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Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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Exciting Upcoming Events for 2023/2024

(Dates for your Diary)

April 28 - May 1	Camp at Lake Perserverance
Sunday June 18	Anniversary Lunch
Saturday 23 September	Hollywood Night Dance
November	Melbourne Cup Lunch
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.

Functions are also subject to COVID -19 restrictions and the Club's cancellation policy.



Bookings close on 17 April for the Annual Silver Fawn Club Family Camp at Lake Perserverance from 28 April till 1 May 2023.

We need a minimum of 60 participants for the camp to go ahead. Please contact Gerard Fernando before the closing date if you intend joining us.

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.

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President's message

Greeting members,

Firstly, my thanks to the 50-odd members who took the time to attend the Club's AGM on 11th March. It was great to see lots of regulars as well as some of our old friends from the Gold Coast who took the drive down and be part of the meeting. We had a nice Lamprais meal after the meeting thanks to my sister Nicola, who also provided us with ribbon cake and 'kisses' for dessert.

I'd like to cover a few things discussed at AGM for those members unable to attend.

First, I want to thank the outgoing committee (including our two 'unofficial' committee members Wendy Frowd and Tami Dissanayake!) for their work over the last 12 months. I'm so proud of how well we worked as a team in a 'no fuss' manner. Together we achieved some good things - 8 functions including our Gala Dance and a Bollywood Night. We tried some new things, like bus trips, a High Tea, a Legal Seminar and participated in the FSOQ Food Fair (which took a big, big effort). Suzie Anthonisz also produced 6 great Newsletters and initiated a system of 'email reminders' to improve our communications with members between Newsletters.

Financially, I'm sure our previous Treasurer David Tambyah will be proud that we heeded his advice at the last AGM for stronger financial diligence to prevent further losses. This year, we properly costed our functions and thankfully, our members supported all our events despite necessary price increases. As a result, we turned around our losses of the last two years (see the Financial Reports on page 6 & 7). Well done and thanks a lot, dear members.

A special thank you to our Treasurer Sandun Wickramasinghe, Club Captain Brian Dissanayake and 'chef extraordinaire' Shirley Don who advised us that they are unable to stand for re-election this year. They have made significant contributions to the club over the last 12 months and we are sad to lose them.

Despite all efforts, we were unable to find replacements for them in time for the AGM and after calling for nominations from the floor, Committee member Ranjan Wijeratne kindly offered to step into the Treasurer role as an interim given its importance.

I am really happy to announce that after the meeting, Nichol Pieris came forward and has offered to take on the Treasurer's job (much to the relief of Ranjan, who also works full-time but had put his hand up if needed). I'd like to thank and warmly welcome Nichol to the Committee this year. I admire her courage in taking on the challenge of working with a bunch of 'young veterans' like us and wish her every success in the role.

At time of writing, we are still looking for two more volunteers to join the committee, so I encourage members to please consider giving us a hand. After all, the well-being of any social club depends on a small group of its members prepared to give their time and efforts for the benefit of their fellow members and friends.

I've had a 'coupla' queries from members about why we no longer use Mitchelton for our functions so I thought it's perhaps worth explaining our rationale again.

Around December 2021, former Vice-President Susan Fahir found out by accident that Mitchelton had been overcharging us for about a year. However, when Susan alerted them to this and respectfully asked for a credit or two for our upcoming functions, they got quite nasty with her and the club. Their response surprised us, as it showed no appreciation of our long relationship with them. Worse still, they promptly upped their rates including any time we spent decorating the hall before functions, something they'd never done before. Clearly, they were offended that we had queried the issue and wanted to 'punish' us.

So, after looking for alternatives, we thankfully found Everton Park Bowls Club. They have been fantastic to deal with in the last 12 months and 'luv' having us. Cost-wise, we pay \$230 for the Hall and Kitchen. That's our full cost and includes all the furniture, cutlery/crockery for about 100 people, tablecloths if we want them (which they launder!) and cleaning. We don't even have to stack chairs/tables or sweep the place before we leave. Also, their bar facilities mean members no longer have to carry eskies, we no longer have to provide ice, glasses, clear and wash them afterwards etc. We just take down our decor, pack up our gear and leave.

