



## **Tangasseri Australian Association of Melbourne**

# **NEWS LETTER**

## **2014**

**Welcome!** we are in the middle of 2014 - this Newsletter recalls the activities we have had from 2013 up to the present time. It is great to see the interest displayed by your participation in our various events with family and close associates. This has given us a greater incentive to get more of your involvement with the community at large. We hope to see the younger families come forward and generate innovative ideas to organise and plan events that will promote appropriate activities for all ages. Your talents and artistic skills were a showpiece at the 'Hopper Night' Entertainment Segment and at the 'Tangy Goes Bolly' family fun evening. We hope to see more action in the future!

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### **Our Association**

Our Association is a non-profit organisation. Social/Cultural and Fund Raising Events are held to get families and friends together and thereby manifest our culture and family traditions with the younger generation

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 & Anne*  
*Fernandez, Winburne & Flavy*  
*Gonsalvez, Harold & Flossy*

#### **Executive Committee**

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

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### **Our Activities**



#### **Kerala Hoppers Night – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 - (Herwin Allen)**

It was the night of nights our Hopper night. It was a night where the family and friends met, had chin wags, tete a tetes and the ambient community spirit at its finest. The curtain raiser of the night was the

ever popular Bingo with the young and the old participating. The young brigade of Hardings and Colacos took over the entertainment and energised the night. The quiz master Clyde Harding had an all embracing quiz, with everyone participating. Every correct answer was rewarded with a prize. The magical moment in the quiz was when a ten year old was able to identify a cartoon character and a humorous moment when an adult failed to identify the façade of his home. The night was interspersed with good music provide by the DJ Ian Harding and many a couple danced to his foot tapping music through the night.

A brief spiel was provided by Oscar Colaco, giving a short history of the Association and commending the Management Committee for maintaining the family values vision of the Association. The gourmet food laid out was a combination of fresh hot hoppers with tasty chicken koorma, mouth watering pork vindaloo and the spicy egg masala that impressed over 160 diners who had come to savour these delicacies. This was followed by dessert. The common response from the tables was "Hopper Nights should be held more often", and another was "this food combination is made in heaven". A survey was also conducted through the night by Kirsty Harding and Fay Colaco, requesting feedback on the activities of the Association

The final curtain was drawn for the night on an appreciative note. The Hardings & Colacos with a few young member friends made a presentation, thanking and appreciating the assembled Management Committee for their dedicated service to the community for over 19 years, and for enhancing family values and engendering the community spirit in the Association

A big thank you to the Harding's and Colaco's for their involvement in the activities for the night and we look forward to the younger members following in their footsteps. Thanks also to the chefs and all who helped in preparing the delicious food. We also thank Citywide (through Clyde Harding) for donating all the prizes for the night.



### Annual Dance – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 - (Grenville D'Crus)

The Annual Dance was once again held at the Gaelic Park Hall in Keysborough. Approximately 300 people patronized the dance that attracted a number of sponsors for the function. The numbers attending were below expectations due to various other events being held during the same weekend in and around Melbourne and the inclement weather on the day. Delicious hot food and snacks catered by Bundy's Catering Service was well patronised.

The music for the night was provided by two popular bands - 'Phoenix' and 'Next Generation' who enthralled the crowd with an excellent blend of music to suit all ages. The music was irresistible and everyone was moving to the rhythm of the beat.

Our main sponsor for the function - LJ Hooker of Noble Park has been our regular sponsor for many years. Our sincere thanks to Roy McNerney for his continued support. Other sponsors and donors were Commonwealth Bank-Noble Park, Victorian Alps & Capsted Wines, Clinton Bartholomeusz, Craig D'Rozario and Adrian Cooke. We thank them for their support. A raffle was also held during the night with a number of attractive gift-vouchers and gifts provided by the Association and donors.



### Family Day & Christmas Tree celebrations (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 and the day was packed with activities for the young and not so young. What better way to start the festive season than a barbeque. The caterers provided us with a sumptuous barbeque of burgers, sausages, tandoori chicken and an array of salads. It was a great way of catching up with family and friends before the all important Sports and Games

spectacular. It was great to see the competitive spirit of the children taking part in the sports and games. Everyone was looking forward to participate in their favourite events – lucky dip race, musical chairs, 6y lime and spoon, ball and bucket, baton relay, passing the hat, ringing the bottle and the all-time favourites egg-throwing and sack race. Icy poles and cordial helped keep the competitors cool. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the co-ordinators of this great event.

After the sports everyone gathered in the hall for some communal carol singing and a nativity pageant performed by the children. Congratulations and thanks to the co-ordinators of the pageant which was thoroughly enjoyed and received great applause. Santa's arrival brought great excitement to the children and there was a scramble for the lollies that were strewn along the way. Santa then presented each child with a gift and this provided a great photo opportunity for parents. Watching the children open the gifts and seeing their surprised faces was priceless. A big thank you to an ever patient Santa and his helpers for the mammoth task undertaken in Santa's Workshop of choosing and wrapping all the gifts. The day concluded with Santa's departure.



