



**TANGASSERI-AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF MELBOURNE INC**

**NEWSLETTER 2014/2015**

GREAT NEWS EVERYONE! – THE TANGASSERI AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF MELBOURNE INC, has achieved the milestone of 20 years. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Association was celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 with a spectacular display of co-ordination, co-operation and talent. This event has been achieved with the combined efforts of the Committee Members and the support of the loyal Members of the Association.

Friends, you have been fantastic in your co-operation and participation in all the events programmed over the years and we look forward to more of your efforts this year as well. Further, we request more members and also the younger generation to initiate and promote activities that involve all ages, and assist in the progress of this Association. Opportunities are available to reveal your innovative and contemporary skills. We request you to take up this challenge. New Members, we warmly welcome you and assure you that you will enjoy the social activities and friendship proffered by the Association. We look forward to seeing all our members with family and friends at the various functions/events.

**The following are the Founder/Committee Members of our Association:**

**FOUNDER MEMBERS**

Allen, Herwin & Jennifer  
Allen, Oswyn & Lynda  
Allen, Jim & Trudy  
Bartholomeusz, Duncan & Rose  
Bartholomeusz, Osmond & Dilys  
Cooper, Avelyn  
D'Crus, Grenville & Zita  
D'Crus, Lloyd & Celine  
D'Rozario, Philroy & Ann  
Fernandez, Winburne & Flavy  
Gonsalvez, Harold & Flossy

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Allen, Herwin         | President       |
| Bartholomeusz, Rose   | Vice President  |
| D'Crus, Grenville     | Secretary       |
| DeCouto, Judy         | Asst. Secretary |
| Fernandez, Winburne   | Treasurer       |
| Allen, Lynda          | Nom. Member     |
| Allen, Jim            | Comm. Member    |
| Bartholomeusz, Osmond | Nom. Member     |
| Cooper, Avelyn        | Comm. Member    |
| D'Crus Lloyd          | Nom. Member     |
| D'Rozario, Philip     | Comm. Member    |
| Fernandez, Nolan      | Comm. Member    |
| Gonsalvez, Harold     | Comm. Member    |
| McNerney, Roy         | Comm. Member    |

**PRESIDENT'S NOTE: (Herwin Allen)**

Welcome to the Association's 2014/2015 Newsletter.

Last year 2014 was an auspicious year for the Association. A GREAT MILESTONE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED 20 years of our existence was celebrated on the 14 of June 2014. The Function held at the Number 90 Reception Centre-Oakleigh was well supported with nearly 90 per cent of our members attending. It was a night to remember. The evening commenced with a thanksgiving Mass said by Fr Joseph Amla and the celebrations continued into the night with a dinner dance combined with a cultural program. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Hon. Consul General for India Ms. Manicka Jain and Mr. Abesalom Nega Commissioner Multicultural Commission of Victoria. Both dignitaries congratulated the Association on

its achievement and commended our role in Multicultural Victoria . The highlight of the night was the enactment of 'A glimpse into the history of Tangasseri portrayed by the younger members of the Association

Our first venture into the New Years Eve dance was an outstanding success with over 550 attending the celebrations. The Seniors' day. Family day & Christmas party and the Hopper Night were well patronised. In addition, a big thank you to those members who contributed items of food and clothing to the Charity project held during the functions.

Our program for this year is already under way with our Annual Dance on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015. We hope to see all members actively participate in the event. This is also an election year for the Executive Committee members. I call on the younger members of our Association to nominate, get elected and participate in energising and invigorating the Association.

Once again thanks to all our Committee members and members for their hard work and support that contributed to our success in 2014, and I look forward to your continuing support in 2015

Your suggestions on the activities of the Association via our email are most welcome.



### **ANNUAL DANCE: 09 August 2014 ( Philroy D'Rozario)**

By public demand our Annual Dance was held on 09 August 2014 at 'Springvale Town Hall' and WOW! what a resounding success it had been. As in the last two years the bands in attendance were the two best bands in Melbourne 'Next Generation' and 'Phoenix'. Both bands especially 'Next Generation' put up a super performance that saw the enthusiastic crowd on their feet exhibiting a variety of steps. It was reminiscent of the old days in Tangasseri. As usual the dance was well organised and was quite successful with more than 450 people attending. This is in spite of a number of our regular patrons not being able to attend due to other commitments. Our sincere thanks go to our Members who attended the function. The number of members attending were down and we seek more of your support and co-operation in future events.

