



SilverScene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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Jul-Aug-Sep 2025



Club Calendar

Event	Date	Bookings close
55th Anniversary Gala Ball	27th September 2025	13th September 2025
Pound & Pint - Bring a plate & buy a Pint!	26th October 2025	12th October 2025
Christmas Dinner & Carols	13th December 2025	29 th November 2025
New Years Eve Dance	31st December 2025	12 th December 2025
Have a Chat & Fund Raiser	postponed TBA	

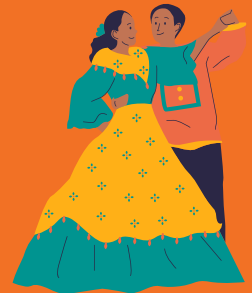
Silver Fawn Club Inc. Cancellation Policy

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.



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MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Silver Fawn Club Inc.
55th Anniversary Gala Ball

at

Hotel Grand Chancellor
Wickham Tce, Spring Hill



27th September, 2025

Baby Boomers Party Band

Dinner and Dancing

7:00pm to midnight



55



Members: \$75

Guests: \$85

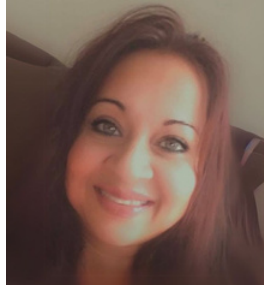
On site Parking \$20

15% Accommodation discount available from Hotel

A note from the Editor

Hello dear Members!

*Your thoughts
and feedback
are always
welcome!*



I trust everyone is keeping warm and well as the August winds continue into September this year, but I hear good weather is on its way very soon!

With our 55th Anniversary Gala Ball on 27th September 2025 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Brisbane merely a week or so away, we are busily finalising a night to remember! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to some great music, a fabulous venue, and a delicious meal, making it an unforgettable evening. Ticket sales have been brisk, but we still have a few spots left, so please contact our committee members if you have not already done so. Celebrating our club anniversary is a perfect time to pause and reflect on the rich history of our beloved club and the dedication and hard work of many who have generously given their time to ensure "the good times" continue over the last 55 years.

The rest of the year is also looking busy for the Committee, with three more events on the agenda before we bid farewell to 2025 at our New Year's dinner dance.

Since the last newsletter, we celebrated Christmas in July and FSOQ Sri Lanka Day, both of which were successful events thanks to the continued support of our club members and the hard work of the committee members and our families.

Everyone is feeling the pinch of rising costs these days, but we will strive to offer fun and affordable events and ask for your support.

We encourage all members to ensure that the Club has your current email address. This will allow us to send you an electronic copy of the Newsletter, supporting significant cost savings for the Club and helping the environment by reducing printing. Additionally, having your email makes it much easier to keep in regular contact and share important information with everyone through email blasts.

Let's make the most of our upcoming events and continue celebrating our club's vibrant community!

Your thoughts and feedback are always welcome!



Sincerely,

Deborah Janz

Messages from our members!



Hi Tamara,
Just had a
quarter Lumprais
& please
mention to your
friend, it was
delicious. I
couldn't eat
anymore. Had
hoppers for
lunch and
Lumprais for
dinner was just
too much. But
had to tell you
they were
scrumptious,
delicious.

Take care,
Ramya

Dear Brian and Committee,

Row and I offer our congratulations on a well-run and enjoyable Christmas In July event on 13 July.

The relaxed atmosphere contributed to the success of the event. Silver Fawn's organisation has become quite legendary thanks to the hard work of the Committee.

The icicle decorations and tables decorated with Bon Bons gave it that Christmas touch and Jeremy's delicious catering is always appreciated with plenty of sweets to take home, along with the special Christmas Cake.

We would have liked some Christmas music (not carols) to really get the Christmas cheer going.
Apart from Teckla, who looked great, not many attendees dressed in Christmas style.

As always Laurensz was an entertaining compere and Ray and Johny sang extremely well.

The raffle and prizes were well received and a good time was had by all, especially the table that won 3 prizes!

Thanks again for another successful event.

Cheers
Alan & Row Western



President's Message

Dear Members,

Can you believe it that we are at the halfway mark of our tenure!



