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Message from the President

Dear Member and Friends.....

Greetings! And Welcome to the summer of 2022/2023. It would appear that there is light at the end of the tunnel and a sincere expectation that the lifting of restrictions is imminent and we can mix & mingle with friends and relatives again.

Amidst all the angst, depression, loneliness, frustration and anger brought upon some of us by the powers that be; to control this viral pandemic, one must admit that it is better to be safe and well than suffer from the serious debilitating symptoms of Covid-19. In the midst of this, those of you who may have read about the plagues of yore and the millions of lives lost can only imagine what life for us could have been without good leadership, modern medical facilities, an understanding of the need for quarantine restrictions and vaccines in this modern age. Wow! How lucky are we who adhere to the medical advice of our experts?

To keep you in the loop, the General Committee has made firm decisions on holding functions again in 2023 (See full details of the planned events on a later page in this publication) however taking into consideration the high cost of living expenses today, the BAA General Committee has decided that until such time we are able to bring back the large audiences at our functions, the price of an entry ticket will be based on the cost of the function so as not to make a profit, so I encourage all members and guests to enjoy a good meal and some pleasant music and not forgetting good company to spend an afternoon with friends and family at the BAA functions to be held in the coming year.

We are hopeful that things will be back to normal sooner rather than later. I would urge all of you members to fully utilize the very modern purpose built facilities at our premises at 358 Haughton Road Clayton VIC 3168, remembering that this is your facility to be used and enjoyed at our functions or hired out for parties and functions of your own.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the many committee members who did not nominate for a further period to state that we do really appreciate the hard work that each of them had done for the association and wish them well in the future.

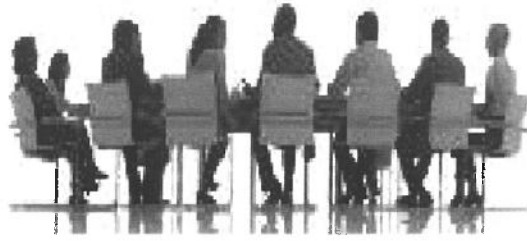
Note: There are more vacancies on the general committee for anyone who is interested to join.

Don't we just want to meet, greet and, enjoy each other's' company again?

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and I hope you have a pleasant New Year

Stay well & safe

You're President



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Burgher Association Australia Donations Pledge

The Burgher Association Australia Incorporated (BAA) is passionate about supporting the community and is proud to be helping make a difference in the area of health and wellbeing. It is our goal to empower wellbeing and healthy lifestyles across Australia and Sri Lanka. The BAA is pleased to have considered charitable contributions, donations and sponsorships to children's education in Sri Lanka and other charitable donations sponsorship based in Australia

Considering the high cost of living expenses, the BAA General Committee has decided that until such time we are able to bring back the large audiences at our functions, the ticket price will be based on the cost of the function so as not to make a profit.

As such the BAA has taken the view that all sponsorships/donations, excluding the sponsorships of children in their education via the DBU in Sri Lanka, will not take place until further notice. Accordingly the BAA has just announced following the October 2022 General Meeting (AGM) that for the current year donations and sponsorships will be granted only to the following.

Sponsorship of Education to children via the Dutch Burgher Union of Sri Lanka for up to 25 children doing year 11 and 12

We will review again annually the position to set up a budget for new/continued sponsorship to be adopted in the following year.


Australia Day

Celebrate
what's
great!



26 January 2023

Come and join us

At

THE BAA

358 Haughton Road, Clayton

Catch up with friends for fellowship music and fun

12.00 noon to 5.00 pm

Buffet By **“Cha’s Cabin”**

Leg of Ham with mustard sauce

Roast Beef / Roast Pork / Roast Chicken / Roast Vegies

Tossed Salad/Sea Food Salad/Egg Salad

Bread Rolls & Butter

Desert: Caramel Pudding + Pavlova

\$30 pp – BYO

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The Burgher Association of Australia Centre is available for private hire (**Dances, Birthday parties, Anniversaries etc**). The BAA Centre is located within a short walk from Clayton railway station. The hall is licensed to hold 150 people. Tables and chairs for this number of attendees are provided. There is usually plenty of parking across the road and a few spaces on the property. Disabled access via ramps is available to both the front and rear doors and a disabled parking space is available. There is also a 'horseshoe' driveway permitting the dropping off of attendees under cover.

