



Silverscene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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Exciting Upcoming Events for 2023/2024 (Dates for your Diary)

Sunday June 11	Anniversary Lunch
Sunday August 6	BBQ and Barefoot Bowls
Saturday September 23	Hollywood Glamour Night
Sunday November 5	Melbourne Cup Lunch
November	Sri Lanka Day FSOQ
Saturday December 9	Christmas Celebration
Sunday December 31	New Year's Eve Dance
Sunday February 4	Picnic/Car Rally
Saturday March 9	AGM

The Committee makes every attempt to hold the events as advertised
However, there may be instances when changes are unavoidable.

Silver Fawn Club Inc. Cancellation Policy

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.
3. Once paid, tickets are not refundable after the closing date for bookings. They will be refunded before the closing date for bookings.
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.
5. No meals will be provided in the event that a member is unable to attend an event.
6. The Committee reserves the right to cancel an event if there is insufficient interest. In this case, refunds will be given to those who have booked and paid.



Membership Fees expired on 31st January 2023. If you haven't already done so, please send your renewal for 2023/2024 without delay. See fees and banking details below.

If you have changed your Address or Contact details please advise Thomazine Fernando, Membership Officer on 0419 480 808 or thomazinefernando@bigpond.com

Silver Fawn Club Inc Bank Account Details

please use when making direct deposits.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES AND RENEWALS

Family	\$30.00	Family Pensioner	\$20.00
Single	\$20.00	Single Pensioner	\$15.00
Interstate / Country	\$5.00	Student (No income)	\$10.00

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President's message

Greeting members,

Since our last Newsletter, another Easter has come and gone, and I hope it was an enjoyable one for all of you with lots of family and friends. It's amazing how quickly the year is going; we are already into May and the cooler weather. ANZAC Day also came and went, and as a first generation migrant, it was an opportune time to reflect on the sacrifices of others, so that we have the good fortune to live in this wonderful country we now call our home.

The Committee has had a coupla' meetings since the AGM and our plans for the year are taking shape. However, we had an early set-back to these plans when we had to make a hard decision to cancel the annual Camp at Lake Perseverance, just one weekend out from when we were due to go on Camp.

As advised in the last newsletter, we needed a minimum of 60 people to register to make it a financially viable camp. Unfortunately, despite leaving it for as long as we could, and even considering going with 50 people, we ultimately struggled to get 40-45 registrations. In addition, the Council also moved the pricing goal-posts a bit which, with the low numbers, put us at risk of a possible loss of over \$1,000 if we went ahead. In the end, it was the only sensible thing to do but still a hard decision for us. Even finances aside, most will know that there's a heap of work which goes into organising, purchasing supplies and running the camp over four days. This said, I want to apologise to those members and friends who did register and pay to come to the Camp, for any inconvenience caused by our cancellation.

I want to thank Gerard and Thomazine for all the hard work they did to try and get the Camp up and running but sadly, it wasn't to be this year. We will need to seriously consider if we continue with the Camp in its current format going forward. Clearly the Camp doesn't attract the members who used to traditionally come along, costs per family are becoming prohibitive etc and we need to understand what, if anything, we can do to bring the crowds back. Perhaps we shorten the duration, change the location or time of year etc but we may also have to accept that realistically, the Camp has 'run its race', as our membership gets older and less able to attend something like a 4-day Camp. It's food for thought, and the committee welcomes any views you may have on the issue. We'd luv your feedback.

I am pleased to announce that our Club's Anniversary Lunch is coming up on **Sunday 11th June**. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE – we were originally planning to have it on the 18th June but the Everton Park Bowls Club is not available on this date, so we have brought it forward by a week to 11th June. It'll be another nice afternoon of fun, friends and food – At time of writing, we are talking to a new Sri Lankan caterer who'll be doing a buffet lunch for us. As always, more information about the event is found in this Newsletter.

Regarding other events planned for the year, we are hoping to try something a bit different in August with a BBQ and Bowls afternoon, once again at Everton Park Bowls Club. We will keep the cost at \$20 for the afternoon, and numbers will be limited to 60 people for logistical reasons. Watch this space.