So far, we have put together a successful Annual Camp at Lake Perseverance which was well attended by you and your guests. Following on from there we then had our Christmas in July Lunch on the 13th July where we had 92 members and guests attend. This was another fabulous SOLD-OUT event. Once again, a big thank you to our members for your continued support. Debbie Jansz was coordinator for this function and with assistance from some of our committee members, she did a wonderful job in the organising and planning to ensure that it was a huge success. We were so fortunate to have Jeremy Henderling cater for this function and what a sumptuous meal he provided us, along with traditional Christmas goodies. As always Rena Henderling added her touch for Christmas Cake and Desserts. A detailed Report on this function can be found in this Newsletter. A Big Thank you to Jeremy and Rena.

Then on the 31st August, the FSOQ's Annual Sri Lanka Day was held at the Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks. Another fantastic Sri Lanka Day, with so many stalls, a mix of cultural and other entertainment on the main stage, and that HUGE crowd, I reckon it was the best and most successful of them all. As we had done in the previous years, once again we had a presence with our very own stall. We

sold a range of traditional Sri Lankan food like an authentic Lamprais, Iced Coffee, Kiribath sweet and savoury, vegetable gothambas, seeni sambol and brinjal moju packs. By 1 pm we had completely sold out of all our goodies. Jayantha Weerasekera, secretary FSOQ, made a comment to me that we were 'a happy stall' referring to the way we were enjoying ourselves and how we were assisting our customers. This feedback was very encouraging and rewarding for the hard work that was put in by our team and a big thank you to those who were present on the day... Debbie Jansz, Laurensz Manricks, Tyrone Allon, Ray Anthonisz and Tamara Dissanayake, who looked after our stall.

At the last moment, Suzie and Denis Anthonisz could not make it as Suzie was unwell. However, Denis visited us with Iced Coffee that they donated. Tamara too donated Iced Coffee. Our thanks to Debbie, her aunt Dimple Johns and her family for preparing and packaging the Lamprais, Kiribath, seeni sambol and brinjal moju. This was a massive effort put in by them and we greatly appreciate this. The result speaks for itself as most of the Lamprais were pre-booked and the rest were sold out at the stall along with all the other yummy food. It was good to see several of our members visit the stall and buy stuff too. Thanks! This is an indication that our email blasts and reminders are working well. In conclusion, for us, it was rewarding and financially very successful too.

Now on to our next big function...The 55th Anniversary Gala Ball at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on Saturday 27th September 2025.

President's Message

This will be a superb night with 70s, 80s and 90s music for Dancing courtesy of 'The Baby Boomers Party Band' and a sumptuous meal provided by the Hotel. This will be an elegant function and will give us the chance to dress up for the occasion and have an enjoyable night. With the overwhelming support from you, we are up to 120 plus bookings. A few more tickets are still available. Suzie Anthonisz has taken on the task of coordinating this event. She has been working very hard to ensure we deliver another enjoyable evening. She has had several meetings, and she has also been in constant contact with the event coordinator of the hotel. Rest assured that you are going to have an enjoyable evening.

You must have noticed that we are making progressive changes like re-vamping our website to a new look and by moving our existing membership records to a digital CRM. In the process we have encountered a few issues like members' emails have been missed due to the transition. Please don't panic. We respectfully request you to bear with us as we work towards sorting out these issues very soon. In the meantime, remember as a member you have a Voice, and we will listen. Please do not approach another member or even an ex-committee member as we have found this happening on several occasions and at times incorrect information has been transmitted. So, in the event you experience any of the above or other issues please feel free to contact me or anyone of us from the committee directly. This also ensures that we can address matters accurately, promptly and with the appropriate context. Thank you.

We have had six Management Committee Meetings to date.

We are planning more exciting and entertaining functions to follow:

- 55th Anniversary Gala Ball on 27th September 2025 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Brisbane
- Pound & Pint - 26th October 2025 - a lunchtime function
- Christmas Dinner & Carols on 13th December 2025
- New Years Eve Dance - 31st December 2025

To attend any of these functions, please ensure your membership fees are up to date to take advantage of the special member rates. If you are not sure that your fees are paid up, please contact the Treasurer, Laurensz or any committee member who will be more than happy to assist you.