Commercial kitchen facilities are available including stainless steel splash walls, a commercial glass washer, dishwasher, stove, oven, hot water boiler, large freezer, refrigerator and a bain-marie. There also is an alfresco area at the back that can be used for making the famous Sri Lankan Hoppers, BBQs or other activity that requires a shielded outdoor space. There are multiple reverse-cycle heating and cooling units servicing the main hall and kitchen. There are separate male, female and disabled toilets. More pictures are available on our website <http://burgherassocn.org.au/baa-centre/>

How to make a booking: Call The BAA Centre on 0423 844 101 to enquire whether the date, you wish to hire the hall for is available. If you are a member of the BAA, the price of hiring the Centre costs \$350 per day. Non-members \$400 per day. Minimum booking is 5 hours (\$300). Hours of operation Friday/Saturday 11AM to 12 Midnight, other days 10AM to 10PM. All bookings require a bond of \$250 that is refunded if the centre is handed back to management clean and undamaged. (\$2000 for age 21+ and under). A payment of \$100.00 will be deducted from the Security Fee deposit for cleaning of the premises, for the next day's Events. [Hiring Agreement](#). NB: To book the hall, payment has to be made via the BAA Bank Account – details available on request. Depending on whether you are a member or non-member the full fee plus the deposit of \$250 must be paid to secure the date booked.



THE SKY GETS DARK, SLOWLY

Zhou Daxin's latest novel, "The Sky Gets Dark Slowly". It is a sensitive exploration of old age and the complex, hidden emotional worlds of the elderly in a rapidly ageing population.

In it he writes, ...Many elderly speak as though they know everything, but of old age they are in fact as ignorant as children. Many elderly are in fact, completely unprepared for what they are to face when it comes to getting old and the road that lay ahead of them.

In the time between a person turning 60 years old, as they begin to age, right until all the lights go out and the sky gets dark, there are some situations to keep in mind, so that you will be prepared for what is to come, and you will not panic.

ONE. The people by your side will only continue to grow smaller in number. People in your parents' and grandmothers' generation have largely all left, whilst many of your peers will increasingly find it harder to look after themselves, and the younger generations will all be busy with their own lives. Even your wife or husband may depart earlier than you or, that you would expect, what might then come are days of emptiness. You will have to learn how to live alone, and to enjoy and embrace solitude.

TWO. Society will care less and less for you. No matter how glorious your previous career was or how famous you were, ageing will always transform you into a regular old man and old lady. The spotlight no longer shines on you, and you have to learn to contend with standing quietly in one corner, to appreciate the hubbub and views that come after you, and you must overcome the urge to be envious or grumble.

THREE. The road ahead will be rocky and full of precarity. Fractures, cardio-vascular blockages, brain atrophy, cancer...these are all possible guests that could pay you a visit any time, and you would not be able to turn them away. You will have to live with illness and ailments, to view them as friends, even; do not fantasize about stable, quiet days without any trouble in your body. Maintaining a positive mentality and getting appropriate, adequate exercise is your duty, and you have to encourage yourself to keep at it consistently.

FOUR. Prepare for bed-bound life, a return to the infant state. Our mothers brought us into this world on a bed, and after a journey of twists and turns and a life of struggle, we return to our starting point – the bed –and to the state of having to be looked after by others. The only difference being, where we once had our mothers to care for us, when we prepare to leave, we may not have our kin to look after us. Even if we have kin, their care may never be close to that of your mother's; you will more likely than not, be cared for by nursing staff who bear zero relation to you, wearing smiles on their face all whilst carrying weariness and boredom in their hearts. Lay still and don't be difficult; remember to be grateful.

