



Silverscene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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Exciting Upcoming Events for 2023/2024

(Dates for your Diary)

Saturday December 9	Christmas Celebration
Sunday December 31	New Year's Eve Dance
Sunday February 4	Picnic
Saturday March 9	AGM

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



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President's message

Dear Members,

We were all saddened to hear of Marie Kronenberg's passing on 25th October. Marie was a real stalwart of the Club having been a member since 1988. She spent about ten years on the Committee and loved decorating the venues for the various functions. Marie particularly loved attending the Have-a-Chats, Club Camps, Cricket Tournaments and Fair days. May she rest in peace with our love and gratitude for her camaraderie and contribution to the club over many years. The family has asked for privacy at this time.

Our Hollywood Gala Night at Sip 'n Dine in mid-September turned out to be an enjoyable night after a big push in the last few days to garner more guests. Ultimately, we had 110 members and guests who enjoyed a great night dancing away to some wonderful music from the old days. A big thank you to our special musos from Sydney, Roger Menezes, Gordon Rebeira and Darrell de Silva and we look forward to their return in the future.

After the Gala Night, the Committee quickly turned to preparations for the annual Sri Lanka Day 2023 which was again held at Rocks Riverside Park at Seventeen Mile Rocks. This year our stall offered curry rolls, patties, samosas, and rainbow sandwiches as savouries, while for sweets we had ribbon and date cake, coconut rock and milk toffee, all washed down with some great iced coffee. There were some items we needed to buy and re-sell but it was still a lot of preparation and a long hot day in the park, and I want to specially thank the committee members for the work everyone put into the day. A big thank you also to Suzie, Namal and Ranjan, Ray and Heather, and Tami Dissanayake who donated many of the items we sold on the day.

Unfortunately, our stall was not that well patronised on the day but overall, the whole event was well organised by the FSOQ, with a superb cultural show and a demonstration across the park of everything Sri Lanka. And based on what I heard from the politicians and dignitaries' speeches (including from our Lord Mayor), they fully support the vision of establishing a "Sri Lanka" day in Brisbane (much like the Greeks, Italians, and other ethnic groups have achieved), and I can see the event continuing to establish itself in the coming years.

Our next event was our Melbourne Cup Luncheon and we had planned lots of fun, food and games centred around this iconic horse race. It had been a while since we had one

of those fun Have-a-Chat afternoons but unfortunately (and somewhat surprisingly), we didn't even come close to getting the numbers needed. So there was no choice but to cancel the event to minimise any financial impact. Naturally, it is disheartening, but all we can do is put it behind us and move forward.

Our Christmas function is only about 3-4 weeks away and our New Year's Eve Dance about 4 weeks later. For Christmas, Ruwan from Negombo Caterers returns to provide us with a delicious Christmas menu while music for dancing will be shared by Ray Anthonisz and Arden Foster; I'm thinking of joining them for a few songs sometime during the night. For New Year, Thilani returns with her usual feast which'll include Kiribath at midnight. Cool Daddies will be our band once again for the night, with DJ Russell Lowe bringing his usual high energy music to usher in the new year. 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.

As I reflect on 2023 from a club perspective, the big challenge for our committee this year has been trying to 'read' what exactly members are seeking from their club in terms of functions. We've tried running a ritzy 'upmarket' function at \$75, a BBQ and Bowls afternoon for only \$20 and a 'coupla' Have a Chat type events in the \$40-\$50 range, all with mixed results. All these events have attracted contradicting feedback for some issue or the other eg. too expensive, Sri Lankan food only (no Indian or western), can't come to night functions etc. You'll recall that we also had to cancel the Camp this year and more recently the Melbourne Cup function. Also, only a handful of members visited our stall at the Sri Lanka Day.

On behalf of all of us on the Committee, can I ask everyone to please take a minute to consider what type of event(s) you are likely to patronise, and drop us a note with your thoughts.

newsletter.silverfawn@gmail.com You'll be helping us a great deal so all feedback welcome and greatly appreciated. I'd like to close by thanking all members for their ongoing support, camaraderie and goodwill towards each other and to the hardworking Committee for their efforts during the year. Let me also be the first to send you and your family some early wishes for a wonderful Christmas season. It's amazing how quickly the year has gone by and a little crazy to imagine that my next President's Report will be dated January 2024. Anyway, I do hope the upcoming season will be a happy, safe and relaxing time for everyone near and dear to you. With love and blessings to all.

Keep well, stay safe and be kind to each other.
Laurensz

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Hollywood Glamour Night.

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at the
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7 Gearside Street, Everton Park*

Christmas Carols and Celebration

*on
Saturday 9 December
6pm - 11pm*

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New Years Eve Dance

Everton Park Bowls Club
7 Gearside Street
Everton Park

Celebrate *New Year*

2024

7:30pm to 1:00am

Buffet Dinner and Kiribath by Thilani

MEMBERS: \$70
GUESTS: \$80

Drinks at Bar rates - No BYO

Music By: Cool Daddies & DJ Russell Lowe

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Hollywood Glamour Night

We had 110 people at Sip'n'Dine for our Hollywood Glamour Night . Next door a full house at the Gabba was hosting a Brisbane Lions AFL Preliminary Final win. Although no match for the crowd figures or the noise next door, we matched them in the entertainment, colour and excitement departments.

