



TANGASSERI-AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF MELBOURNE INC

NEWSLETTER 2016 - 2017

Our Newsletter gives our members an insight into the activities, social events and the financial status of our Association. For those who were unable to attend some of the events this information will keep you up to date of all the action. We welcome all the newly enrolled members and those already on our Association's list. The warmth, friendship and congeniality of the members are qualities you will experience at any occasion. At all events we promote the family values. We try our best to give everyone a great time which is evident from the commendations we receive. We look forward to your continued support and good-will. Your innovative ideas to attract more members are welcome and we will look into the feasibility of implementing them. Volunteers are requested to assist us in whatever capacity you proffer.

We have had a successful year in 2016 and our financial position continues to be healthy. A number of new members had joined in 2016 which reveals the popularity 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 & Anne
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, Lynda	Nom. Member
Allen, Jim	Comm. Member
Bartholomeusz, Osmond	Nom. Member
Cooper, Avelyn	Comm. Member
D'Crus Lloyd	Nom. Member
Gonsalvez, Harold	Comm. Member
McNerney, Roy	Comm. Member
Harding, Clyde	Comm. Member
Gresseux, Don	Comm. Member

ACTIVITIES



Kerala Hoppers Brunch – 28 May 2016 (Avelyn Cooper)

This ever popular event has been well attended. Despite the change of time and venue we have had an influx of calls for this get-together. The Bonbeach Tangy Cricket Club Hall was the Venue and it is a good place with all the required facilities and amenities. Due to the limited seating, we had to turn down some requests.

There were a few Sydney-siders that were present and complimented the Association and the cooks for the food and entertainment provided.

The late morning commenced with meeting and greeting members, family and friends. Once the people settled in there were two rounds of housie with intermittent breaks for people to converse with each other.

The freshly baked hoppers were produced by the hundreds, the authenticity of this magic mix rests with a Keralite. The accompaniments were Pork Vindaloo cooked by a Chef who does not divulge the secret ingredients that makes it so tasty, Spicy Egg Roast by the cook who excels in this speciality and delectable Vegetable Korma, another gourmet addition to the Menu, prepared by a couple of young chefs. There was a brief interval with music being played for listening pleasure which was followed by dessert - Pairsam – Yum!

On the whole it was an enjoyable day as we received many compliments on the tasty food and entertainment. Thanks to all the helpers who set up the hall and cleaning after the event. To all who assisted on the Culinary side, your work is much appreciated. Finally to all the members and patrons thank you for your compliments and also for your attendance in making this a successful event.



FUN DAY AT THE CROWN CASINO - 19 JUNE 2016 (Herwin Allen)

The 19th of June 2016 was an overcast, gloomy and rainy day but there was exuberance and high hopes in the Crown bus with expectations of winning big. Forty plus members from the Association opted to spend a fun day and have a flutter at the Crown Casino trying their luck

After picking up 22 members from Clarinda Shopping Centre Car Park, and a further 20 boarding the Crown bus from Taylors Lakes, the bus arrived at the Crown Casino around 11.30 am. The Crown Staff welcomed the members who got into the act with no hesitation.

As you entered the Casino you are enthralled by the lavishly decorated halls and lobbies with soft carpets, pounding music, neon lights and the sounds of the gaming machines. You are surrounded by various gaming tables and a variety of card tables and the stony faced croupiers and dealers together with the buzz and intensity of hundreds of people trying their luck.

A few of our members got into action straight away while others preferred to get warmed up sitting around a table chatting with a cup of coffee / sipping spirited drinks. Those who liked cards chose the game of blackjack. Others who preferred the wheels tended to the roulette and the big wheel of fortune, while the majority of the ladies loved playing the Pokies and a few ventured in to the VIP gaming area. It was a brief flutter by our members for it was the first time in nearly 10 years since the Association ventured on a fun trip.

Lunch came pretty fast and it was time to put our taste buds to the test with the variety of Crown food available. A few bought a quick bite and resumed playing their respective games. Majority tasted the Kitchen Buffet and others went to the restaurants for a taste of the fine dining cuisines. . Everyone did enjoy the lunch at the Crown and found the food delicious.

After lunch most went back to improve on their luck while it lasted. Others took the opportunity to visit the speciality stores for a few purchases and passed the time shopping. The group took the bus back at 4.00 PM enjoying the company of members and an experience at the Casino.