FIVE. There will be many swindlers and scammers along the way. Many of them know that the elderly have lots of savings, and will endlessly be thinking of ways to cheat them of their money through scam phone calls, text messages, mail, food and product samples, get-rich-quick schemes, products for longevity or enlightenment... basically, all they want is to get all the money. Beware, and be careful, hold your money close to you. A fool and his money are soon parted, so spend your pennies wisely.

Because what we do not understand is that:

after, the coffee cools...

after, priorities change...

after, the charm is broken...

after, health passes...

after, the children grow up...

after, the parents get older...

after, the promises are forgotten...

after, the day becomes the night...

after, life ends...

And all that 'after', we find it's often too late...

So... leave nothing for 'later'...

Because in always waiting for later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences,

the best friends,

the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone until tomorrow what needs to be done right away.

Duane Allen

Together they made it happen in Australia for the love of Sri Lanka

By Kumudini Hettiarachchi

Under the gavel went exotic and unique items such as works of art, a piece from Limited Edition cricket memorabilia, a Best of Sri Lanka holiday package and a bat signed by a cricket great.....and in the audience were celebrities, all linked by their love for Sri Lanka's children.

Four hundred Australians gathered on Tuesday night (August 23) at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth for the 'Love for Sri Lanka' gala fundraising dinner to show they care. The funds poured in—AUD 300,000 (amounting to over Rs.75 million).

The funds are to be channelled from UNICEF Australia to UNICEF Sri Lanka for nutrition, clean drinking water, healthcare, education and child protection for children and families in this country. UNICEF Australia's Sri Lanka appeal went out as Sri Lanka currently has 2.3 million children in need of humanitarian assistance, impacted by shortages of food, medicine, safe drinking water and fuel as a result of the economic crisis, according to UNICEF.



The array of celebrity guests had included the Prime Minister of New South Wales (NSW), Dominic Perrottet and high-achieving lawyer and banker Shemara Wikramanayake. Born in England, Shemara is of Sri Lankan origin. She is the only woman Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Australia's 20 biggest companies and heads the Macquarie Group.

The dazzling event which included a special five-course Sri Lankan dinner and entertainment such as energetic Kandyan dancing, a comedy set by popular comedian Dilrukj and inspirational speakers had been curated by celebrity chef and restaurateur Peter Kuruvita and Eresha De Zoysa of Lord and Lion Spice Co., with the support of CEO Dilhan Fernando of Dilmah Tea.

The guests had been treated to delicious dishes such as Black Pepper Curry Leaf Prawns, Chinese hand rolls, Yellow Rice, Puttalam Goat Curry, Coconut Fish Curry, Sri Lankan Eggplant Curry and Sri Lankan Lentil Curry (parippu), rounded off with Rosewater and Strawberry panna cotta, Watalappam and Love Cake as dessert.

Peter had been moved to organize the event because families in his motherland are struggling to feed themselves. Medicine, fuel and safe drinking water are in short supply and unaffordable, in the worst economic crisis the country has faced.

UNICEF Sri Lanka, meanwhile, had urged people to donate generously, pointing out that in recent months, food costs have risen 80% and more than two thirds of households have had to reduce their food consumption.

Pointing out that queuing for fuel and medicine means that some children are left alone at home without supervision for hours or have to skip school to stay with their parents in the queue, UNICEF has further stated that 93% of people in rural and farming communities are living below the poverty line. Poverty is projected to double in the next two years.

“Sri Lanka has the second highest rate of wasting in South Asia, among children under five, and nearly half the children in the country need some form of humanitarian assistance,” UNICEF has added.

Items that went under the gavel

Among the much sought after items of the 35 auctioned which drew AUD 104,515 are:

Three Tea Pluckers – a Triptych by well-known Sri Lankan artist and sculptor, D. Raja Segar, who had made a special journey to Sydney for the event. Limited Edition Memorabilia Piece signed by Sri Lankan cricket greats Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara. This one of 400 pieces in honour of a World Record batting partnership between the duo on July 29, 2006, in the First Test against South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club, Colombo, had been created by Kingsgrove Sports Events, New South Wales (NSW). It had been donated by Harry Solomons, Managing Director Kingsgrove Sports Centre.



