



# SilverScene

Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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April-May-June 2026

## Proposed Club Calendar

Event	Date	Bookings close
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Fashion Parade	24th May	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Anniversary Ball	4 July	TBA
Have A Chat	September	TBA
FSOQ Sri Lanka Day	4 October	
Christmas Carols	December	December
New Year's Eve	December	December 2026

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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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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I step into the role of President of the Silver Fawn Club with humility and a touch of apprehension. My humility comes from recognizing the dedication and efforts of the many distinguished Presidents and Committee members who have worked tirelessly out of love for the club, shaping its proud history. My trepidation stems from some personal health challenges I am currently facing.



I have a long-standing connection with the Silver Fawn Club, having been a member since its founding year in 1970. My parents, Stanley and Therese Anthonisz, were part of the foundation committee, and it was at a Silver Fawn Bingo night that I met my wife, Suzie, also in 1970. Over the years, I have served on the Committee in various roles, including Club Captain, General Committee member, and Secretary. I also fondly recall my younger days as part of the Silver Fawn cricket team, which competed admirably in the Warehouse Cricket competition. Sadly, our days of highly competitive sports competitions are now memories rather than current reality. Did you know we once held an Annual Trophy Night, graced by renowned sportspeople, with a table full of trophies for the winners?

Silver Fawn was established as a social outlet for expat Sri Lankan immigrants beginning their lives in a new country. Most of our early members had young families, and the club organized adult dances, family picnics, car rallies, and fiercely contested annual sporting events. Children's Christmas parties were highlights, held at venues like the Kedron AFL Club and St Columban's Club House and grounds at Banyo. Santa's entrance was always grand—one year he even arrived on a fire engine! However, our demographic has shifted over time. Today, most members are retirees, and their children do not have the same social and emotional ties to Sri Lankan culture or the club itself.

Our challenge in our 56th year is to meet the social needs of our ageing members by offering daytime events that foster the camaraderie and good times for which Silver Fawn is known. At the same time, we want to keep alive the memories of our grand dance nights, filled with dressing up, glamour, and bustling dance floors at stylish city hotels. Last year's Anniversary Gala Ball at the Grand Chancellor was a smashing success, bringing back the halcyon days of our youth.

I would like to express my gratitude to the outgoing Committee members: Brian Dissanayake for his outstanding, team-focused leadership; Tami Dissanayake for her dedication and hard work; Debbie Jansz for her energy and creativity; and Maithri Jayawardhana for his commitment to the Committee and the Club.

A warm welcome to our returning Committee member, Thomazine Fernando, and to our new Committee members, Dayan Pieris, Vivienne Pieris and Stephanie Kreltszhiem.

I hope the 2026 Committee continues the tradition of energetic voluntary service and commitment of our predecessors, further enriching the tapestry of the Silver Fawn story. We invite you to join us as we embark on this journey. Please support our first two events of the year: the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show in May, and the 56th Anniversary Gala Ball in July.

*Denis*

**President**



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## 2026 Committee elected at the AGM



**President:** Denis Anthonisz  
**Vice President:** Ranjan Wijeratne  
**Vice President:** Ray Anthonisz  
**Secretary:** Suzie Anthonisz  
**Asst. Secretary:** Thomazine Fernando  
**Treasurer:** Laurensz Manricks  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Tyrone Allon  
**Club Captain:** Dayan Pieris

**General Committee:**  
Gerard Fernando  
Namal Wijeratne  
Vivienne Pieris  
Stephanie Kreltszheim



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Mother's Day Celebration and Fashion Parade on 24 May 2026 promises to be an afternoon of fun, fashion and feasting.*

*Would you like to be a model for the afternoon? U and I Fashions are looking for mature models to show off their clothes on the day.*

*Call Suzie on  
0409 533 540*



The 56th Anniversary Gala Ball to be held on 4 July 2026 promises to be a night of glitz and glamour. Following a successful event in 2025 we have booked the Hotel Grand Chancellor again this year.

Get your tables of 8 - 10 organised and book early to avoid disappointment. Finer details to be advertised shortly.

**Reminder - If you haven't yet paid your membership fees for 2026 could you please do so as soon as possible.**

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and a Fashion Parade*

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**Suzie Anthonisz: 0409 533 540**

**Laurensz Manricks: 0408 414 973**

**Namal Wijeratne: 0433 427 377**

*Bookings close 14 May 2026*

*Members. \$30.00*

*Guests \$40:00*

## FSOQ Welcome Reception for the New Queensland Hon Consul for Sri Lanka



Brian and Tami Dissanayake, Ranjan and Namal Wijeratne, along with Suzie and Denis Anthonisz, attended the FSOQ Welcome Reception for the new Queensland Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka, Mr Nalin Perera, at the Jindalee Bowls Club on 6 March. Nalin, who has lived in Australia for 16 years is a successful businessman and Medical Practice Principal. A number of Federal, State, and Local politicians were also present to support FSOQ, highlighting their ongoing commitment.