ANNUAL DANCE - 13 August 2016 (Philroy D'Rozario)

Due to the non-availability of Springvale Town Hall for the first week in August, our Annual Dance was held there on 13th August 2016. As in previous years the band in attendance was the best and most popular band in Melbourne 'Next Generation'. This year as per recommendation from our Patrons and Committee we decided to have the popular D.J. Ashley instead of a second band. This gave our patrons the opportunity of a chin wag in between and also during the sessions. 'Next Generation' as usual put on a super performance that saw the enthusiastic crowd on their feet exhibiting a variety of steps. As in previous years the dance was well organised and well attended. A number of our regular patrons were not able to attend due to other commitments. One of the highlights was the Tangy folks from Sydney who travelled to Melbourne to attend the Dance and had a very enjoyable time. We sincerely thank them for their attendance and also our Members who supported the function.

As is customary with our Annual Dance fantastic prizes were presented to the lucky winners of the raffle and door prizes.

Our special thanks to the donors mentioned below for their continued support and goodwill. This year we had an additional donor Sid Samuel who set up a booth in the foyer to take photographs of families who wished to have their Family Portraits taken. It seemed to be a very popular introduction for our Annual Dance.

Roy McNerney from L.J.Hooker

Shavan's Indian Restaurant – Patterson Lakes

Betta Home Living

Craig D'Rozario from Oak's Group of Hotels

SID Samuel Photography

Clyde & Kirsty Harding

Jim & Trudy Allen

The food for the Dance was catered by Vishwanath Caterers. The catering was excellent and priced competitively. The demand for the various items produced was good and people were very pleased with the quality of food.

We thank our Committee Members for their continued co-operation and participation in this annual event. We also thank our Master of Ceremonies Duncan Bartholomeusz who conducted the show very efficiently liaising with the Bands and also the Caterers.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17 September 2016 (Grenville D'Crus)

The 21st Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 17 September 2016 at 7.00 PM at 'The Sundowner Avenue Neighbourhood House in Clarinda. The meeting was attended by 59 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 2016 were presented by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

It was heartening to see many members take active part in the discussion on issues raised by member/s regarding procedures and decisions taken by the Management/Executive Committees for effective implementation of the activities of the Association. The overwhelming support of 99% of the members present, in the leadership of the Association and the Management/Executive Committees was indeed remarkable and heartening.

Mementos were presented to those members who had completed 10 years and 20 years continuous membership with the Association.

Mr. Godwin Fernson presented a detailed and enlightening account with regards to investment in apartments for consideration not only by the Association but also for any individual who was interested.

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



SENIORS' NIGHT – 11 November 2016 (Rose Bartholomeusz)

This event has been hugely popular over the years and was very obvious at our last senior's night with a bumper crowd in attendance.

The Noble Park RSL provided a three-course meal and a complimentary pre-dinner drink. Andy (Lone Star) once again excelled himself providing us with great music for line dancing and all the golden oldies to allow the seniors to show off their dancing skills and reminiscent of times gone by.

As usual there was never a dull moment - it did not matter if you were just an observer - the dancers provided enough entertainment for the spectators. If you were a keen observer you would have noticed Madam Lash, Miss Polka Dot, Bobby Boogie and Chubs the Checker strut their stuff - they provided us with a free floor show.

The pokies did attract a few visitors but we did not hear of any great wins. Better luck next time.

Just a gentle reminder - seniors please submit your names as soon as possible after this event is announced to allow the organisers to book enough places and negotiate a menu.



FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE – 04 December 2016 (Kirsty Harding)



The Family day was held on 04 Dec. 2016 at St. John Vianney's Church Hall and on the outdoor grounds. The temperamental Melbourne weather and the overcast sky did not hamper our Christmas mood nor the success of the event. With over 70 families, the young and 'young at heart' gathered in true Tangaserry Christmas tradition to celebrate with games, sport, food, a nativity play, Christmas carols and gifts from Santa.

The event started with the signature barbecue where 'east meets west' was welcomed with an unlimited supply of tasty Tandoori Chicken, Hamburgers & Sausages, healthy salads, bread/rolls and sauces.