Once again, I would like to remind you that we are continuing to implement new cost saving initiatives regarding the Newsletter, by moving away from mailing out printed copies. I would like to request you to re-think receiving your newsletter by mail and convert to an electronic copy by email. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank all the members in advance, for your continued support and participation at all our Club events and functions. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the Management Committee members for their continued hard work and tireless efforts that have made our functions very successful. You are an amazing bunch of lovely people and it's a great pleasure working with you.

Thank you and stay safe!!!

Brian Dissanayake

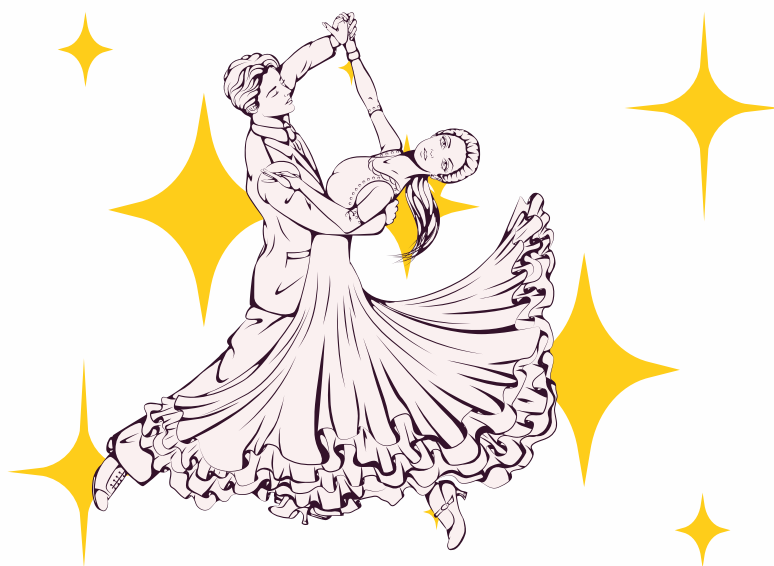
An important note to our members

55th Anniversary Gala Ball

We are all set for a night of good food and toe tapping dancing to celebrate our 55th Anniversary at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on 27th September!

We were a little disappointed however, that our bookings for 145 were whittled down to 119 as the payment date approached and this required a great deal of soft shoe shuffling as we made the changes necessary to make the evening a financial breakeven.

- Denis Anthonisz



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Christmas in July HAVE-A-CHAT



On the 13th July 2025 we celebrated another Christmas in July 'Have a Chat' event at Everton Park Bowls Club, with 92 members and guests in attendance. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable, making it a truly memorable occasion in true Silver Fawn style.

The afternoon began with our Club President, Brian, who delivered a welcome and shared updates on our upcoming events. Our MC Laurensz always brings humour to the events, creating a fun and relaxed atmosphere for everyone so thank you Laurensz.

The culinary experience was exceptional, thanks to Jeremy Henderling and his team of helpers. It always warms my heart to see a family that work well together towards a successful outcome so thank you to Rena, Jeremy's brother Mark and his nephews Joshua & Isaac, for all your hard work. Our guests enjoyed a delightful entrée featuring Beef Patties, Fish Cutlets, and Asparagus Rolls, followed by a sumptuous main course that included Ghee Rice, Beef Smore, Chicken Curry, Leg Ham with the best mustard sauce that I have eaten and an array of sides that satisfied every palate. The dessert spread was nothing short of indulgent, with Rena Henderling's celebrated Christmas Cake stealing the show.

Entertainment provided by Ray Anthonisz and Johnny Cole was a highlight, with their musical selection inspiring a packed dance floor that reflected the joy of the event.

Our raffle once again showcased the generosity of our community, and the surprise lucky door prize donated by the Henderlings, was filled with homemade treats and it sure was a delightful addition that brought smiles all around and envy of the winner.

I managed to turn the hall into a festive Christmas atmosphere draping icicles from the ceiling and adorning the tables with Christmas greenery, silver baubles and bonbons to capture the spirit of the season. My heartfelt thanks to Jeremy for generously trusting me to use some of his beautiful decorations which I then personalised to bring my vision to life.