Best of Sri Lanka All-inclusive Holiday Package for Two – conceived by the Fernando family of Dilmah Ceylon Tea fame, this is a stay at three Resplendent Ceylon’s distinctive resorts – Ceylon Tea Trails in the hill country, Wild Coast Tented Lodge by the Yala National Park and Cape Weligama along with return airline tickets with compliments of SriLankan Airlines.

Glenn McGrath signed Cricket Bat – donated by former popular Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath.

A Moment of Peace – A Rare Collector’s Tea from the Dilmah Family – one of 10 Limited Edition caddies of exclusive Single Estate Fine Ceylon Pekoe tea picked from the Craighead Estate, Nawalapitiya, in Sri Lanka.

Sunday Times, August 28, 2022



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies." He responded. "Oh! Killing any?" she asked.

Yes 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued she asked "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded -

"3 were on a beer can" "2 were on the phone"



A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman

"Which book has helped you most in your life?" The woman replied "My husband's cheque book!!"

A prospective husband in a bookstore:

"Do you have a book called, 'Husband – the Master of the House'?"

Sales Girl: "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!"



Wisdom from Grandpa.....

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning "his salt" that he forgets "his sugar".

PAYING IT FORWARD - GOOD IDEA !!

A woman was getting swamped with calls from strangers because a Billing Service had recently launched a number that was identical to hers.

When she called the Service to complain ... she was told to get a new number. "I've had mine for 20 years she pleaded, Couldn't you please change your number? "

The Company refused, so she said " Fine. From now on, I'm going to tell everyone who calls me that their bill has been paid in full ! "

They had no choice but to change the number !!!

THE ETERNAL COUPLE

No celebrity couple can match the sheer hotness of this one.

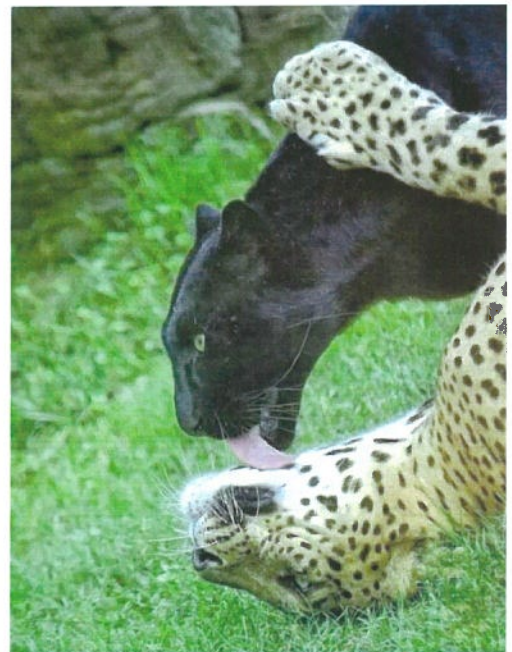
Meet Cleopatra (the leopard) and her mate Saaya (the panther).

Clicked by the talented and much in demand wild life photographer MITHUN HUNUGUND in the Kabini National Park in Nagarhole forest, Karnataka.

About this capture, Mithun writes, "I had waited six days for this in the same spot since I could hear the Black Panther and Cleopatra mating about 100 metres away in the thick undergrowth but could not see them due to limited visibility. They had made a large kill and would not move until it was over. That is where the knowledge and years of experience of following and tracking the panther came in handy. I just had to wait at one of his favourite paths since that was the place he would get her since that was the edge of his territory, and this he did after six days. It was a fruitful wait though. I could wait for six years for a moment like this,"

He further writes, "Saaya and Cleopatra have been courting since 4 years now and whenever they are together it's a sight to behold. The forest comes alive as they trot nonchalantly in his fabled kingdom".

