



# **TANGASSERI-AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF MELBOURNE INC**

## **NEWSLETTER 2015/2016**

WELCOME! 2016 – A great year filled with activities and engagements for members, families and friends to actively participate in. The Tangasserl -Australian Association is family focussed hence most of our activities are catered for all ages. Make it your priority to be there with family, relatives and friends to promote the Association and render all the support it needs. We extend our warm welcome to all the new members, you will definitely enjoy our friendship and make new friends at the various events.

We have had a successful 2015 with most functions being well attended. Our family day was one of the best as we had so many families taking part in the fun and games. Our financial status is well balanced. INNOVATION is the catch word for 2016 – we request all our members to take up the challenge and give us new concepts in promoting our Association and its activities. We do appreciate your continued patronage and support and look forward to it.

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

### **FOUNDER MEMBERS**

Allen, Herwin & Jennifer	Allen, Oswin & 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	D'Rozario, Philroy	- Asst. Secretary
Fernandez, Winburne	- Treasurer	Allen, Jim	- Comm. Member
Bartholomeusz, Osmond	- Comm. Member	Cooper, Avelyn	- Comm. Member
Harding, Clyde	- Comm. Member	Gresseux, Don	- Comm. Member
McNerney, Roy	- Comm. Member	Allen, Lynda	- Nom. Member
D'Crus, Lloyd	- Nom. Member	Gonsalvez, Harold	- Nom. Member

### **ACTIVITIES**



#### **Kerala Hoppers Night – 02 May 2015 (Lynda Allen)**

The most popular event was held at The Ceylon-Australian Association Hall in Springvale with over 90 people enjoying an evening of excellent gourmet cooking and entertainment. The program commenced with two rounds of in-house games. This was followed by everyone enjoying a great feast of freshly baked hot Kerala

Hoppers, Pork Vindaloo, Egg Masala and Vegetable Korma after which delicious paiyasam was served for dessert. All the dishes were made by the very talented Male and Female chefs of the Association.

Unfortunately, due to limited space there was no room for dancing but everyone enjoyed the Country and Western/ Rock music provided by our club DJ. This also gave us an opportunity for everyone to converse with each other. Since St. John Vianny's Parish Hall was unavailable due to renovation, we had to restrict the numbers as we were unable to accommodate everyone. Despite this, those present, enjoyed the home cooked gourmet dishes and the social get together. Looking forward to your patronage at the next event.



### **ANNUAL DANCE - 25th July 2015 (Grenville D'Crus)**

This year by popular demand we reverted back to holding the Annual Dance at the Springvale Town Hall. Approximately 300 people patronized the function. The numbers attending were below expectations due to the function being held earlier in July than in August (due to non-availability of the hall) and various other events being held during the same weekend in the vicinity.

The music for the night was provided by two popular bands 'Next Generation' and 'Blue Qube' who enthralled the crowd with an excellent blend of music to suit all ages. The music was irresistible and everyone had a great evening dancing to the rhythm of the beat. Attractive Super-Market Gift Vouchers were given for the raffle held on the night. An excellent variety of finger food was made available by Viswanath Caterers at very reasonable prices.

Our main sponsor for the function - L J Hooker of Noble Park has been our regular sponsor for many years. Our sincere thanks to Roy McNerney for his continued support, We also thank Jim & Trudy Allen for donating prizes and their support. Our thanks also to all our members who participated in the function and encourage them to continue to support our Annual Dance.



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 24th October 2015 (Grenville D'Crus)**

The 20th Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 24 October 2015 at 7.00 PM at 'The Sundowner Avenue Neighbourhood House in Clarinda. The meeting was attended by 52 members.

The President, Herwin Allen welcomed the members to the meeting and called upon them to continue supporting the Association by active participation in the various activities and thanked them for their presence. The Annual report and the financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 were presented by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

It was heartening to see many members take active part in discussing issues arising from the reports, seeking clarifications and providing suggestions for the growth and success of the Association.