Fuelled up and ready after the sumptuous meal the 'fun and games' began. This featured well-organised games for all ages, funky background music and the always popular icy-poles. It was great to see the healthy competition between families and friends and especially the stumbling toddlers initiated into to this generational tradition. Some timeless races did not go out of style like musical chairs, the sack race, the three legged race and the finale - great tug of war. 'Hats off' to the seniors, they do know how to have a good time.

Their show of skill and strategy during the 'passing the hat' and 'ringing the bottle' games were quite impressive.

Rain was the time keeper on the day, ushering the crowd to gather in the newly renovated school hall right in time for the Nativity Pageant. With great team effort from parents and our teenage volunteers, over 50 children from the age of 2 to 12 staged a somewhat modern rendition of the timeless and classic Nativity Play. Colourful costumes adorned every child ranging from Gabriel and her angels, the Holy family, the Star of Bethlehem and her shining stars, the wise kings and to the Shepherds and their musical roaming band. The 'cuteness factor' of the children on stage contributed to the overwhelming success of the Pageant with proud smiles on every parent in the room.

Carols followed on from the pageant energising the hall with Christmas spirit. Every one joined in with our Association's talented carol singers and guitarists, singing the old time favourites which set the scene for Santa's arrival.

Jingle bells announced the long waited arrival of Santa who as always did not disappoint the children. Santa showcased his magic entertaining both children and adults alike with his 'Naughty or Nice' routine. These festive moments were captured by our resident photographer and our parent paparazzi. It was presents galore with winners of the sporting events also having a photo opportunity with Santa. A special thanks to Santa's helpers adding a little more magic to the event with beautifully wrapped and selected suitable gifts for our children.

The 2016 Tangaserry Association Family Day & Christmas Tree was an outstanding success due to the tremendous effort from the organisers, helpers and caterers who worked together setting and cleaning up behind the scenes. We hope that future events will continue with the same spirit of community participation.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE 31 DECEMBER 2016 (Philroy D'Rozario)



The New Year's Eve Dance was held in Gaelic Park Hall, Perry Road, Keysborough. WOW! what a resounding success the Dance has been. The normal capacity for this hall is around 425. However, with the last minute demand and not to let our Members/Friends down we had to accommodate more people. The bands in attendance were the ever popular 'PHOENIX' and the up and coming band 'NO LIMIT'. The music was really

fantastic and both bands played together to bring in 2017. The Jiving and Waltzing was reminiscent of the old days in Tangy. As usual the dance was well organised and it was a great night and everything ran as programmed. It was a very good family oriented function with many families bringing in 2017 with all their family members around.

The Table layout and Decor and the White Chair covers with Royal Blue and Gold Lycra bands were set up by 'Plan it Events N Decor'. It gave the Hall a bright and outstanding festive ambience. Portable Air Conditioners were also installed for the night which was well appreciated by our patrons.

The event Caterers were 'Lambs Catering' who cooked up some delicious food. However, due to the last minute addition of patrons and a number of people buying take away for the next day there was some shortage of food for the people who came in late. Overall it was a very enjoyable night. We even had friends meeting up after 30 to 40 years and reminiscing about their past.

Lots of fantastic prizes were presented to the lucky winners for the night. Our special thanks to Jim & Trudy for their continued support and goodwill. We also like to thank Glen and Nancy for their generous donation. The Club donated the rest of the prizes which included a number of Myer gift vouchers. We thank our members who attended the dance with their families. We would also like to thank the bands who were very helpful in promoting our Dance and helped us in the sale of tickets. Overall it was a very successful night.

OTHER MATTERS



INVITATION FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA

At the invitation of the High Commissioner of India in Canberra, the Secretary - Grenville D'Crus and his wife Zita were privileged to attend the reception- dinner in honour of the Indian Finance Minister - Mr Arun Jaitley at the Novotel in Canberra on 31 March 2016. Our Association was one of the few organisations selected from Melbourne to attend the function and this is attributed to the close ties we have with the Consul General in Melbourne over the years.



INDIA'S 70th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Secretary - Grenville D'Crus was privileged to attend India's 70th Independence Day celebrations at the Collingwood Town Hall on 16th August 2016 at the invitation received from the Consul General of India in Melbourne. The function was well attended by a number of Ministers, Ex- Premiers, Diplomats and a cross section of the Indian Community Businesses and Social/Cultural organisations.