Courtesy: internet



You are sadly mistaken if you think this will convince us to go outside in the rain to pee.



Ceylon Tea named as Official Tea Supplier for Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

Source: Daily mirror



Ceylon Tea, widely considered by many as the finest in the world and with a rich history dating back more than a century and a half, has been named as the Official Tea Supplier for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The Sri Lanka Tea Board has officially engaged in an agreement with the Games' Organising Committee to provide Ceylon Tea for the athletes, officials, ancillary providers and guests at the Birmingham 2022 Athlete Villages. To facilitate the arrangement, the leading suppliers of the Ceylon Tea brand to the global market – namely Dilmah Tea and English Tea Shop, have come forward to offer their finest blends to those involved in Birmingham 2022 throughout the Games.



Sri Lankan tea (known for generations as Ceylon Tea) carries with it a renowned heritage.

The story of Ceylon Tea begins over 200 years ago, when the country was still a British colony.

In 1824, a tea plant was brought to Sri Lanka by the British from China and was planted in the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya for non-commercial purposes.

The industry was introduced to the country in 1867 by James Taylor (Father of Ceylon Tea), a British planter, who arrived in the island in 1852. He started a fully-equipped tea factory in the Loolecondera estate in 1872 and three years later, succeeded in sending the first shipment of Ceylon Tea to the London tea auction.

Until 1967, Sri Lanka had accounted for the majority of the imports to the UK.

OBITUARIES (E & O.E.)

Abel, Doris Phylis, (nee PLUNKETT) born in Trincomalee, Ceylon April 1st 1943 wife of Binky Abel, Royal Ceylon Navy (ret'd) passed away this afternoon October 2nd 2022, they were both senior voluntary workers and office bearers of the Ceylon Welfare Organisation in Noble Park. Funeral Service to commence at 10AM on Friday 14th October 2022 at the Anglican Church Parish of St Michael and St Luke, 1472 Heatherton Road Dandenong.

Ferdinands, James Donald, 26.06.1924 – 05.10.2022 A thoughtful and respectful son to James and Gertie (both Dec) Much loved and cherished husband of Rita, Dedicated and caring Father to Tony, Lucille, Anne, Judy, Gerry and Mario. Ever welcoming father-in-law to Brian, Neil, David, Pam (dec), Sharon and Frank. Much loved and respected Pa to Lauren, Leigh, Charmaine, Simone, Brett, Sonia, Justin, Paige, Taylah, Luke, Joshua, Brooke, Josh, Jael, Luke, Nikita, Kayla, James, Logan, Thomas, Meg, Oliver, Shannon, Khali, Stuart, Josh and Emma. Unconditionally loved Great-Grandpa to Leila, Ethan and Scarlet. A beautiful soul has gone to Heaven Sadly missed but forever in our hearts. Funeral Service to commence at 9.30AM on October 17th 2022 at Bunurong Memorial Park, Stratus Chapel. Burial to follow Service.

Dobson, Carmen. 23.07.1931 – 30.09.2022, Mass offered at 11AM on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4 Winifred Street, St Albans and after the service, the Funeral Service will be held at Memorial Park Altona, Dohertys Road, Altona North.

LODEWYKE, Brian, husband of Jenny, father of Verlaine and Damian, father-in-law of Adrian and Tara, grandfather of Caedan, Elliott and Adeline. Brother of Ainsley, Arlene, Therese, Cheryl, Virginia and Tyrone, in Perth. (Sydney Morning Herald, 13.9.2022& Contributed) September 2022 edition.

Walles, Joseph Bertram, 04.12.1927 – 25.10.2022 beloved husband of Wilma Funeral service for Joseph Bertram Walles will be held at Good Shepherd Church, 34 Academy Avenue Wheelers Hill on Monday 31st October commencing at 10.30am following the Funeral Service, the burial will take place at Springvale Botanical Cemetery in the Casuarina Lawn commencing at 12.15 pm.

