIC BY EDDIE AND ROGER**

**TICKETS \$40 EACH**

MEMBERS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CHILDREN (4 TO 14) \$15 EACH

UNDER 4 FREE



BYO  
drinks

**BOOK EARLY with**

**Chrys Fernando 0418 652 796**

**Ivor Baptiste 0412 479 330**

**Kumar Thomas 0412 919 088**

**Lalith Greero 0401 403 864**