For our Hollywood Dinner Dance in September, we are excited to be bringing one of Sri Lanka's premier musicians, Roger Menezes to Brisbane to provide the musical entertainment for the night. Roger hails from the famous Menezes family of musicians and has played with the best bands of his time including the Jetliners, Fireflies, Sam the Man and the Savages. Based in Sydney, Roger continues to regularly perform music from the 60's 70's and that golden era we've known all our lives, and it's great that our club is able to bring him to Brisbane after so long. We are in the process of finalising a venue and catering etc and hope to make it a bit of a ritzy night, so get your best gear out and ready for what should be a memorable evening. More information in the next Newsletter when we will have firmed up on our plans for this event.

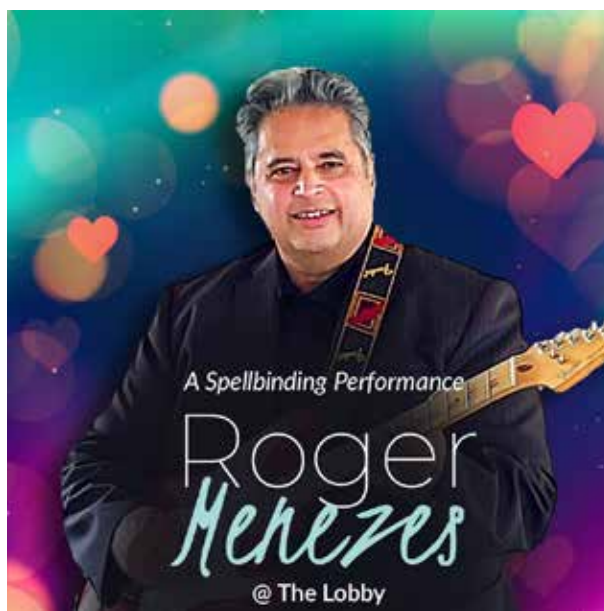
Just a quick request for help with the Club's banking please. We have had a handful of instances where members are depositing money into our account but the details attached to the deposit are not clear about who made the deposit and why. Can I ask you to please ensure that any payments clearly show your surname as a minimum, and if space permits, some detail showing the reason for the payment. Many thanks.

Before I wrap up, I'd like to do a small plug for two events advertised in the newsletter. One is a Dinner Dance on 3rd June organised by the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen Association with entertainment from the popular 'Misty', which is one of the top bands from Colombo. The second is a fundraiser lunch on 2nd July at Nundah organised by member Olivia Bartholomeusz who is raising funds for a number of current projects being run by the Kathleen Keegal Childrens' Fund in Sri Lanka. Please see the two flyers in the newsletter for more information and support them as best you can.

Finally, a reminder that we still have 1-2 positions on the Committee which remain vacant. We would luv an extra pair or two of hands to help with committee workload.

That's about all for now. Keep well, stay safe and be kind to each other.

Laurensz



My musings on Sri Lanka by Denis Anthonisz

(Not on the couch!!)

Having emigrated to Australia as a nine-year-old, my vivid memories of a vibrant life in the tropics have been updated six times. Suzie and I have been there twice, doing the tourist route regaling in the beauty of this resplendent isle and three times I did volunteering stints teaching English in Buttala, Batticola and Maggona, two of these working with Fr Dilan Perera, currently Provincial of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate. This was far from a holiday, teaching English with no Sinhalese and relying on sign language and drama to bridge this enormous gap in saunas of classrooms. Great therapy for my burgeoning mid-section!

My last trip in April this year, was as a support person/ baggage boy in the Moreton Cricket Tour of Sri Lanka, the nineteenth such enterprise organised by Souths cricket identity Baba Sourjah. This is an annual tour which not only plays cricket at stunning venues but distributes largesse in the guise of medical equipment, clothes, and cricket equipment as well to the poor and needy.



There were four teams in all, two Under 14

teams, an Under 16 team and a 'Legends' team of 40 – 60 year olds. My grandson played in the Under 14s team and my son in the Legends. They played eight games of cricket in three centres: Colombo, Kandy and Galle. Including parents, three grandparents and organisers, this conglomerate of 128 souls criss-crossed cricketing venues and a smattering of tourist hot spots. Yala National Park was a bonus tour for my grandson's team and parents.