Nugara, Hilton Ernest, 09/11/1932 - 09/11/2022 passed away peacefully on his 90th birthday, devoted husband of Rita a adored father of Jean, Errol and Shireen, Loved Father in law of Roger and Mathew and dearly love Papa of Jarred, Christopher, Jordan and Andrew. Forever in our hearts. Funeral Service in Thanksgiving for the Life of Hilton Ernest Nugara will be Celebrated in St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church, 1472 Heatherton Road, Dandenong on FRIDAY (Nov 18, 2022) at 11.30am. The Funeral will leave at the conclusion of the Service for Burial at Springvale Botanical Cemetery, 600 Princes Highway, Springvale.

NATHANIELSZ, Andrew Leslie, - husband of ex-wife Rochelle Nathanielsz, father of, Johann and Aaron Nathanielsz, grandfather of Luna and Hunter, father-in-law of Chole Nathanielsz. Brother of Michael, Brian, Jacqueline Nathanielsz and late Bernadine Patterson. Son-in-law of late Elmo Karunaratne and Bertha Karunaratne, brother-in-law of Dilshan and Dinusha, Michelle and Dilshan. (Daily News, 1.10.2022)

DOLE, Marina, wife of Hazari Dole, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

WHITE, Rosanne Sherine (nee **BARTHOLOMEUSZ**), mother of Darren and Warren, Sister of Darrel, sister-in-law of Suranjika., on 25th September 2022. (Sunday Observer, 2.10.2022)

DANIELS, Doreen Elizabeth (nee **MEURLING**), wife of Lucian Augustus Daniels, mother of Keith, Karen and Natalie, mother-in-law of Rozanne, Ramesh & Anura, grandmother of Kendra, Joshua, Jaden, Jacob, Traveena, Trevaane, Abigail & Amy. Daughter of late Benjamin & Mabel, daughter-in-law of the late Edward & Marion. Sister of late Bertha, Clarence, Kinsley, Victor, Bonita, Ronald, Errol, Jennifer, Hyacinth, Christobel & Wendy. Remains (Daily News, 3.10.2022)

PEREIRA, Adrian Derrick Rohan Muller, son of the late Mr & Mrs Joy Pereira, brother of Brian. – No 2B, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 4.10.2022)

EBERT, Bryan, husband of Margaret, father of Louanne, Paul, Simon and Helen, father-in-law of David, Martina and Sue, grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 4, on September 30, 20-22, aged 92 years. (Adelaide Advertiser, 7.10.2022)

MUTHIAH, Valliammai, (26.11.1947 – 05.10.2022), wife of Palaniappan, mother and mother-in-law of Kumar & Priya and Annam & Saravanan, grandmother of Vishnu, Jai, Arun and Shriya. (Canberra Times, 8.10.2022)

CROZIER, Valda Elizabeth (25.10.1932 – 03.10.2022), wife of Colin (dec), mother of David, Bruce, Scott and their partners, grandmother and great grandmother. (Sydney Morning Herald, 8.10.2022)

DE NIESE, Errol Raynal, son of the late Annette & Anton, brother of Marianne & Garwin, Adrian & Judy and Roger. (Daily News, 10.10.2022)

PERERA, Fransz Gerrard, (23.11.1951 – 09.10.2022), husband of Trudy, father of Joelle and Warren, grandfather of Grayson. Brother of Gloria and Allan (dec), in Melbourne. (Contributed)

JAYASUNDARA, Tikiri Banda Karunaratne (**Karu**), husband of Medhavi, father of Indika, Sachi and Udaya dec), grandfather of Savindu and Anthony, in Melbourne. (Age, 12.10.2022)

SINNATHURAY, Rajah, husband of late Malini Sinnathuray, father of Sashikala Perera (Can), Pushpakala Sinnathuray (Can), father-in-law of Sudarsha Perera (Can), grandfather of Savitha Perera. Son of Samuel Joseph Sinnathuray and Mary Pathma Sinnathuray, son-in-law of late A. Mahesan and Mrs P. Mahesan. (Daily News, 13.10.2022)