### **'Tangy Goes Bolly' - Bolly-Wood Night (Judy DeCouto)**

Held on 12th October 2013 'Tangy Goes Bolly' was a great success. Organised and run by the young adults they opted for a family friendly night with a Bollywood theme and dress code. There was an array of colours in the Saris, North Indian outfits and turbans displayed by adults and children. All who attended were given a traditional Indian welcome. Special attention was paid to kids under 10 who were entertained with activities such as face painting, mehndi tattoos, bingo and free dinner. The kids took to the dance floor for a parade, with prizes to be won for best dressed in various age groups. Later all were encouraged onto the floor with music provided by the DJ.

Dance Troupe - Natya Bollywood gave an energetic performance and got both young and old involved in their Bollywood moves. Indian food was sold at the venue, provided by Mumbai Grill. Overall a great night was had by all who attended with special thanks to the organising committee as well as those who helped on the night. We look forward to the youth becoming involved in organising more functions in the future.



### **Boxing Day Dance - 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (Nolan Fernandez)**

The Boxing Day dance was held at the Anglican Church Hall in Keilor. Despite the many challenges imposed upon us, due mainly to a lack of support and patronage by members from the other suburbs, the dance was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that attended.

There was good music provided by Blue Qube and DJ Groovemaster, with hot food & snacks catered by ABG Catering. The most heartening aspect of the dance once again, was to see many teenagers and youngsters enjoying themselves on the dance floor.

### **Hopper Night scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

This event had to be postponed as a mark of respect due to the sudden demise of our Founder Member.

## Youth Activities



### Bonbeach Tangy Cricket Club (Merv D'Rozario – Club Vice President)

The Bonbeach Tangy First XI endured a challenging year in 2013/14. They finished 8<sup>th</sup> in a year where inconsistency plagued the team. On their day, they were able to mix it with the top teams but unfortunately batting consistency proved to be the key area of weakness. The 'old' Tangy boys were again among the top performers with David Fernandez winning the batting award, Chris Allen had a strong year with the ball and Andrew MacKessack winning his Second Club Champion award and his Fifth Best and Fairest award.

Our Second XI had an outstanding finish to the year which catapulted them into an unexpected Grand Final appearance. Strengthened by first XI regulars, Paul Jones, Shannon Groome and Ben Sharland and well lead by the young Haydn O'Connor they gained tremendous momentum and played off in a memorable Grand Final which went right down to the wire. After being behind by 50 runs in the first innings, Ben Sharland lead the bowling with a five-er to give 'the Tangy' a chance. Unfortunately we couldn't capitalise and fell short of winning our first premiership by 15 runs. Ben took 10 for the game to take out the man of the match. Our thirds and fourths unearthed numerous youngsters delivering promise for the future of the club.

There are high hopes for next season with a revamped South Division taking shape and recruitment being high on the agenda. With David Fernandez developing as an astute leader it is time for the experienced players to stand up and take us all the way. Bonbeach Tangy are looking to win a flag within the first 2 grades, and have all teams playing finals and believe we have the squad to do so.

'Onwards and upwards'

## Business Activities

Regular meetings are scheduled through the year to co-ordinate and finalise plans for the various activities. Views and ideas are put forward and discussed prior to final decisions. These Meetings are held at the Sundowner Community Hall, Clarinda.

### Annual General Meeting 2013 (Grenville D'Crus)

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 05 October 2013 at 7.00 PM at 'The Sundowner Avenue Neighbourhood House in Clarinda. The meeting was attended by 56 members. In accordance with the Constitution of the Association the members to the Executive Committee were elected/re-elected for the next two years ( listed on page 1)

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 2013 were presented by the Secretary and Treasurer, discussed and approved.

A 'Members only' dinner was held at the conclusion of the Meeting.

**The Special Event of the Year**  
**The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Association – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Over 200 enthusiastic members celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 90 Reception Centre, Oakleigh with a thanksgiving Mass, followed by a public function and dinner-dance.

The Thanksgiving mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Amla at 5.50 PM with active participation by the members in the readings, prayers of the faithful and singing of the hymns. Fr. Amla thanked God for the many Blessings showered on the Association over the two decades and for the work done by the Association in reaching out to the community through its various activities.

After the Mass members were served with light refreshments, while a video presentation of photographs taken at various functions over the two decades were presented.

The Public function commenced at 7.00 PM. The Secretary of the Association, Mr Grenville D'Crus introduced the guests of honour – Ms Manika Jain, Honourable Consul General of India in Melbourne and Mr Abeselom Nega, Commissioner of the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

Welcoming the members and guests, the President of the Association Mr Herwin Allen said “Anniversaries are a point in time when we remember, review, give thanks and plan for the future. It is good to look back at our modest and humble beginnings. Twenty years ago, 11 Tangasseri residents living in Melbourne decided to form an association to celebrate their culture and reunite their community, many of whom had migrated to Australia. Today the association has more than 200 members spread out across Melbourne, including long-time residents, new migrants and second-generation Australians. Our inherent qualities, as a result of confluence and influence of diverse cultures in India over hundreds of years especially in Tangasasaeri where the Portuguese, Dutch, French and English were the dominant rulers, is characterised by our ability to assimilate, integrate, participate, tolerate and importantly respect other cultures, which is the embodiment of Victoria’s cultural diversity.”