As is customary with our Annual Dance fantastic prizes were presented to the lucky winners. Our special thanks to the following donors for their continued support and goodwill.

***Roy McNerney - L.J.Hooker, Noble Park***

***Alan DÇruz - Prakriti Australia Pty Ltd***

***Clinton Bartholomeusz – Nivea Beauty Products***

***Adrian Cooke – Harvey Norman***

The food catered by Taste of South India, Dandenong. was excellent and priced competitively. Although catering for such a large crowd for the first time, the caterers coped well with the great demand

We thank our Committee Members and Members for their continued co-operation and participation in this annual event.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00 PM at 'The Sundowner Avenue Community Centre' in Clarinda. The meeting was well attended. In accordance with the constitution, the existing members of the Executive Committee continued to be in office for another year.

The President, Mr Herwin Allen welcomed the members to the meeting and called upon them to continue to support the Association in all its activities. He thanked members for participating in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations held in June 2014 which was a grand success. He also outlined the various activities scheduled for the year – especially the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2014.

Due to the absence of the Secretary, the Annual report was presented by the Assistant Secretary Mrs. Judy DeCouto. The Treasurer, Mr Winburne Fernandez presented the Financial Statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

There was active participation by members who raised queries that were promptly responded to by the President, Treasurer and Assist. Secretary. A members only dinner was held at the conclusion of the meeting



### **KERALA HOPPER NIGHT: 11th October 2014 (Herwin Allen)**

It was a delightful event - our ever popular Kerala Hopper Night was held on the 11th of October 2014. Over 100 food lovers decided to venture to St John Vianneys hall to tantalize their taste buds with some traditional and sumptuous home cooked delicacies

At around 7.30 pm the well liked community game 'housie' set the ball rolling within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and with the spirit of camaraderie in the air, there was a popular demand for two rounds of the community game.

With the aroma of the freshly baked lacy white hoppers wafting through the hall, it was the signal for the aromatic feast to begin. At around 8.45 pm the gourmet food was laid out on the table, which were - Hot Hoppers, in combination with Egg Masala Curry, Chicken Korma and Pork Vindaloo. These traditional dishes were spiced with aromatic flavours. Food lovers indulged themselves in this great food combination with many complementing the chefs and cooks on these home cooked delicacies. It was a culinary delight when sweet syrupy Rice Paysam was served as dessert. .

The night closed on a sombre note when a plaque was placed on Hopper baking stand that was designed and fabricated by Pat Cooper our Eldest Founder Member who passed away on 13 May 2014. The 15 year old Hopper Baking stand is a legacy to the Association

Thanks to all our committee members for their active support and help in the success of the Kerala Hopper Night. Further, we thank all the members, their family and friends for their active participation in this event.

### **SENIORS NIGHT - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 (Judy DeCouto)**

Our Seniors' Night was fantastic. Our very special thanks go to the person who organized and planned this Night. This Social event was held on the 15th of November 2014 at the Noble Park RSL. It was attended by about sixty seniors. The meeting and greeting of so many familiar faces was the height of the evening. The evening continued to be special as we had people from overseas and interstate to join us; who were from our hometown Tangasseri.

The dinner was a three course meal; to start off with a delicious soup followed by Roast of the day or Chicken Parmesan, Fish & Chips, Vegetables or Salad. For the dessert we had Sticky Date Pudding, Fruit salad & Ice cream. A glass of wine, beer and soft drinks were on offer at the outset.

The band was par excellence and every one rocked to the music of both country and Western and hip hop. The Line Dancing was a hit with the whole crowd joining in.

Our thanks to the Committee member/s who planned and organized the event and to the members who attended this event and offered their appreciation and thanks for a lovely night out.



### **FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE: 07 December 2014 (Rose Bartholomeusz)**

Once again this annual event was well attended by members and their families. St John Vianney's Jubilee Hill grounds Police Road, Mulgrave, was the venue but even the inclement weather did not deter the members. Organisers had to rearrange the activities and make it an indoor event. This turned out to be great for the spectators and the children just loved being part of a fun-filled day.