In accordance with the Constitution, the members to the Executive Committee were elected/re-elected for the next two years ( listed on page 1). The President welcomed the two new members to the Committee - Don Gresseux and Clyde Harding (and their wives - Candice and Kirsty respectively) and looked forward to their active contribution and participation in the working of the Association. The President also thanked the two outgoing members of the Committee and their spouses - Judy DeCouto (and

Melroy) and Nolan Fernandez (and Marian) for their contribution to the success of the Association's activities over the years.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks followed by a 'Members only' dinner.



### **SENIORS' NIGHT – 09<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Rose Bartholomeusz)**

The Seniors' night was held at the Noble Park R.S.L. Club. Once again the function was well attended by our seniors and a few of their guests who look forward to this day to catch up and have a chin wag.

The night started with a complimentary drink followed by a three course dinner. The music was provided by Andy "LONESTAR" with great old hits that tempted most of the seniors to get onto the dance floor and shake a leg. There was great entertainment for the non-dancers too just watching the boot scooting grannies trying to break a leg. Some seniors did try their luck at the pokies –if there were winners we would have heard but losses are always top secret.

As the night progressed weariness took over and the seniors departed vowing to be present for the next Seniors' function.



### **FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE – 06<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Avelyn Cooper)**



The Family day was held on 06 Dec. 2015 at St. Mark's Church Hall and the outdoor area, in Dingley due to the renovations being carried out at St. John Vianney's Premises. It was a Sunny Day – just suitable for this event. The attendance was beyond expectations. It was great to see many young families from infants to teenagers together with family and friends participating in all the sports and games. There were thrills and spills, laughter and tears but all taken in the sporting spirit.

The Barbecue was well catered for – Tandoori Chicken, Hamburgers & Sausages with an accompaniment of salads, bread/rolls and sauces. Justice was done to this sumptuous spread.

Sporting items and games followed the Barbecue. It was fun to see the toddlers helped by parents competing in the games – Musical chairs and Potato race. The three-legged race and other competitive sports for the older boys and girls were keenly contested. Egg throwing and sack race for all adults were fun to watch. The Seniors also showed their skills in ringing the bottle and passing the hat.

The highlight of the day was the Nativity Pageant and Santa's arrival. Our appreciation goes to the organisers of the Pageant and all the children that took part. The parents input is also to be commended in providing the costumes and dressing the participants for their appropriate parts in the Pageant. A great effort! Special thanks to Kirsty Harding and her team for their commitment and involvement.

Carols was the next item on the program. Everyone joined in singing the most popular Christmas songs. The accompaniment of the two guitarists blended in with the voices. The chime of jingle bells lit up the children's faces as Santa streamed through. Santa's helpers were there helping Santa to present the gifts to the children, besides the paparazzi were at hand taking pictures. Santa also presented the winners of the sporting events with their prizes. On the whole this event was well attended and most enjoyable. Thanks to all the organisers, helpers and the Caterers for their support and efforts.



### **BOXING DAY DANCE - 26th December 2015 (Herwin Allen)**

The spirit of Christmas was extended into The Association's Boxing Day dance that was held in St Anthony's Church Hall in Noble Park commencing at 7.30 pm.

In light of the destruction caused by the recent floods in Chennai it was decided by the Management that all profits from this dance will be donated to the Chennai Flood victims.

Over 200 hundred patrons of families and friends congregated at the hall to continue with their respective Christmas celebrations. The mood was festive and infective throughout the evening with everyone in "tete a tete" laughing, joking, taking photos and selfies and most importantly dancing.

Excellent music for the evening was provided by (a) the band 'BLUE QUBE' who displayed their flexibility and variety of music that entertained the dancing crowd and appreciated by all and (b) vibrating 'disco' music provided by DJ 'GrooveMaster' that had the younger members enthralled and glued to the floor! Delicious finger food was provided by Viswanath Caterers.

The proceeds of the Raffle held on the night together with donations received from patrons were also added to the Chennai Flood Relief amount.