So, even leaving the Mitchelton's agro aside, the cost at Mitchelton for something similar would be over \$500 with extra \$\$s for cleaning, plus we have to stack chairs, put away tables etc. By the way, Mitchelton quoted us about \$930 plus \$100 cleaning for NYE 2022 - Everton Park charged us \$400 all up. And for our recent AGM they charged us a token \$50 for the Hall because we've been 'good customers'. Mitchelton would've charged us a minimum of \$300, I reckon.

We acknowledge that the one downside about Everton Park is that it is not airconditioned. Thankfully, this has not been an issue for our functions to date. I have queried this but they tell me they don't have the funds to aircondition the place in the immediate future.

Anyway, I'm sure you'll agree that the deal from Everton Park is an absolute no-brainer. Of course, we are always open to considering other venues so please let us know if there are others that may suit us. Thanks.

Before I finish, we had a great High Tea in February which was led by Thomazine and supported by the Committee as always, plus many members who helped with cooking the food. It was a lovely afternoon and thank you all.

Our first big event for the year is the Annual Camp from 28th April – 1st May. Gerard is once again our Camp Leader and our budget shows that we need a minimum of 60 attendees to make it viable so I do hope we will have lots of you coming this year. Last year was my first camp ever and I had such a great time.

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

Laurensz

Reliving our loving days

The High Tea on February 19 was indeed HIGH CLASS!



The Bowls Club was resplendent, resembling a first-class hotel with the fine china tea sets provided by 'Sugar Rose' setting the scene for a culinary delight of an afternoon. The short eats, cakes and sweets were not only taste delights, but also 'bundy fillers' and many a guest was forced to put up a flag and request a doggy bag to take home their treats.



A big thank you to the many Committee members and friends of Silver Fawn for their contributions to the delicious menu. The ambience was not only enhanced by the décor and the food but also Ray's beautiful singing voice and choice of ballads which made for easy listening and dancing. Fun and Competitive! That's the best way to describe the games that kept us entertained!! And the raffle prizes reflected the theme and were much sought after. The high tea was indeed successful and HIGH CLASS, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who was there. Take a bow Thomazine.



Denis Anthonisz





2023 Annual General Meeting

SILVER FAWN CLUB INC. Annual General Meeting Saturday 11 March 2023 Everton Park Bowls Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club Inc. was held on Saturday 11 March 2023 at the Everton Park Bowls Club. Forty-two members attended the meeting and there were 8 apologies.

The following members were elected to the Committee:

PRESIDENT	Laurensz Manricks
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Gerard Fernando and Ray Anthonisz
HON. SECRETARY	Denis Anthonisz
ASST. SECRETARY	Suzie Anthonisz
HON. TREASURER	Ranjan Wijeratne
ASST. TREASURER	Thomazine Fernando
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Tyrone Allon and Namal Wijeratne

Three vacancies remain on the Committee.

The meeting celebrated the achievements of the Club and recognised Past Presidents, Life Members and Committee members, past and present. A delicious meal was enjoyed at the end of a convivial meeting.


A pleasing financial result was achieved during the year as shown in the Income and Expenses Statement and the Balance Sheet which follow.

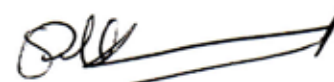
The above is a summary of the Annual General Meeting. Should you wish for more detailed information please call or email Laurensz Manricks or Denis Anthonisz.