The day started off with a sumptuous barbeque with loads of food and it was a great way of catching up with family and friends before the Sports and games commenced. The competitive spirit of the young and not so young participating in the

sports and games was just wonderful. There was no shortage of participants in all the events – lucky dip race, musical chairs, lime and spoon, ball and bucket, passing the hat, ringing the bottle and the all-time favourite egg-throwing competition, needless to say, this was the only event which had to be held outdoors. On this occasion the icy poles and cordial were not required to keep the competitors cool, the weather did that. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the co-ordinators of this great event.

After the sports everyone gathered for some communal carol singing and a Nativity Pageant performed by the children. It was amazing to observe the number of children that were costumed and participated in the Nativity Scene. Congratulations and thanks to the co-ordinators and the children who took part in the Pageant. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Santa's arrival received great applause from the children and there was a scramble for the lollies that Santa distributed along the way. Santa then presented each child with a gift amidst the flashing of cameras by the paparazzi. Just watching the delight in the children's faces was priceless. Santa also presented the winners of the sporting events with their relevant prizes. As always Santa was the most popular man in town. A big thank you to Santa and his helpers at Santa's Workshop for the amazing job performed each year.

The day concluded with Santa's departure to the strains of "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



### **NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 (Grenville D'Crus)**

For the first time the Association organised a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at the Springvale Town Hall, Springvale, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. The main hall was tastefully decorated with led lights and colourful floral decorations at each table with matching table linen, chair covers, disposable cutlery, napkins and glasses. Over 550 patrons jam packed the hall to enjoy a great night of dancing to the music of the fabulous band CODA MIX and the popular DJ - ASHLEY. Everyone had a wonderful time with music suited for the young and old and not so old too! The raffle held during the night was a great success with attractive prizes for the winners donated by the sponsors and well wishers of the Association. Prizes included a 32" Flat Screen TV, Tennis racquet set, Case of wine, Shopping vouchers, Accommodation vouchers and Dinner vouchers.

A sumptuous gourmet buffet dinner was provided for the night in the adjacent hall, with table numbers being called at random to help with smooth catering for the night. Although there was some delay in the replenishment of dishes, patrons were happy with the catering and the quality of the food provided for the night

The highlight of the night was the count-down to bringing in the New Year 2015 with the band playing the traditional 'Auld Lang Syne' to the tremendous applause and cheers by all patrons who converged to the centre of the hall singing, dancing and greeting one another in a spirit of love and camaraderie.

A significant milestone for the Association was also achieved with the release of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Souvenir during the night by the President Mr Herwin Allen.

We thank all our members for their presence, support and help in marketing the tickets and making the event a grand success. Thanks to Adrian Cooke and his team for organizing the hall table decor/lighting and catering for the night. Thanks to Mrs. Ann Christopher for organizing prizes for the raffle.

We also thank the following sponsors, advertisers and donors of prizes for the dance and the souvenir:

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### **20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL SOUVENIR 1994 – 2014**

Further to the celebrations held in June 2014 to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association, a Pictorial Souvenir was released by the President during the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Copies of the pictorial souvenir covering significant events/functions/activities of the Association over the last two decades were distributed to patrons at the dance. Copies of the souvenir were also mailed to all members. If you have not received a copy or would like to have an additional copy, please contact the Secretary, ASAP.

### **CHARITABLE SERVICES: (Lynda Allen)**

An updated report on our contributions to charitable organisations is given below:

1. **The Missionaries of Charity, Fitzroy (Mother Teresa's branch)** was contacted with regard to providing for their needs. Their request for single- bed sheets and new towels was met with great success. Receptacles for these items were placed at our various Social venues which received a generous response. This Organisation was contacted for delivery of goods but was met with a negative response due to lack of storage space. On request, the supplies were re- directed to St. Vincent de Paul who gladly accepted.

2. Further, the interest earned from the donation made to **The Tangasseri Anglo-Indian Benevolent Fund** provides:

- (a) Assistance to buy books and pay fees to those families who are unable to meet these expenses.
- (b) Aged members of the Community are assisted to subsidise their living costs.
- (c) At Christmas, toys are purchased for the children and useful gifts for the elderly.

3. The Association continues to encourage and support **BonBeach Tangy Cricket Club** which is a vital part of our youth programme. A donation of \$500/- is given yearly for purchase of equipment etc.