And our band and dress left them in our wake. Our attendees took on the Hollywood Glamour theme dressed to the nines and dressed in character, Michael and Janet Jackson, Fred Astaire and Tina Turner were just some of the celebrities who chose Silver Fawn over the Footy. Vice President Ray Anthonisz had the hardest job on the night, presenting the Oscars in the Best Dressed Category. Lacking courage, he gave it to his brave wife, Heather, who chose Trevor Ebert and Deanna Misso from a fertile field of stars.



And the dance floor rocked! Jetfire from Sydney, Roger Menezes,

Gordon Rebeira and Darrell De Silva, who did their apprenticeship in the Jetliners and Spitfire in Sri Lanka's music heyday, played the music we all loved dancing the light fantastic to in our youth. There were scene stealing cabarets from the crooning of the President and the supple moves of Michael Jackson. Ranjan Wijeratne, Karol Misso and Isidore Storey were just a few of the local stars eloquently strutting their stuff on the dance floor.



The venue was a picture of red, black and white, featuring a red carpet backdrop for the stars and the tables were adorned with clapper boards and gentle, tasteful lighting. Director Suzie Anthonisz did a great job here, with Namal Wijeratne and Nichol Pieris in Assistant Director roles. Namal and Ranjan once again did a wonderful job organising the raffle prizes and putting on the 'hard sell' to boost the Club's coffers for the night.

Mitesh and the staff of Sip 'n' Dine went out of their way to accede to our every request. The three course Indian buffet meal was a highlight.

The clash with the Rugby League and AFL finals, the new venue and the imported band made this event a challenge organisationally. This really tested the teamwork, commitment and resilience of the Committee in putting it together. The positive response from our attendees made it all worthwhile and a good time was had by all.

Silver Fawn....a Club for the Good Times!!
Denis Anthonisz





Letters to the Committee

Dear Committee,

Ian and I would like to thank all concerned for the very nice dance and get together we had at last Saturday's Hollywood Dance. We enjoyed the food - different from our usual, and there was plenty. A good mix of dance music supplied by an experienced and talented band, Jetfire. Their name emanating from them being past members of our famous Sri Lankan bands, Jetliners and Spitfires. The venue had a large enough dance floor to accommodate the many people who got up to dance. We were worried about parking at the venue, but in the end had no trouble with that. The only minus was the somewhat pricey drinks, but I suppose only to be expected in a City restaurant.

I would like to give a special personal shout out to the band members, who despite having spent the whole of Friday driving from Sydney to Brisbane, and having to drive back on Sunday after playing for us on Saturday night, still took the trouble to visit my sister and brother in law, Romany and Neville Shedden, who now reside in a residential care facility, on Saturday morning, with their musical instruments, to give a free of charge performance to the delight of all the elderly people there. One of the band members, Roger Menezes, was married to my late cousin, Cheryl, who sadly passed away last November in Sydney.

May I also be bold enough to make another personal comment to your readers - my cousin, Ashley Godlieb (80), who attended St Aloysius College Galle around 1956, and has lived most of his life in Denmark, will be visiting me next year from 12 to 22 April, 2024. If anyone knows and would like to meet Ashley and his wife Aio, please contact me on 0414 080 587. Thanking you.

Again, kudos to the team for our Spectacular Hollywood Dance.

Sincerely,
Trudy Pietersz

This letter about the BBQ and Bowls was received by the Committee and should have been included in the last newsletter.

Hi guys,

I'm sending this email in to say how much all of us who came to this event enjoyed it. It was different, and enjoyable, as most of us were playing for the first time. We were given a quick lesson by the Club pro, and it was amazing to see some of the rank first timers doing better than those who had played before, considering the general mature age of those who came.

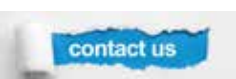
Thankfully the rain stayed off all afternoon whilst we were on the greens, and also thankfully we weren't made to play barefoot! As long as we didn't have high heels, it was okay to keep our shoes on.

At 4.00pm the BBQ lunch outside but undercover was delightful, thanks to Suzie who cooked and her helpers, with plenty of mini steaks, sausages, beef rissoles and a huge variety of salads, topped off with the famous Sri Lankan iced coffee.

All in all, it was a quick and easy, enjoyable get-together, and hopefully will be brought on again and again, seeing also that our home club is a Bowls Club.

Congrats to the team for a event well done.

Trudy and Ian



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FSOQ Sri Lanka Day

Sri Lanka Day at River Rocks Park was a magnificent venue for Sri Lankan dance and culture. The spectacle and the music set expats' hearts a flutter. The first dawn of hot, hot, summer weather however, made our short eats and sandwiches a hard sell and at give-away prices. This was not helped by the Silver Fawn drawing the short straw in stall sites and languishing in the doldrums at the end of the line.



Quality came to the fore though. The Iced Coffee was a big hit and first to sell out, as was the ribbon cake, date cake, butter cake, milk toffee and coconut rock. Has it ever been said Sri Lankans have a sweet tooth?? Most of these food items were made by our hard-working committee members who also put in a huge day working in the stall. Special thanks to one of our members, Tammy Dissanayake, for her kind donation of milk toffee and some iced coffee.

Take a bow, Suzie, Namal, Ranjan, Laurensz, Ray, Tyrone and Tammy.

Denis Anthonisz (who thankfully didn't make anything!)



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The members, their families & well wishes are cordially invited to the

*Old Foes
Dinner
Get Together*

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6.30pm @ Bangkok Milton
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