



Silverscene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc

Founded 1970

October – December 2024

www.silverfawn.com

	Forthcoming Events	
		Closing Date
Sun 27 Oct 2024	Hoppers and Bingo Lunch	Closed for bookings
Sat 7 Dec 2024	Christmas Carols	Book early to ensure a place
Tue 31 Dec 2024	New Years Eve Ball	Book early to ensure a place

Articles and photos wanted for the next edition of Silverscene

Closing date Wednesday, 18 December 2024

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 for 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 endeavour 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.

Silver Fawn Club Inc. Bank Account Details

Please use when making direct deposits.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family	\$30	Family Pensioner	\$20
Single	\$20	Single Pensioner	\$15
Interstate/Country	\$15	Student (No Income)	\$10



President's Message

Greetings members,

Tami and I have just returned after a 5-week long holiday in Europe, visiting family and friends, and are now faced with the challenge of recovering and getting over the jet lag....as always is the case, we feel we need another holiday to get over the previous one.

We do hope you are all keeping well and in the very best of health.

In my absence, the committee led by our Vice Presidents Ray and Gerard and supported by the rest of the Committee, have done a tremendous job to keep the wheels of the Club in motion. Great teamwork...thanks everyone!!!

I am happy to announce that Ranjan and Namal Wijeratne, who were on the committee in 2022 and 2023, have rejoined to help out for the rest of the year. With important events coming up, their support will be invaluable. Thank you, Namal and Ranjan, for your community spirit...welcome back!

To update you since our last Newsletter, our Christmas-in-July function was a sell-out, and we managed to cram 98 people into Everton Park Bowls Club. Well done to the sub-committee led by Ray and Tyrone, and included Debbie and Ruth, for an amazing job done that made this function a huge success. Debbie really created a Christmas atmosphere with her décor, Thilani's beautiful buffet table complemented the Christmas theme and served up a delicious buffet for us all, Ray, Arden and Ty Fox did a wonderful job with music for dancing, and Ruth kindly made a hundred individually wrapped Christmas cakes. Thanks also to Tami for making and serving a little bag of sweets for everyone and to Suzie Anthonisz who helped serve the cake and sweets. See separate report in this Newsletter.

Our Anniversary Dance in August was a resounding success with a change in venue (back) to Mitchelton, a new band, the Baby Boomers, and Ruwan from Negombo Caterers. Over 120 members and their guests were treated to some wonderful music to dance the night away while the buffet was scrumptious. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and it seems like a good time was had by all. Thanks very much to everyone who came along and enjoyed themselves. It makes the efforts of the committee even more rewarding. You will find a separate report and some photos from the Dance later in this Newsletter.

Sri Lanka Day 2024 was held on the 15th of September at Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks and once again, FSOQ led the planning and conduct in collaboration with all the Sri Lankan clubs in Brisbane. Now in its fourth year, Sri Lanka Day continues to grow, celebrating our rich cultural heritage and culinary delights. The official ceremony was attended by politicians from all levels of government, who reaffirmed their support for the annual event. As many clubs were offering popular hot food like rice 'n curry, kothu, hoppers, biriyani and short eats, we chose to sell Sri Lankan sweets such as ribbon cake, Kisses, Coconut Rock, Milk Toffee, and our famous Burgher-style iced coffee. Unfortunately, there was limited demand, and sales were poor. Still, it was more important that our Club participated, and I want to thank Gerard, Ray, Maithri, and Laurensz for their hard work in planning and running the stall.

Our next event is our Hoppers and Bingo lunch on Sunday 27th October at Everton Park Bowls Club and at time of writing, we are already Sold Out...90 members and guests. It should be a fun afternoon with bingo making a return. Of course, the hoppers will come with curries and



President's Message (Continued)

sambols, and we are working hard to ensure there are no delays in serving everyone. Please see the flyer with all the details in this Newsletter and on our website.

A reminder please that, especially as the Newsletter only goes out quarterly, we are using group emails these days to communicate important information to members in-between Newsletters. It is crucial that we have your current email address, so you are on the mailing list when we send out group emails. Please drop Debbie, me or anyone on the committee a note if you are not receiving group emails from us. Thank you.

Our next two events are our Christmas Carols on Saturday 7th December, and our New Year's Eve dance. We are deep into planning for both these events and especially with NYE, we are looking forward to your support. We will keep you updated – this is why it is important to ensure your email address is on our mailing list.

Please also note that the next Newsletter will probably go out in the third week of January 2025 as we will wait until the NYE Dance to include photos etc and will also include all the information for the AGM 2025.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Arden Forster for helping us with the design of the Flyers. He is a great help to us with a skill set that we don't have.

In conclusion, a Very Big Thank You, to all of you, our members and your guests, for having fully supported our functions and events so far for the year, which has resulted in them all being very successful. This has been very fulfilling to us as a committee. We look forward to your continued support.