Silver fawn Club Inc.
Income and Expenses Statement
For the year ended 31 January 2023

Income	Notes	2023		2022	
		au\$	au\$	au\$	au\$
Subscriptions			3,335		1,701
Bank Interest					45
Newsletter Advertising income			795		230
Donations Received			35		-
			<u>4,165</u>		<u>1,976</u>
Income from Functions					
Valentines Dance / HAC Feb		-		(12)	
Camp		4,507		155	
Mothers Day/ HAC May		943		251	
Christmas in July		758		352	
Food Fair		-		665	
Bus Trip Toowoomba		97		357	
Bollywood Night / Halloween Dance		832		506	
Bus Trip Emundi / Maleny		198		208	
Christmas Carols & Function		745		750	
FSOQ Food Stall		556		-	
Gala Dinner Dance		2,267		-	
New Years Eve Dance		(277)		(181)	
Total Income from Functions			<u>10,626</u>		<u>3,052</u>
Gross Surplus/ (deficit)			<u>14,791</u>		<u>5,028</u>
Expenses					
Newsletter Expenses		2,166		1,573	
Insurance		1,042		1,042	
Bank Charges		85		88	
Website Management		329		748	
Storage Facility Hire		924		836	
Committee Meeting Expenses		792		643	
Annual General Meeting		304		615	
50th Anniversary Expenses		-		1,009	
Accounting Fees		500		500	
General Admin Expenses		511		1,044	
Gifts & Floral Tributes		104		297	
Gifts to Attendees of 50th Anniversary Dance		-		1,402	
Donations		-		100	
Advertising		-		300	
Total Expenses			<u>6,757</u>		<u>10,197</u>
Net Surplus/ (deficit)			<u>8,034</u>		<u>(5,169)</u>


Laurensz Manricks
(President)


Sandun Wickramasinghe
(Treasurer)



Silver Fawn Club Inc.
Balance Sheet
As at 31 January 2023

	2023 au\$	2022 au\$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Bank cheque a/c	11,485	19,387
Term Deposits - Commonwealth Bank	15,000	
Total Cash and Bank Balances	<u>26,485</u>	<u>19,387</u>
Prepayments	300	253
Advance Payments for 50th Anniversary	300	
Total Current Assets	<u>300</u>	<u>253</u>
Property Plants & Equipment		
Equipment at Costs	3,865	3,865
Less: Accumulated Depreciations	3,865	3,865
Total Property, Plants & Equipment's	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>26,785</u></u>	<u><u>19,640</u></u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	500	600
Received in advance for events	580	1,879
Prepaid Subscriptions	1,370	860
Total Liabilities	<u>2,450</u>	<u>3,339</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>24,335</u></u>	<u><u>16,301</u></u>
Equity		
Retained Surplus	16,301	21,470
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	8,034	(5,169)
Total Equity	<u><u>24,335</u></u>	<u><u>16,301</u></u>

Laurensz Manricks
(President)

Sandun Wickramasinghe
(Treasurer)

On the Couch with Cherry Schokman....

a conversation with Denis Anthonisz

Life and Silver Fawn History

Cherry was born Cherry Harris, the fourth child of Claude and Beatrice Harris. Home was a modest house in Mt Lavinia where Cherry grew up without the luxuries but with lots of love. She went to school at Girls' High School in Mt Lavinia. As there was no English stream in Year 8 at Girls' High, Cherry moved to Presbyterian Girls School in Dehiwela, where she was a House Captain. She met Albert at the age of sixteen! He was a friend of her brother's and "pretended he came to see him." Albert told Cherry he didn't want her to work so proposed and with her parents' permission, they were married at St Francis of Assisi Church at Mt Lavinia. Albert was 27 and Cherry was 18.



Two years later they migrated to Melbourne. En route in Singapore Cherry wanted to go home as she missed her family terribly. Cherry laughed, "This was Albert's first problem with me!" They stayed with the only people they knew in Melbourne, Albert's friends, Pat and Maxine Sela, still friends today, fellow Brisbanites and Silver Fawn members. The Schokmans moved to Brisbane after a holiday saw them fall in love with the weather. This was just after the birth of the Silver Fawn Club and President, Fred Foenander, was the catalyst in their joining the club, beginning a long and illustrious history with Silver Fawn. Their family history also began to blossom with the birth of their son Graeme in 1972.

