



# TANGASSERI-AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF MELBOURNE INC

## NEWSLETTER 2017 - 2018

It is the 2017/18 Tangasseri Newsreel unwinding to replay the events that have occurred during that period in time. We request those who have attended our get-togethers, to recall the occasions and continue to support us and encourage relatives and friends to join the Association - who are warm-hearted, friendly and ready to welcome new members.

2017 has been a successful year with regard to the co-operation of the members and the patronage of our activities. The Family Day is the most popular event of the year - a time when friends and relatives with children gather together and have a fun filled day with sumptuous food and fun activities for all ages. We have been complimented on the professional and grand scale manner the various events have been conducted.

The Management Committee and Executive Committee Members that manage the smooth running of the Association in their various capacities are listed below:

### 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 – 25th Jan. 2017 (Avelyn Cooper)**



This feast of Hoppers and it's accompaniments are a very popular hit with our Members and since the shift of this event from Dinner to Brunch, we have had a greater response especially from those unable to attend night functions.

The venue for this event was the Bon Beach Tangy Cricket Club premises, where our patrons enjoyed the ambiance of the surroundings. Following the welcome and greeting of the guests, patrons were able to converse with each other and catch up with all news. A couple of in-house games of 'housie' with attractive prizes which everybody enjoyed and light music for listening pleasure were part of the programme. The Chefs as usual excelled in their culinary delights - hoppers by the hundreds made from the Chef's magic blend of ingredients were baked and consumed, the spiced Egg Roast deliciously appetizing, the Pork Vindaloo by the Chef's secret recipe added a punch to the taste buds and Chicken Korma added that extra delicate flavour to the variety of dishes. The sweetness of Paisam was a soother to the palate after the exotic dishes. Credit goes to all the Chefs who cooked the exotic dishes and helpers in the Kitchen for their efforts in getting everything organised and on schedule.

Thanks to all members and friends who had contributed in organising this most popular event in our yearly program. Thanks also to all our patrons who commended us on the delicious home cooked dishes that they did justice to!

Patrons please spread the word around for our future 'Brunch' events.



### **ANNUAL DANCE - 05 August 2017 (Philroy D'Rozario)**



Due to the renovations being carried out at Springvale Town Hall, our Annual Dance was held at Gaelic Park Hall. The bands in attendance this year were International Country and Western Star Vanessa Bourne accompanied by 'The Urban Grooves' and the Popular Band 'No Limit'. Both bands put up a sterling performance. There were a number of Vanessa's fans including some from New South Wales and Tasmania who attended the dance just to hear Vanessa sing and she did not disappoint them. 'No Limit' also put up 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 was attended by over 250 patrons. A number of our regular patrons were not able to attend due to other commitments. Another setback was the roadwork being carried out on Perry Road leading to a number of detours. There were patrons from other suburbs who were lost and not able to attend the dance. We sincerely thank all our patrons and our Members who attended and supported the function.

There were a number of fantastic prizes presented to the lucky winners on the day. For the second year, we had Sid Samuel set up a booth in the foyer to take photographs of families who wished to have their Family Portraits taken. It seemed to be very popular again this year. Our special thanks to the donors mentioned below for their continued support and goodwill:

*Roy McNerney - L.J.Hooker, Noble Park (Major sponsor)*

*Shavan's Indian Restaurant – Patterson Lakes (Dinner voucher)*

*Craig D'Rozario - Oak's Group of Hotels (Accommodation Voucher)*

*SID Samuel Photography (Family Portraits Voucher)*

*Jim & Trudy Allen (Case of Wines)*

*Vanessa Bourne (CDs of her Popular Songs)*

*Ian Michael - The Creative Boys of Vepery (Myer Gift Voucher)*

*Sharon Vardon -(Sistema Home-ware Containers package)*

*Dushman Homes, N.R. Conveyancing and Kevin Quach Property Group -*

*(Super Market Gift Vouchers)*

The food for the dance catered by 'Vishwanath Caterers' was excellent and very reasonably priced for the quality produced. The demand for their food was very good and patrons were really pleased with their catering.

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.

We are looking forward to our dance this year to be held at Springvale Town Hall on 04 August 2018. The Bands in attendance will be 'Next Generation' & 'Colors'.