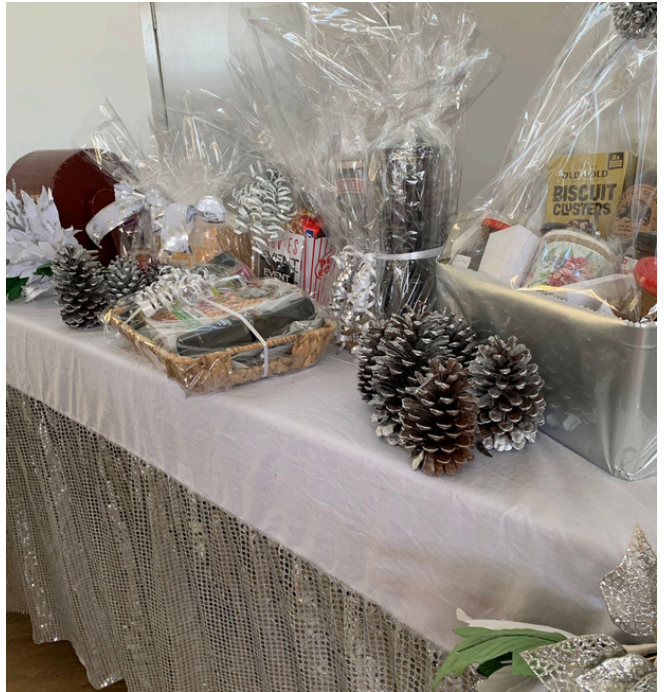
A heartfelt thank you to the committee, especially Tamara and Suzie who helped me leading up to and during the event! Your help played a crucial role in its success.

To all members and guests, your participation was invaluable. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next function, continuing to build on this wonderful sense of community and celebration of our club.

Deborah

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - HAVE A CHAT

A picture says a thousand words



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FSOQ - SRI LANKA DAY 2025

Initially we were quite hesitant to participate in this event due to the lack of member support in the past and due to past disappointment with sales. However, during a meeting we decided it was essential to be present, and I volunteered to take on the cooking responsibilities. This was a new experience for me, while I've organised fetes and helped with stalls, I had never handled cooking on this scale before. Fortunately, it turned out much better than I anticipated, thanks to my supportive family. My Aunts Dimple, Helene and Tamaris and my wonderful mother, Aloma, were all eager to showcase their culinary skills.

Together we prepared an array of beloved dishes including Lamprais, which was simply irresistible! It featured Ghee Rice, a three meat curry, Brinjal Moju, Blachan, Seeni Sambal, Frikkadels, Egg and Ash plantain curry all beautifully wrapped in a banana leaf. I am thrilled to report that we sold out completely on the day! Additionally, we offered Kiri Bath with fresh Salmon curry and Lunu Miris, Kiri bath with Pani Pol, delicious Gothambas and refreshing Iced Coffee.

It was a relief to see all our food disappear early, though it was disappointing for those who arrived too late to grab a taste.



A little about the day.... For those who missed it.

Sri Lanka Day 2025 was the 5th year of celebrating FSOQ's signature food and multicultural festivities. This festival continues to make a meaningful contribution to Brisbane and its multicultural unity. It was a perfect day of celebrating the richness of our island's heritage and showcasing our renowned culinary traditions.

The festivities kicked off at 9.30am with Traditional Kandyan Dance by Brisbane Sinhala School Senior Dance group, followed by many more acts throughout the day like the Traditional Sabaragame Dance, Music Performances, Kathak and Bollywood Mix, Vietnamese & Romanian performances, lighting of the Oil lamp, Singing of the Sri Lankan and Australian National Anthems, welcome speeches from Dr Jay Weerawardena and other dignitaries, beautiful Sri Lankan traditional drumming, Address by Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner. Then there was the presentation of "Community Service Champion Award" which was received by our very own Rena Henderling and Davenal Flanderka for many years of community service!

Congratulations to you both for this great achievement!

The festivities came to an end around 4pm with a few more dances and fashion shows, Saree Styles of Lanka and a finale performance by Nimal Punchihewa and Kushanie Punchihewa.

This is a great event to attend, so keep an eye out for the date for next year as you won't be disappointed.

Deborah

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

This year the FSOQ awarded two members of the Silver Fawn Club to receive a FSOQ Community Service Champion Award. This award is restricted to three community service champions so it is indeed a great achievement that two of this year's recipients of this award are Members of the Silver Fawn Club.