4. **The Assisi Aid Projects** was provided with \$500/- to support their ongoing work in India since the Tsunami which at that time was given a donation of \$2000/-.

5. **Oxfam** - Matthew Allen (Member) completed the distance of 100 Kilometres to raise funds for this welfare project . The Association sponsored this cause with a \$500/- donation. Congratulations Matthew for your efforts in reaching the target.

### **WEBSITE: (HERWIN ALLEN)**

You can access the Website by logging on [tangyausas.org.au](http://tangyausas.org.au)



## **BONBEACH TANGY CRICKET CLUB 2013/2014 – (Merv D'Rozario)**

At the commencement of the 2014/15 season Bonbeach-Tangy was on a quest to achieve it's most successful year in the club's history. The first and second XI teams entered the season boasting a healthy mix of experience, youth and for the first time in the club's history, had three players who had joined us from England as professionals.

The expectation was matched by the boys on the field with the club making finals in the firsts, seconds and thirds while the fourths only narrowly missed out. The thirds were unfortunately beaten in the grand final by the form team of the competition. Our seconds gallantly fell short of victory in their semi final despite the efforts of the evergreen Mark D'Rozario who scored 50 as we scored 150 in pursuit of 199.

The firsts had one of its best years to date which saw us host a semi final over the always competitive Port Melbourne side. Playing through injury, Chris Allen set up the victory with a dominating display taking 4 early wickets, sending shock waves through the Port batting line up which they would not recover from.

They set up a tantalising local derby in the Grand Final as the firsts faced local rival Chelsea who entered the game having only lost one game for the year. We scored 230 lead by English import Chris Williams who scored 98 while Captain David Fernandez dug in against fierce pressure and relentless bowling to score 45. Unfortunately Chelsea was too good, they batted time and we did not take our chances when they came along. Yet another disappointing Grand Final loss and although a 75% winning record across all grades was produced we are still yet to win the ultimate prize in the first or second XI.

Special mentions must go to ex Tangy boys who all had great years David Fernandez (522 runs), Mark D'Rozario (198 runs), Chris Allen (17 wickets) while I chipped in with (267 runs).

The club enters next season not dwelling on defeat but confident and prosperous of what next year will bring. In June we will be unveiling our new club rooms which look outstanding and promise to attract more members and greater revenue for the club. We plan to reveal the rooms in June at our club's presentation night, with all Tangy members encouraged to attend. I will pass on details when they come to hand.

In addition we are pleased to announce that our first XI side will be competing in the Senior Division of the VTCA, the highest grade the club has ever competed in. This promises to be a great challenge but one that the club is definitely up for and excited by.

Lastly, if you haven't done so already please join our Bonbeach Tangy Facebook page by hitting 'like' will allow you to stay abreast of all the happenings at the club

Onwards and upwards, go the Tang !

### **Down Memory Lane**

Patrick Cooper was the Senior Most Founder Member of our Association. The 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 commemorates a year since his demise. He was a forthright person and loved conversing with people of all ages. He contributed to the Association in various ways. In the early days, Rally Car driving routes were planned in conjunction with other members. On day trips by bus he was the navigator with Duncan at the Wheel. Further he was an Usher at the various Social venues and a Barbeque Specialist on Family Day and other fund raising events, not forgetting the spoken voice at our Christmas Carols. His engineering skill is displayed in designing and fabricating the Hopper Baking Stand. He is greatly missed, as now he is in the "Eternal Green Green Grass of Home." Rest in Peace.

### **THANK YOU**

A note of appreciation to all those who volunteered and given their time/talents and efforts for the benefit of the Association - your continued loyal support over the last two decades has been fantastic – Thank You! We request your ongoing support and help.

A big 'Thank You' to all our Sponsors, Advertisers and donors of prizes – your support and generosity is greatly appreciated

And to all who helped in getting the sponsorships, donations and prizes – thank you for your help

**Note:**

Appropriate items for our next Newsletter may be forward by email to:

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*Avelyn Cooper - Editor, Communication Team*



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2015**

**ANNUAL DANCE**

**25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

**SENIORS NIGHT**

**09<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE**

**29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

**BOXING DAY DANCE**

**26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**