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 14 October 2017 (Grenville D'Crus)**



The 22nd Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 14 October 2017 at 7.00 PM at 'The Ceylon Centre' 217 Clarke Road, in Springvale. The meeting was attended by 54 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. He thanked the many sponsors and donors of prizes for the various functions held and expressed his appreciation to the members of the committee who had worked tirelessly for the growth of the Association during the year.

The Annual report and the financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2017 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.

The President then presented mementos to members who had completed 10 and 20 years continuous membership with the Association.

In accordance with the Constitution, the election of members to the Executive Committee for the next two years was held. As there was no contest for any position, the existing committee members were re-elected to the Executive Committee (as listed on page 1).

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



### **SENIORS' NIGHT – 27th October 2017 (Rose Bartholomeusz)**



Time and time again this night has proved to be one of the most enjoyable nights for our seniors. Once again the event was held at the Noble Park RSL Club and attended by 58 Seniors. This pre-booked function was subsidised by the Association.

Although our ever popular "Lone Star - Andy" was not performing on that day, our group had an enjoyable evening dancing to the music of the RSL band for the day. The three-course dinner and complimentary drink was very good and appreciated by all.

It was great to see our seniors chatting with one another and making the best of the night to catch up with friends. The pokies added to the entertainment for those who wanted to try their luck but we definitely did not end the night with a new millionaire! Our grateful thanks to the organisers.

As always, please book early for this function when announced!.



### **FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE – 03 December 2017 (Herwin Allen)**



The premier event for the year is the FAMILY DAY where Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Teenagers and kids participate in sports and games, carol singing, enjoy a barbecue, and welcome Santa and most importantly the enactment of the Christmas Pageant.

Over 120 patrons were not deterred by the cyclonic conditions, braved the weather and attended the Association's Family day function at St John Vianney's Church Hall, Mulgrave on the 3rd of December 2017. Due the weather conditions plan B was put into operation and all activities were held indoors.

The aroma emanating from the indoor barbecue grills indicated that food was ready to be served and commence our activities for the day. Tasty sausages, moist Mince Burgers, sliced Bread and Bread rolls, Leafy fresh salads and the mouth watering Chilli Chicken together with the Spicy Sauces were consumed by all. Everyone did great justice to the delicious food. Credit goes to 'Vishwanath Caterers' for the gourmet BBQ that was prepared and for their excellent service.

Sports and games were next on the agenda. Being indoors there was a restriction on space and activities. The toddlers got off to a good start displaying their motoring skills. Mum and the tots were engaged in the sweet race, musical chairs, while the bigger children participated in the lime and spoon race, three legged race and a few relays. The seniors also had a chance to display their skills in musical hats and ringing the bottle.

From a fast and furious sports and games we went into carol singing. The carol singers together with the community and two guitarists in accompaniment sang many a Christmas carol. The hall resounded in joyfulness with the spirit of Christmas carols and welcoming the season of Christmas.

The Nativity Pageant was exceptional. Definitely this pageant portrayed by all the children was the highlight of the day from the great comments received from those present. Christmas is a very special time for children. All the 40 kids had a role to play appearing in appropriate costumes and with splendour. Dressed as Mary, Joseph, the Angels, Innkeeper, the Shepherds and the Wise men made them very special. Those with the placards felt very important as they also depicted the story of Baby Jesus. Mums, Dads and Grandparents were filled with pride seeing their kids participate.

Santa's Helpers were busy around the Christmas tree arranging the toys while the children were seated on the floor restless awaiting the arrival of Santa. 'Jingle bells' heralded the arrival of Santa.

Pandemonium welcomed Santa as the children were scrambling for the lollies disbursed by Santa. Toys and also the prizes to the winners of various sporting activities were presented by Santa. It was refreshing and wonderful to see the happiness and smile on the kids' faces receiving his/her gift. The day's activities concluded with a round of carol singing.

A big thank you to the Management team, the Caterers, those who helped in organising the Sports , and the Pageant, the Guitarists and the Carol vocalists - for all their support and ensuring that all the events ran to schedule and one cannot forget the exuberance of Santa. Last but not least thanks to you, the members and visitors who contributed to the day's success - your patronage plays a significant part in our Association.



### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CRICKET MATCH - 25th Feb. 2018 (Herwin Allen)**



The community cricket match was held at the Bonbeach Cricket club grounds on the 25th of February 2018 between the Association members of the Northwest and the Southeast. It was an overcast day and the weather threatening but cool and ideal for a game of cricket.

#### Team - Northwest

Gavin Pereira (capt), Ian D'Nazereth, Karl Cooper, Dave Thomas, Aldrin Allen, Matt Allen, Rayburne Allen, Thomas Allen, Elroy Allen, Andre Thomas, Gerard Pereira..

#### Team - South East

Mervyn D'Rozario (capt) Michael Gonsalvez , Corey Martin, Don Fernandez, Aldin DeCouto, Jake D'Rozario, Don Gresseux, Liam Fernandez, Craig D'Rozario. Peter DeCouto, David Fernandez

On a green top pitch Northwest captained by Gavin Pereira won the toss and elected to bat. Northwest were soon in trouble losing their first two wickets of Ian D'Nazereth and Karl Cooper for 1 run. Gavin counterattacked with a hard hitting 19 runs with 3 fours and a five. He was ably supported by Aldrin Allen who top scored with 20. Dave Thomas 11 and Matt Allen 13 were the other main contributors. Northwest managed to score a credible 106 in the allotted 20 overs. The main wicket takers for the Southeast were Mervyn D'Rozario and Don Fernandez who took 2 wickets each.

After having a barbecued lunch Southeast captained by Mervyn D'Rozario commenced their innings. They soon lost their first wicket at 16 with Michael Gonsalvez being out for 9, but Corey Martin 22 Don Fernandez 36 (5 fours and 1 six!) and Aldin DeCouto 16 continued their attacking cricket and the score soon raced to 108 for the loss of 6 wickets in 19 overs . Southeast won the match by 4 wickets.

There were a few budding youngsters who displayed their cricketing talent. Twelve year old Andre Thomas from the Northwest displayed his all round potential by scoring 11 not out and taking 2 wickets in his bowling stint. Similarly 11 years old Jake D'Rozario had a good game scoring 8 runs for Southeast and he also took a wicket. It should also be mentioned that 10 yr old Thomas Allen from Northwest also did bat well for his 5 runs.

Aldrin Allen and Don Fernandez were awarded prizes for top scoring for their respective sides

It was a great day for the community and the game of cricket as it was played in the true spirit of sport. Special thanks to Mervyn D'Rozario and Locky Fernandez for organising the two teams and all Committee members who worked hard for its success, especially providing the BBQ snacks.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**



#### **INDIA'S 70th INDEPENDENCE DAY - CONCLUDING CELEBRATIONS**

The Secretary - Grenville D'Crus was again privileged to attend the conclusion of India's 70th Independence Day celebrations at the Bayview Eden Hotel, Melbourne on 16th August 2017 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



#### **INDIA'S FESTIVAL OF TOURISM CELEBRATIONS - PRESENTATION**

At the invitation of the Consul General of India, Melbourne, the Secretary Grenville D'Crus attended the presentation in regards to the celebrations held at the Consulate of India, Melbourne premises on 18th October 2017. Association members - Alwyn & Rita Fernandez, Alfie Fernandez, Robert Santiago and Zita D'Crus - also attended the function together with the Indian Business Community and other dignitaries.



#### **THE TANGASSERI ANGLO-INDIAN BENEVOLENT 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.

#### **Note:**

Appropriate items for our next Newsletter may be forward by email to: [tangyausassoc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tangyausassoc@yahoo.com.au)

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***Avelyn Cooper - Editor, Communications Team***

## **Further Schedule of Events for 2018**

### **THE ANNUAL DANCE**



**04th AUGUST 2018**

**(Springvale Town Hall, Springvale -Music by NEXT GENERATION & COLORS)**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**15th SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

### **SENIOR CITIZENS DAY**



**26th OCTOBER 2018**

**(Details to be advised)**

### **FAMILY DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE**



**02nd DECEMBER 2018**

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

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**



**31st DECEMBER 2018**

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

### **HOPPERS FOR BRUNCH**



**(Date to be advised)**

**(Venue" Bonbeach-Tangy Cricket Club Functions Room, Bonbeach)**

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