The award is in appreciation of their exemplary service to the Sri Lankan community over several decades.

We therefore congratulate Davenal Flanderka and Rena Henderling both Life Members of our club on receiving this award.

Davenal has been a longstanding committee member having held many positions as well as having been a past President of the Club. He held this position for many years.

Rena with her husband Donnie joined the club in 1970 and is one of a select list of current members who have been a continuous member of our club since inception. Rena has also served on the club's committee in various positions as well as displaying her culinary skills for members to enjoy.



Anton Swan, Lord Mayor Adrian Schinnerer, Rena Henderling, Davenal Flanderka, third recipient and Dr Jay Weerawardena (President FSOQ)



Lord Mayor Adrian Schinnerer & Rena Henderling

*It's time we had an Old Fashioned Get Together
So..... let's have a Pound and Pint Party!*

*Bring a Pound – a plate of your choice to share (savoury or sweet)
Buy a Pint – at Bowls Club Rates
Have a Chat – and play Bingo*



*Sunday October 26th
12:00pm to 3:30pm
At Everton Park Bowls Club*



*Bingo and
Heads or Tails
Bring gold coins to join in the fun*

*Music for the afternoon provided
by Ray Anthonisz*

*Please contact one of the Committee members below to let us know you will be
there on the day. Tables and chairs will be provided so you can play musical chairs
to meet and greet others or simply sit with your old friends.*

*Brian and Tammy
0421 210 421*

*Denis and Suzie
0409 533 540*

*Ranjan and Namal
0434 608 779*

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payable at the door to cover room hire*

Silver Fawn Recognised

Silver Fawn Recognised at Multicultural Community Reception

Our President, Brian Dissanayake, was honoured to represent the Silver Fawn Club at the 2025 Multicultural Community Reception, hosted by The Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Premier of Queensland.

Held on 20 August 2025 in the Premier's and Speaker's Hall at Parliament House, the event brought together leaders from a wide range of multicultural communities.

Silver Fawn was formally acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the Club's ongoing contribution to the Sri Lankan community.



CERTIFICATE of Appreciation

PRESENTED ON THE 20TH OF AUGUST 2025 TO

**Silver Fawn Club
(Sri Lankan Community)**

in acknowledgement of significant contribution to
Queensland's multicultural community.

The Hon David Crisafulli MP
Premier and Minister for Veterans

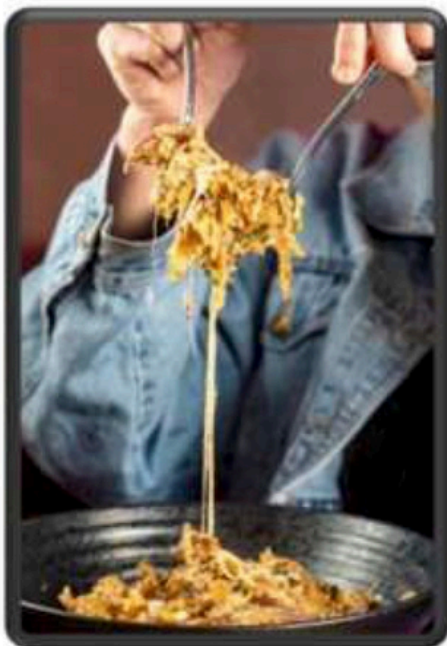
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New look Website & Club Communications update

The Silver Fawn Club recently launched its new website and you will have seen some changes to our group emails. These are part of the changes to make it easier for the Club to manage club affairs. Thank you for being patient as we work hard to make life easier for the committee and all Club members.

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Have friends who want to join the Silver Fawn?

Please share our new online Member Form website link:

www.silverfawn.com/join



Did you know the Silver Fawn is on Facebook?

The Silver Fawn Club has a Public facing Facebook Page as well as a members-only Facebook Group which will reflect the happenings of the Club as well as help our members to communicate and connect online.

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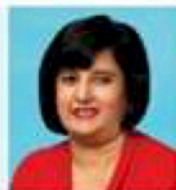


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Comic Corner

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet.
I don't know y.

What do you call a factory that makes okay products?
A satisfactory.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...
She gave me a hug.

What do you call a line of men waiting for a haircut?
A barberqueue.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho cheese.
(not your)

What did the zero say to the eight?
Nice belt!



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