So, what has changed in the country of my birth which has beguiled me for seventy-one years? It seems to me that the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer. The former display their wealth in the new cars that abound the roads, new houses and apartment blocks in evidence, and the new hotels reaching for the sky and dripping with 7 stars. And it never ceases to amaze me that the hotel workers who get paid a pittance, fawn on you with their smiles and their subservience but seem genuinely happy to treat you like a king or queen and the people one sees in the street, from all accounts living from hand to mouth, seem to have such a smile to their dial and a spring in their step. Interwoven in this dance is the corruption which spins its web through all levels of Sri Lankan society. And yet this country, despite the recent troubles, seems more orderly and less littered. The beggars and the street dogs have all gone into hibernation or was our

hectic schedule responsible for me just not noticing them? Some things never change though. Everything is still receipted in triplicate!

The roads, despite their improvement in quality, continue to be a seeming host to an accident waiting to happen. And yet it doesn't! This frenetic road madness has its set of rules where size matters and every driver except the passengers on a luxury coach seem to understand. Saw the most dangerous Marathon being run on the road to Galle, athletes pushing their bodies to the limit completely oblivious to the traffic chaos on a single lane road which swerved around them, horns blaring warnings that the athletes were on their patch. This living of 'life on the edge' was also evident at Yala. The jockeying of twenty jeeps to get prime position when the leopard was found was mirrored by the jeep drivers inciting of the bull elephant to 'charge' as they reversed furiously and expertly down the bumpy dirt road. Was this behaviour by the drivers a desire to provide their passengers with an adrenaline rush or by their desperate need to get a good tip??

Sri Lanka holds a special place in my heart. Such a beautiful country. But there is a tinge of personal sadness for what might have been if its complexity and societal reality wasn't so insurmountable.



Get into training for Sunday 6 August

The only training necessary for barefoot bowls is some gentle bending and stretching. Barefoot Bowls includes socks and soft soled shoes – no heels or leather shoes. You don't have to bare your naked feet! Come along on Sunday August 6 from 2.00 – 6:00pm and join us for a game or two and a BBQ at the Everton Park Bowls Club.

FUN

LAUGHTER

WINTER SUN

AND A BITE TO EAT.



*God could not be everywhere,
and therefore he made mothers*

53rd Anniversary Lunch

Sunday 11 June 2023

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

Sri Lankan Buffet Lunch

(No BYO)

Raffles and Fun

Dance to music by Ty Fox

Bookings close 4 June

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Members \$45

Guests \$55



Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund

In memory of Kathleen Keegel on her 100th Birthday, let's celebrate by helping those in need.

Join us for a delicious Sri Lankan Hopper lunch and enjoy a family day of dancing, raffles and Bingo.

Sunday 2nd July 2023

11:30 am – 3 pm

***Nolan Hall – Corpus Christi
Parish Nundah***



***Entertainment by Ty Fox
Catering by Thilani***

Donation of: Adult \$40 Child (5-15yrs) \$15

All proceeds will go towards our current projects – Solar lights to rural communities; and Education resources.

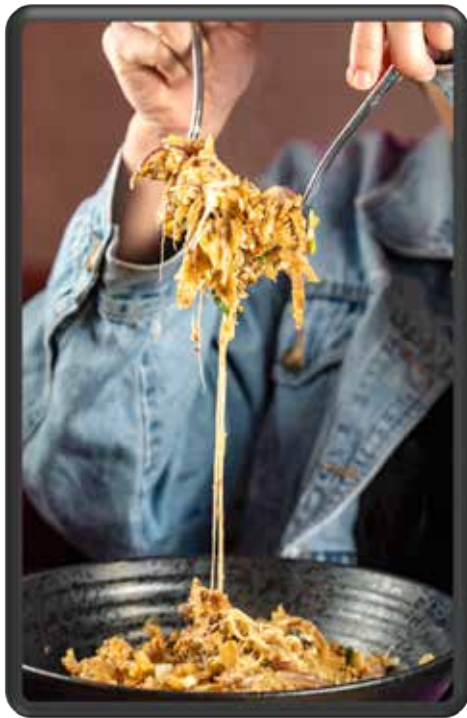
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Dimple and Syl Johns



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