While referring to the activities of the Association he thanked the Greater Dandenong Council for the opportunity to be the managing agents for the Edinburgh Hall for 6 years. Other activities included the Annual Ball, the Family Day BBQ with sports and games for Children, the annual Christmas Tree & pageant for Children, Seniors Night, Kerala Hoppers Night, Long weekend trips for members, trivia nights, bollywood evening, social get-togethers, the Bon-Beach Tangy-Lightening Cricket Club supported by the Association, fund raising towards breast cancer research and relief to those affected by natural disasters in India and Victoria. He also referred to the benevolent fund set up with the Tangasseri Branch of the All-India Anglo Indian Association for providing assistance to the elderly and disadvantaged children in Tangasseri.

Mr Allen further stated that the Association is thankful to the Victorian Multicultural Commission for their assistance and support since 1999 with grants towards organisational support. He also thanked the founder members stating “your unity of purpose withstood the test of time” The President concluded his address by thanking all the members, sponsors of events and donors of prizes for their help, support and participation in all activities.

Hon. Consul General Ms Jain, felicitated the Association on reaching the landmark and lauded the members for not only engaging in cultural get-togethers but also for raising funds for social causes viz cancer research and natural disasters both in Victoria and elsewhere that helped the wider community. She urged the Association to further interact and extend its activities to other multicultural communities in Victoria.

Felicitating the Association on behalf of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Commissioner Mr Abeselom Nega said he was delighted to be present at the celebrations. He referred to the 500 year history of Tangasseri that was governed by the Portuguese, Dutch, French and English prior to India’s independence and the rich heritage the community had with both Indian & Western culture and tradition. He also referred to the many activities held by the Association.

A message of felicitations from Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor of Dandenong, who was unable to be present, was read by Mrs Linda Allen.

Mrs Kay McKertich spoke on behalf of the members of the Association and congratulated the founder members for their foresight and commitment. She said that the activities and work of the Association was a credit to the members and the community at large.

Consul General Ms Jain and VMC Commissioner Mr Nega then presented the Founder Members and Members who had completed 20 years of membership with mementos. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary. The President then thanked the Committee and especially the Secretary for the monumental efforts in co-ordinating the whole programme.

This was followed by a cultural segment – (a) with a song by Kimberley Christopher, that had everybody enthralled listening to her voice as she pitched the notes (b) a musical performance on the violin and a hip-hop dance by Pocket Rocket Jaden Harding and (c) bolly-wood dancing by the Sapphire Troupe. The finale was a pageant depicting ‘A glimpse into the history of Tangasseri’ with the young adult members portraying prominent personalities involved viz Vasco de Gama (Peter DeCouto), Rani of Quilon (Gabrielle Cooper & Shania Allen), Bala Pillai Kurup (Don Gresseux), British & French soldiers (Mark & Mervyn D’Rozario), Rani of Jhansi (Laura Allen), Lord Curzon (Craig D’Rozario, Lord & Lady Mountbatten (Michael Gonsalvez & Rebecca McNerney), Bishop Benziger (Derrick Hickman), Mahatma Gandhi (Karl Cooper), Jawaharlal Nehru (Clyde Harding) and Frank Anthony (David Fernandez). The narrator for the pageant was Mrs Judy DeCouto.

There was a kaleidoscope of colour in the pageant from Vasco de Gama to Frank Anthony and the participants are to be congratulated in organising themselves and their costumes!

The celebrations continued with ball-room dancing with music provided by the popular band CODAMIX. A gourmet buffet dinner and drinks (BWS) was also provided by the Association that was appreciated by all. The celebrations concluded at midnight.

Oh! What a Night! Great commendations were received on the co-ordination and management of this unforgettable event.

### **Website**

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**Website:** <http://tangyausas.org.au/>

**Email address:** [tangyausassoc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tangyausassoc@yahoo.com.au)

### **On a sad note:**

*We remember with affection the following members born to eternal life:*

*Joe D’Cunha, Eric Bullmore, Russell Pelly & Patrick Cooper (Founder Member)*

*May they 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.

We thank the following sponsors for their continued support:

Roy McNernery of L J Hooker, Noble Park  
Commonwealth Bank, Noble Park  
Victorian Alps & Capsted Wines  
Clinton Bartholomeusz of Nivea  
Clyde Harding of CityWide  
Conrad D’Cunha  
Jim & Trudy Allen  
Adrian Cooke  
Craig D’Rozario

And all 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*

# ***Calendar of Events for 2014***

**Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Annual Dance**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Kerala Hoppers Night**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Annual General Meeting & Members Social**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Seniors Evening**

**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Family Day & Christmas Tree**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

***NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE***  
***Springvale Town Hall***  
***SPRINGVALE***

***Details to follow***  
***Book your tickets early!***