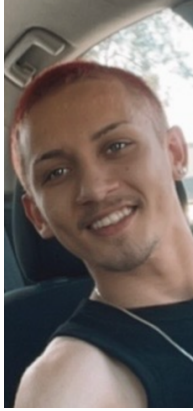
FSOQ serves as the umbrella body for Sri Lankan Clubs and Organisations in Queensland. On the night, guests also celebrated more than 35 years of dedicated service by FSOQ Patron and Silver Fawn Club member, Mr Anton Swan O.A.M. The evening had a warm, festive feel, with Sri Lankan cultural music and dance performances, followed by a delicious meal provided by Thilani Catering and speeches from attending dignitaries.

As well as bringing Sri Lankan organisations together, FSOQ plays a major role in fundraising and humanitarian work in Sri Lanka. Right now, they're helping rebuild a school for two hundred students that was destroyed in the recent landslide. During Covid, they arranged hundreds of motorised hospital beds for Sri Lankan hospitals. Every Spring, FSOQ also hosts Sri Lanka Day - a lively celebration of Sri Lankan culture with music, dance and a bustling fair full of traditional food and treats. The Silver Fawn Club has run a stall there for the past few years and encourages members to get involved and enjoy the day.



## OBITUARIES

**CALLENDER, Errol** passed away peacefully on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 in the Nursing Home. Adored youngest brother of Ethel (dec'd) and Betty Vander Poorten.



**COX, Carlton**, son of Debbie Jansz Cox and Danny Cox, brother of Harrison, Shania and Reece. Grandson of Aloma and Anton Martil.

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Carlton Cox on 7 February 2026. Carlton was the beloved son of Deborrah Jansz Cox, our past Vice President and Newsletter Editor. Carlton was loved dearly by family and friends for his kindness, sense of humour and willingness to help others.

**VANDER POORTEN, Hals.** Beloved husband of Betty and father of Nicky, Bronwyn and Fiona (all dec'd), grandfather of Xavier, Harry, Maxine, Ben, Oscar, Lily, Tyrone, Eva, Lola and Rafael passed away peacefully on the 14<sup>th</sup> February after a long illness, aged 89. His funeral took place on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Hals was a familiar face at our functions and he will be missed by those who knew him.



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# MINUTES FROM THE 2026 AGM

## SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Wavell Heights Community Centre,

175 Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

#### **Attendance:**

As per attendance register (41 signed the attendance sheet)

#### **Apologies:**

Chris Anthonisz, Marina & Trevor Ebert, Wimal & Sugee Kannangara, Lukshman James, Anthony Allan, Fyri Fahir and Marilyn Hardy

#### **President's Welcome:**

Brian Dissanayake welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:12pm. He apologised for the change of venue stating that the Everton Park Bowls Club did not honour our booking at the 11th hour due to catering policy changes. Brian thanked Denis and Suzie for organising this venue at Wavell Heights and mentioned this venue has been used by the club in the early years. He acknowledged the presence of Past Presidents and the former Honorary Consul Anton Swan and his wife Bronwyn.

#### **One Minute's Silence:**

Brian asked for a minute's silence for our members who had passed away in the last twelve months. Christina De Silva – wife of Jerome, Rosemary Allon – Tyrone, Bernie, Lorraine and Rodney Allon's cousin, Heather Sims – founding member's daughter, Robie Jayawardhana – Maithri's brother, Chitra Wijesinghe – Preethi's mother, Errol Callender – Betty Van der Poorten's brother, Carlton Cox – Debbie Jansz Cox's son and Hals Van der Poorten – Betty's husband. Brian checked with the assembled members as to whether we have missed any other names and there were none.

#### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

The minutes as published in the last newsletter were proposed by Davenal Flanderka and seconded by John Cole. They were carried without any amendments.

**Management Committee Report for the year 2025/2026** was compiled and presented by Ranjan Wijeratne as published in the January - March 2026 newsletter. Brian briefly went through the information commenting on the following:

- Brian stated that we had 6 functions last year plus the AGM. Only one function, the New Year's Eve function, had a deficit balance. From a financial point of view this was the only function that ran at a loss. Overall the members enjoyed all events.
- The Valentine's Day function had to be cancelled.
- Brian stated that the Camp was very successful raising around \$4k. Brian thanked Andy Weerasinghe and his committee for organising an enjoyable camp for all participants.
- The Christmas in July function was a success under Debbie's leadership.
- This year the FSOQ SL Day stall had a surplus due to the efforts of Debbie Jansz and her family. Brian reminded the members to patronize the stall by purchasing items from the club's stall.
- The 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance was enjoyed by the attendees and Brian thanked Suzie for steering this Gala event.
- The Christmas Celebration and Carols heralded a Christmas atmosphere. Sadly, we had a few problems with the caterer.
- The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance was enjoyed by the participants and Brian thanked the sub committee for a well organised evening.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Laurensz Manricks presented the financial reports referring to the 4 page document distributed. He then touched on the points listed below on the Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet.