When the rest of her family moved to Melbourne, the Schokmans pulled up stumps and moved down to southern climes again. However, Albert's heart attack and the lure of friendlier climes saw them move back to sunny Brisbane. Melissa was born thirteen years after big brother Graeme in 1985. Albert was President during the golden years of the Club, a ten year reign of continuous service that has never been surpassed. Cherry's love for cooking, entertaining and organizing saw her role on the Ladies' Committee beautifully complement Albert's Presidency. They were at the helm in 1995 for the Club's 25th Anniversary, a grand celebration at Lennon's Ballroom. Special Guest, Lord Mayor Jim Soorley, presented Albert and Cherry with their Life Membership Badges at this celebration. Albert passed away in 2014, after a long illness. The "love of her life" has been enriched by many 'loves'. Graeme is married to Ellen and he has two children, Kaleb (26) and Kiana (21). Melissa is married to Ryan Edney and they have two children, Bella who is seven and Harper, four. Cherry has moved close to the Edneys and loves filling her days with her little bundles of joy.

Favourite Recreations/Sports

Cherry has a passion for cooking, gardening and the finer arts. She has completed TAFE courses in Cooking, Dressmaking and Floral Arrangements, but the top of her tree in this arena is her grandchildren. Cherry enjoys watching AFL and cricket on TV.

Favourite Books

Cherry used to like Danielle Steele romance novels, which long time Silver Fawn Secretary, Therese Anthonisz, used to provide her with.

Favourite Film

“Definitely, ‘Gone with the Wind’ with Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh and I liked films with Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor for their looks.”

Favourite TV Shows

“The excellent documentaries on other countries on SBS and their cooking shows keep me up late.” Cherry has also found a Spanish piece on Netflix, ‘The Grand Hotel’, hard to put down and has recommended it to many of her friends, getting a new legion of devotees to the series.

Favourite Foods

Cherry loves cooking and her taste buds enjoy Sri Lankan rice and curry, patties, curry rolls and buriyani.

Favourite Drinks

Cherry is a social drinker and enjoys a scotch and dry and a glass of Moscato when she goes out.

What sustains your soul?

Cherry is inspired by Mother Theresa to be a kind, humble, compassionate and caring person. “One has to let go of all the earthly things as we take nothing with us when we leave this earth.” When Albert was sick, Cherry gave up her job at Centrelink to be his full time carer at home and keep him out of a care facility. Other things Cherry loves – looking after and spending time with her grandchildren, fellowship with her friends and supporting the Silver Fawn Club.

What annoys you/irks you?

Cherry is saddened by war, vandalism, crime and drug abuse, especially the youth crime which is getting a great deal of publicity at the moment. “But I feel so sorry for some of them. What is responsible?....homelessness? their home circumstances? Poverty? Abuse?”

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

Cherry’s perfect world is one of peace and harmony where people are happy and free from drugs and stress, living in a safe and healthy environment.

We have been so blessed to have Cherry Schokman as stalwart and friend of the Silver Fawn Club for fifty years. We have INDEED been blessed!

Denis Anthonisz

Welcome to our New Members

Robin and Marie Claessen

Ajith and Sarah Rivera



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Annual Camp at Lake Perserverance

Friday 28th April till Monday 1st May



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SILVER FAWN CLUB CAMP LAKE PERSEVERANCE

28 April to 1 May 2023

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For all Camp enquiries and bookings contact:

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Denis Anthonisz 0432 411 383

Laurensz Manricks 0408 414 973

Bookings close 17th April 2023



<h2>2023 Camp Fees</h2>			
Members - Adults/child over 12 years @ \$165	Non-Members - Adults/child over 12 years @ \$180
Children (5 - 12 years) @ \$90	Children under 5 using a bed @ \$50

I/We will be attending the Camp from 28 April to 1 May
and will pay for the following no later than 17 April 2023

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Names of adults attending

Names of children attending and ages



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Letters to the Committee

An Indulgent High Tea: A Fusion of Flavours

A High Tea is an opportunity for us ladies to wear our hats and pearls, raise our pinkies and drink delicious tea in the company of good friends. A PERFECT HIGH TEA is about creating the right atmosphere, and Thomazine Fernando did just that. Last Sunday, Thomazine put a present-day twist on this time-honoured British tradition and whisked us away on a sensational journey.