BONBEACH TANGY CRICKET CLUB 2016/2017 - DAVID FERNANDEZ

At the commencement of the 2016/17 season Bonbeach-Tangy teams entered the season boasting a healthy mix of youth and experience, confident of a very successful year.

Bonbeach-Tangy played its first season in the Championship Division of the newly formed Southern Bayside Cricket League. We made the finals in both competitions for the season:

White Ball Grand Final – South Caulfield scored 9/206 in their 40 overs and defeated Bonbeach-Tangy who were 2/124 in 22.4 overs. Unfortunately the rain came and ruined what was likely going to be a Bonbeach-Tangy win as we were cruising towards their total. Due to a heavy downpour and some strange wet weather calculations which favoured the team batting first, we were deemed runners up in this competition.

Main Grand Final – Bonbeach-Tangy who scored 131 were defeated by South Caulfield 0/135. After a huge come from behind win in the semi final, everything that went wrong did in the grand final. We lost wickets early and never recovered on a great batting track and were well short of what would have been a competitive total. South Caulfield then came out and blasted their way towards the small target. It was a really difficult end to what had been a very successful season, especially to play so poorly when it mattered most. Individually we had four players from the 1st XI (Daniel Mueller, Ian Cockbain (captain), Christian Davis and Tom Smith) all selected in the Team of the Year which is the most we have ever had and a strong reflection of how well we recruited this season. Daniel Mueller also won the League Champion and League Bowling Awards for his 60 wickets throughout the season. Tom Smith also won the League Batting Award (over 600 runs) with Bonbeach-Tangy clearly dominating most of the awards given. Unfortunately the other teams all missed finals.

The 2nd XI started the season well but fell away in the second half of the season as unavailability/injuries started to mount.

The 3rd and 4th XI narrowly missed finals action which was a great sign given the amount of junior players that represent these teams.

Moving forward, planning has already begun for season 2017/18 with Bonbeach-Tangy looking to appoint a new captain and coach. A strong focus on development – especially youth – has been highlighted to ensure we remain competitive and can continue to firstly make finals across all grades and push for premierships from there.

We wish to thank the Tangy Association and its members on our behalf for the continued support of our club. The financial support enables us to continue to help make our club better and the relationship between the club and Association has and always will be a huge focus.

Special mention should also be made of the friendly Cricket game between the South East and North West Teams held at Bonbeach-Tangy Cricket Club on 19th February 2017, which was an out-standing success!



THE TANGASERRI ANGLO-INDIAN BENOVELNT FUND

The Tangasseri Australian Benevolent Fund continues to assist the community in Tangasseri. This fund is under the auspice of the All India Anglo-Indian Association, Tangasseri Branch who disburses these funds for:

- (a) Subsidising living costs to the aged/destitute
- (b) Fees and purchase of books for children and
- (c) for the purchase of toys for children and gifts for the aged during Christmas.

We are ever grateful to the All-India Anglo-Indian Association, Tangasseri for volunteering their services.

RECOGNITION AND THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

The Association is extremely grateful to all those who have given their time/talents and efforts for the benefit of the Association Your loyal support over the last two decades has been fantastic and is much appreciated. We look forward to your ongoing patronage and we anticipate more volunteers to assist us in our events.

We thank the following sponsors for their continued support:

Roy & Miichelle McNernery (L J Hooker, Noble Park) and Jim & Trudy Allen

And all the Committee members who helped in getting the sponsorships, donations and prizes.

Note:

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

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Avelyn Cooper - Editor, Communications Team

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2017



HOPPERS FOR BRUNCH

25th JUNE 2017

(11.30 AM at Bonbeach-Tangy Cricket Club Functions Room, Bonbeach)



THE ANNUAL DANCE

05th AUGUST 2017

(Gaelic Park Hall, Keysborough - Music By 'Vanessa Bourne & The Urban Grooves' and 'No Limit')



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 OCTOBER 2017(proposed)

(Sundowner Avenue Community Centre, Clarinda)



SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

27th OCTOBER 2017

(Details to be advised)



FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE

03rd DECEMBER 2017

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



NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

31st DECEMBER 2017

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

(Watch out for further details for all events)