1. Income and Expenditure – Had a surplus of \$ 1,171 after including a depreciation of \$4,017
2. The surplus was largely driven by the camp which made a surplus of \$4,077.
3. He mentioned that the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter and the Storage Facility Hire had increased this year.
4. The Term Deposit has been closed after some challenging bank policy changes, and is now included in the Cash at Bank which is why the Cash at Bank is higher than usual. This will be reinvested by the new Committee.
5. He asked if there were any questions regarding the Profit and Loss Statement and answered these questions.
6. Laurensz mentioned that at the last Management Committee Meeting it was agreed to advise members receiving the Newsletter by post, that they will incur an additional charge of \$40 for 4 Newsletters, if they wish to continue with receiving the printed copy.
7. It was mentioned by Dayan Pieris that the Net Surplus would be \$5K if we are to add the annual depreciation.
8. It was proposed to appoint Shiran Seneviratne as the Auditor and Hon Solicitor Paul Pattison for the next year.

## **Appointment of Pro-tem Chairperson**

Before declaring all positions vacant and nominating a Pro-tem chairperson, Brian thanked the outgoing Committee for their hard work and their support towards each other and to our members. He stated that the support from all the members attending these events was much appreciated.

Laurensz thanked the outgoing President Brian for leading the club throughout the year. Brian mentioned that he and Tami would gladly assist the new committee in events planned during this year. On behalf of the outgoing committee, Denis thanked Brian and Tami, and Suzie presented gifts to Brian and Tami to show our appreciation for their hard work and service on the Committee.

## **Election of Office Bearers:**

Brian vacated the chair as the outgoing President and welcomed Alan Western as Pro-tem Chairman for the selection of the new office bearers. Alan read out the following nominations received for the office bearers for 26/27.

He stated that if there was only one nominee for each position then that nominee would be duly elected to the position.

**President** - Denis Anthonisz, nominated by Ray Anthonisz and seconded by Gerard Fernando .

**Vice Presidents:** Ranjan Wijeratne, nominated by Brian Dissanayake, seconded by Denis Anthonisz and Ray Anthonisz, nominated by Namal Wijeratne and seconded by Brian Dissanayake.

**Secretary:** Suzie Anthonisz, nominated by Gerard Fernando, seconded by Namal Wijeratne.

**Assistant Secretary:** Thomazine Fernando, nominated by Suzie Anthonisz and seconded by Denis Anthonisz.

**Hon Treasurer:** Laurensz Manricks, nominated by Mangala Rodrigo and seconded by Brian Dissanayake.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Tyrone Allon, nominated by Brian Dissanayake and seconded by Namal Wijeratne.

**Club Captain:** No Nomination.

**General Committee:** Only two nominations were received: Gerard Fernando nominated by Denis Anthonisz and seconded by Suzie Anthonisz and Namal Wijeratne nominated by Gerard Fernando and seconded by Ranjan Wijeratne.

## **Conclusion of meeting**

Alan then handed the meeting back to the newly elected President, Denis who welcomed the new Committee and thanked the members for attending the AGM. He stated that he looked forward to the continued support of the members in 2026.

**The meeting closed at 7.05pm**

**Ranjan Wijeratne  
Hon. Secretary**

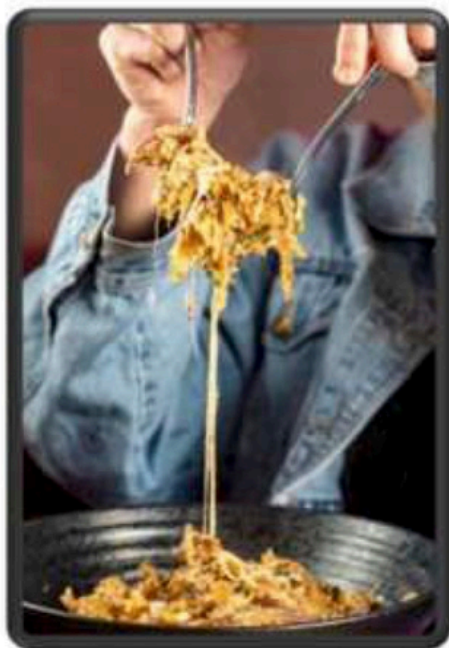
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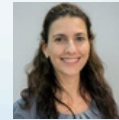
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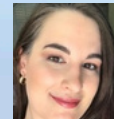
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