The partying crowd had to reluctantly leave around 12.30 am when the function concluded. A big thank you to all our patrons for supporting us and the Management team for all their hard work in ensuring the success of this function



### **BON BEACH TANGY CRICKET CLUB (Mervyn D'Rozario)**

Competing in the highest division in the club's history was always going to pose a strong challenge for the Bonbeach Tangy Cricket Club, however through a heavy off-season focus on recruiting, the first XI entered the season with a side it believed could contend for finals, potentially even go all the way. Tom Smith, Joe Ellis-Grewal and Chris Williams (who joined us for a second season) were our English representatives for 2015-16 while Daniel Mueller joined the club after an illustrious career in district cricket.

The first XI held its own against the best sides, defeating finalists Dousta Stars and Greenvale throughout the season, however heavy losses to South Caulfield (eventual premiers) and Yarraville Club exposed a lack of batting depth and potentially experience that led to us missing the finals narrowly by 3 points. David Fernandez captained the side combatively and again featured among our leading run scorers while Dan Mueller and Joe Ellis Grewal stood out with the ball, week after week. Both Dan and Joe also featured in the VCTA Senior Division team of the year.

Our second XI were the standout side of our club, demonstrating consistency throughout the year in making the grand final against rivals Hampton. Although the side were unfortunately outplayed in the game, they should be commended for a great season, in particular for their come from behind to win in the semi final. Former Tangy Lightning captain Mark D'Rozario top scored in this game. The fourth XI were defeated in the semi final, while the thirds fell short at the final hurdle, losing a one sided grand final to North Caulfield. With re-zoning likely to take place next season travel will be limited, also the club can announce Mueller and Chris

Williams have signed up to play again next year. We will enter next season with a belief that lessons and experiences of this year will hold the club in a better position on field. We will be back bigger and stronger next year.

Thanks must also go to Tangasseri-Australian Association of Melbourne for their ongoing Sponsorship alliance and support - your contribution allows BTCC to stay competitive against sides who have much stronger resourcing and finances.

**Go the Tangy !**

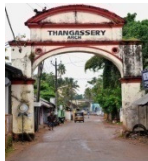
### **DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS (Herwin Allen)**



***Assisi Aid Project:***

A sum of \$1200 was sent to Assisi Aid project for the Chennai Flood victims in 2016. These projects are run by Sister Stella in Chennai. This is in addition to the \$500 provided in 2015 for the orphans that are under their care .

Previously a sum of \$ 2000 had been donated towards the Tsunami Relief in Tamil Nadu



***The Tangasseri Anglo-Indian Benevolent fund***

This Fund set up in conjunction with the All India Anglo-Indian Association, Tangasseri Branch continues to provide assistance to the members of the community in Tangasseri by way of (a) subsidising living costs to the aged/destitute (b) for fees and purchase of books for children and (c-for the purchase of toys for children and gifts for the aged during Christmas.

### **RECOGNITION AND THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS/DONORS/HELPERS**

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.

We thank our sponsor - ***Roy McNernery of L J Hooker, Noble Park***, our donors for prizes - ***Clinton Bartholomeusz of Nivea, Jim and Trudy Allen and M. Anzar*** - for their continued support , and all **the Committee members and Members** who helped in getting the sponsorships, donations and prizes.

#### **Note:**

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

***tangyausassoc@yahoo.com.au***

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***Avelyn Cooper - Editor, Communication Team***

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2016**

**DAY TRIP TO CROWN CASINO**



**19th JUNE 2016**

**(Cost includes - Lunch & Transport - with pick-up and drop-off points)**

**THE ANNUAL DANCE**



**13th AUGUST 2016**

**(Springvale Town Hall, Springvale - Music By Next Generation & DJ Ashley)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**17th SEPTEMBER 2016**

**(Sundowner Avenue Community Centre, Clarinda)**

**SENIOR CITIZENS DAY**



**OCTOBER 2016**

**(Date and details to be advised)**

**FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE**



**04th DECEMBER 2016**

**(St. John Vianny's Parish Grounds & Hall, Mulgrave - From 11.00 AM)**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**



**31st DECEMBER 2016**

**(From 7.00 PM at Gaelic Park Hall, 324-334 Perry Road, Keysborough)**

***(Watch out for further details for all events)***