Take care and stay safe

Brian

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Update from the Treasurer

As you would know, we received funds from the QLD Govt's Gambling Community Benefit Fund to help us refresh most of our old archaic club assets which have long been written off. Here again, are the five areas where we have received funding:

PA System – Amp, Microphones, Mixer, Mic Stands, Leads	\$6,114
Projector and Screen	\$4,908
Laptops x 2 plus Microsoft Office, Security and Accounting packages	\$5,086
Website Development	\$6,600
Club Banners	\$800
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS	\$23,508

By way of an update:

- We have now purchased all the above items.
- Work is continuing on the development of the website with the funds we received.
- As we have some funds remaining after purchase of the above items, we have applied to the Queensland Government's Grant managers for a 'variation' to spend some of these savings on a good quality printer for the Club and some cases for the new equipment we purchased. It'll be a real bonus if we can get this approved.

We are required to 'acquit' the funds by 30th November (we got approval for an extension) and I expect that we will be returning about \$1,000 - \$1,500 of unspent Grant funds to the QLD Govt once we have purchased all the approved items. I will continue to keep you updated on our Grant spending.

In other news, here are the financial results from the last three functions/events since our last Newsletter:

- Christmas-in-July - Excess of Income over Expenses (Profit) of \$608
- Anniversary Dance 2024 - Excess of Income over Expenses (Profit) of \$383
- FSOQ SRI Lanka Day – Excess of Expenses over Income (Loss) \$204

Thanks for your continued support of the Club's events.

Laurensz 😊
Treasurer



Members' news

EVELYN MARGARET BERENGER –

Born 28th July 1941 in Sale, Victoria; - Died Aged 81 on 28th August 2024.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Evelyn Margaret Berenger, wife of former Silver Fawn Club President, Ric Berenger, who served as President in 2004. Evelyn was a cherished member of our community and will be deeply missed. She leaves behind her two daughters, Tanya Bellchambers and Caroline Taylor, as well as her beloved grandchildren, Kate, Ashton, and Imogen. Our thoughts are with Ric and the entire Berenger family during this difficult time. Evelyn's warmth and kindness will be remembered by all who knew her.



ALOMA CIVET nee GONSAL

We are sad to advise the passing of Row Western's sister and Laurensz Manricks' Aunt ALOMA CIVET in France on the 28th July. Some Silver Fawn Members will remember her from our younger days in Colombo, as part of the Gonsal Family.

Cheers



ROW



NEW MEMBERS

The management Committee are pleased to welcome the new members who have joined in recent months.

We are not able to include the list of new members in this edition but be assured they are welcomed, and we hope they enjoy participation in club events and have a long and happy association with the club. We hope to be able to include the list in the next edition of Silverscene,



Club News

At the MultiCultural Queensland Function hosted by the leader of the opposition, David Crisafulli and John-Paul Langbroek, Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism that was held on the 28th August 2024 at the Parliament House Annexe, which I was invited to, the Silver Fawn Club was acknowledged for the significant contribution to the multicultural community of Queensland. We were presented with a certificate that I accepted on behalf of our club.

Brian



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Christmas in July

Letter received from Denis and Suzie Anthonisz

Dear Brian

On pondering the wonderful achievements, spirit and joy of Australia's Olympic athletes, the achievements of the Silver Fawn Club come to mind – a celebratory community of Australian Sri Lankans who enjoy each other's company.

I write to congratulate you and the committee on the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in July. It epitomised the essence of the Silver Fawn Club; good food, good company and good music. Ray, Arden and Ty got the party started and filled the dance floor. The dinner provided by Thilani was delicious as were the treats gifted us by Ruth and Tammy. The event was enhanced by the beautiful décor which brought Christmas to life six months early.

So to the Committee, my thanks, for all your hard work in giving the members and guests who made the 'cut' such a memorable evening.

Denis Anthonisz

**A Big Thank You to our Sponsors of the Raffle Prizes for
the Anniversary Dance 2024**



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Anniversary Dinner Dance

The Silver Fawn Club's 54th Annual Dinner Dance at the Mitchelton Seniors Centre on August 31st was a night for the books – or at least the dance floor. With a capacity crowd of over 125 members and guests, including 42 newbies, returnees, and a splash of Goan flavour (10 from the Goan community, to be exact), the evening was a resounding success!

The venue was decked out in a stylish silver and black theme, thanks to the décor genius Suzie Anthonisz, with Tami Dissanayake lending a helping hand. It was so fancy you might've thought you wandered into a high-end gala – except, you know, with fewer tiaras and more raffle tickets.

Upon arrival, guests were treated to warm and tasty Entrées, served by the ever-attentive committee. These little bites kept everyone's hunger at bay while they patiently awaited the dinner: a Sri Lankan buffet prepared by Ruwan from Negombo Caterers. Let's just say there were no leftovers, and we're pretty sure a few guests considered sneaking out with doggy bags.