The experience began the moment I stepped into the stylishly decorated hall. I could see the unique personal touches that Thomazine had added and observed that no expense had been spared in acquiring the finest China and accessories to step up the occasion. Thomazine created a wonderful and unique experience with lace tablecloths, beautiful linen-like paper napkins and gold teaspoons, yellow roses, and a fine tea set of cups, saucers, cake plates, tiered cake stands, savoury plates, teapots, milk jugs and sugar bowls. For us "Oldies" who thrive on a touch of nostalgia, few sounds are more reminiscent of a High Tea in the elegant dining room of the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya than freshly brewed tea being poured into a china cup. This we relived last Sunday.

It is said that we eat first with our eyes. The 3-tiered stands and ornate single plates scattered around the table with a bountiful variety of dainty and delectable cakes and sweets were a visual feast. We then feasted on savouries and sandwiches, where classic British combinations met Thomazine's passion for bold Sri Lankan flavours. There were sandwiches, cutlets, patties, curry rolls, quiches etc all lovingly made by our very generous members. We even had the traditional Sri Lankan "Love Cake" made by Thomazine herself. It was a delightful fusion of flavours.

However, the afternoon was not all about food. Ray, you entertained us with your extraordinary repertoire of slow-tempo music to keep it light and in the mood. Thank you, Ray. We also enjoyed the adult "games" that Denis had organised to direct our attention to the "finer things in life". Laurensz, your renowned interaction with the crowd also added to a very pleasant afternoon.

Thank you all for providing such a unique and memorable day. You made us all feel so welcome and special. I came away so pleased and know that everyone at our 2 tables really enjoyed the afternoon as well.

We will be talking about this function for a long time and hope that this will not be the last time that Thomazine organises a High Tea for us.

With best wishes,
Marcelle

The Silver Fawn High Tea on Sunday was well organised and a fun time was had by everyone who attended. The decor was very quaint. Beautiful crockery and yellow roses adorned the tables. There was plenty of delicious food, teas, coffee and later we were also served iced coffee. The lovely music provided by Ray Anthonisz kept us entertained all afternoon. Some of us enjoyed dancing to his music. Lots of fun was had by those present, taking part in the fun games Dennis organised throughout the afternoon. All in all it was a fun afternoon and heartfelt thanks to Thomazine for organising this High Tea and to all the other members who helped with the preparation of the delicious food.

Carylle

Dear Thomazine,

Trying something new is always risky, so congratulations on putting on a High Tea. For myself it was a welcome change from the Sri Lankan buffet on a hot day. The High Tea appropriate food was greatly enjoyed. Our thanks to all who contributed - the food, the service, the games, the music. It was a special afternoon and those of us who attended were not disappointed. Warm regards,
Deanna.

I'd like to say a very huge thank you to Thomazine and her band of helpers for the fabulous high tea we all enjoyed on 19 February. The tables were beautifully laid out with fine china tea sets, tea pots, plates and cake trays etc. All the food was so delicious and plentiful, savouries, sandwiches, cakes and sweets and for this I'd like to say thanks to all the wonderful chefs who gave of their time and efforts. I've been to many high teas in hotels etc but this was the best in food and service. The games and competitions added to the fun! It obviously took a lot of planning and coordination which all contributed to a superb function, and those who didn't turn up certainly missed an awesome afternoon. Thanks again to all who helped make this happen.
Heather Freeborn

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