The formal part of the evening kicked off with a welcome speech by President Brian Dissanayake, who was all about gratitude – he had guests standing to remember past members and thanked the past Presidents and long-standing members rise to their feet, giving them a well-deserved round of applause for their unwavering commitment and for keeping the club alive and kicking for over 50 years (talk about dedication!). And, of course, a special nod went to the Life Members in attendance—because, let's be honest, they've earned the right to eternal VIP status!

Then it was time for some fun! The Baby Boomer Party Band took to the stage, and within minutes, the dance floor was packed. The band seemed to have some sort of psychic connection with the crowd because they played exactly what everyone wanted to hear. Who knew your Uncle Bob had such moves?

Meanwhile, Tyron Allon was on a mission: sell those raffle tickets! He even got some guests to help out. Despite a few stubborn tickets that clung to the sellers like they had commitment issues, every last one was sold. 150 envelopes – gone! Thanks to Tami for pulling together beautiful raffle prizes, though we suspect her secret skill might be hypnotising people into buying tickets. We'd also like to give a big shoutout to the generous sponsors who made our raffle prizes the envy of the night:

- Prabath, Manager of Coco Gabba, for the fabulous dining voucher (because who doesn't love a free meal?)
- Bithun of Bangkok Milton, for another dining voucher (because one can never have too many dinners out, right?)
- Channa of AustAsia Foods Annerley, for the delicious hamper of Sri Lankan "goodies" (it was like a culinary treasure chest that no one wanted to share!)

Thanks to all for making our raffle just as exciting as the dance floor!

As the night wound down, the Silver Fawn Club president and committee were showered with thanks from members and guests for a fabulous night. And in true community spirit, when it came time to clean up, guests jumped in to help pack away tables and chairs, mop floors, and tidy the kitchen. Nothing says "successful party" like a well-mopped floor at the end of the night!

Here's to another 54 years of fun, laughter and fellowship.

Namal and Ranjan Wijeratne



Anniversary Dinner Dance



**Members had a
great time at the
Anniversary
Dinner Dance**





Sri Lanka Day

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A big thank you to club members Chris Anthonisz, Camille Gonsal and Brian and Tami's daughter who made a heap of Ice Coffee to us, to my sister Nicola who made the Ribbon Cake and donated the Kisses, and to Linda Anthonisz for making the Milk Toffee and Coconut

Rock.

Unfortunately, there was limited demand for our offerings, and sales were poor. Still, it was more important that our Club participated, and I want to thank Gerard, Ray and Maithri for their hard work in planning and running the stall.

Laurensz



Image from FSOQ website.



Hoppers and Bingo Lunch



Silver Fawn Club

Presents

'Hoppers & Bingo Lunch'

Bingo's returning to our function after a 'long lay-off'

'ALL you can eat, Hoppers & Egg Hoppers'

Includes two Curries, two Sambols and Dhal

at

Everton Park Bowls Club

on

Sunday 27th October 2024

12 noon - 3.30pm



Price: Members \$35 Non-Members \$40

Drinks: Bar facilities at Bowls Club prices - NO 'BYO' PLEASE

Bookings: Filling fast. Please book & pay prior to October 18 (90 max.)

Silver Fawn Club Inc

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Reference: Your Name & Hopper Lunch

For Bookings Contact:

Gerard 0407 453 535

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Ray 0416 844 374



Or any other committee member



Christmas Carols



SILVER FAWN CLUB Inc **Christmas Carols**



Saturday 7th December 2024
6.00pm - 11.00pm (to be confirmed)

Venue: Everton Park Bowls Club (NO BYO)

Music: by Ray & Arden

Tickets: Prices to be confirmed

Limited to 90 members & guests

Christmas Carols to commence the evening, followed by dinner and dancing

Special Christmas Buffet being finalised including Christmas Cake of course

For BOOKINGS Contact:

Brian 0421 210 0421 Ray 0416 844 374

Gerard 0407 453 535 Laurensz 0408 414 973



New Year's Eve Ball



SILVER FAWN CLUB Inc

New Year's Eve

Come join OUR party and welcome in the New Year

Venue: Everton Park Bowls Club (No BYO)
Time: 7.30pm - 1.00am
Band: Cool DADDIES with Inder Naru
Tickets: Prices to be confirmed

Great Buffet Dinner being finalised including traditional 'Kiribath' at midnight



For BOOKINGS Contact

Brian 0421 210 0421

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PROPOSED BY: SIGNATURE: _____
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(Financial Member)

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Interstate /Country	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student (no income)	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

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♦ Cheques should be made payable to "Silver Fawn Club Inc."

♦ Direct Deposit: A/C Name: Silver Fawn Club Inc. Commonwealth Bank. BSB: 064 131 A/C: 00902934 (Ref: Your initials and Surname) ♦ Membership fees are from 1st February to 31st January and NOT for 12 months from the date of payment.

♦ This form should be completed and sent to the Membership Officer, Silver Fawn Club Inc., 63 Beresford Circuit, Bracken Ridge, Qld 4017

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