MORTIMER, Paul, brother of Joanna and Diana, on September 30.2022, aged 64 years. (West Australian, 13.10.2022)

PLUNKETT, John Mulholland, brother of Alan, brother-in-law of Noni. (Melbourne Age, 13.10.2022)

BAGOT, Charles Hervey, (27.07.1934 – 13.10.2022), son of John & Margaret (both dec), brother and brother-in-law of Michael & Wendy, Patrick (dec) and Virginia & Peter. (Adelaide Advertiser, 14.10.2022)

SCHROEDER, Robert Kingsley "Bob", (04.09.1940 – 05.10.2022). (Adelaide Advertiser, 14.10.2022)

PELCZAR, Amy (nee LUDOVICI), wife of Otto (dec), mother of Suzanne, Vicki, Michelle and Paul, grandmother of Denham, Bianca, Morgan, Holly, Jacqueline, Victoria, Luke and Kye. Great grandmother of Micah. (West Australian, 14.10.2022)

De ZILWA, Kathleen Edna (nee d'WITH BARBUT), wife of Gerald (dec), mother and mother-in-law and grandmother of Edward, Deanna, Melanie and Mark, Genevieve, Michael, Samuel and Hayley and Rebekah on October 12, 2022. (Melbourne Age, 18.10.2022)

HESSE, Alan William (30.01.1947 – 29.09.2022), husband of Maureen, father of Tracy and Michelle, father-in-law of Jason, grandfather of Jeremy. (West Australian, 19.10.2022)

PEREIRA, Antonio (Tony), husband of Lynette, father of Mathew and James, father-in-law of Emma and Stephanie, grandfather of Harry and Kit. (West Australian, 20.10.2022).

RUDOLPH, Ernest William, (10.03.1920 – 17.10.2022), husband of Ena (dec), father and father-in-law of Barbara & David, Wendy & Wayne, Angela & Ron and Steve & Janelle. Grandfather of 15, great grandpa of 30. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.10.2022)

ISAACS, Flory, (04.07.1936 – 18.10.2022), wife of Daniel (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Oliver, Anita & John and Nina & Alexander, grandmother of Samaka, Tariq, Solomon, Daniel, Ariel, Zachariah, Jasmine, Benjamin, Olivia, Cassandra, Charlotte and Sarah. (Sydney Morning Herald, 22.10.2022)

EATON, Mary Ellen (15.07.1929 – 14.10.2022), wife of Alf (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Greg & Elizabeth, Paula & Ray Knight, Lloyd & Patricia and Frances & Mark. Grandmother and Great Grandmother.. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 22.10.2022)

SCHUMACHER, Allan John, son of John & Melva (both dec), brother of Terence (dec), Trevor (dec) and Dawn, brother-in-law of Nola and Phil Dunning, aged 66 years. (Adelaide Advertiser, 22.10.2022)

FORBES, Brian, (1928 - 2022), in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

GUINAN, Maurise Anthony Ignatius, husband of the late Ninette, father of Patrick, Zara and Tamara, father-in-law of Champika and Damian, grandfather of Brindya, Marsh and Sabi, on October 2022, in Sri Lanka. (Daily Mirror, 26.10.2022)

ONDATJE, Christine Ellis Maureen (nee FORBES), (22.11.1932 – 09.10.2022), wife of Elmo, mother of Donerinne Vella, Adrian, Sandra Barry, Ralph, Rodney, Desiree Patterson, Lorraine Voss, Romayne Camacho and Kevin, grandmother of 25, great grandmother of 34. Daughter of Callistus Gregory Walwin Forbes & Lorna Beryl Van Houten), in California, USA. (Contributed)

LUCAS, John, husband of Beverly, father of Scott and Adele, grandfather of Heather and Erika, on September 22, 2022, aged 85 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 26.10.2022)

BAPTIST, Francis Leo "Frank", husband of Shirley (dec), father and father-in-law of Margaret & Graeme, Allan & Bev and Kevin & Debbie, grandfather and great grandfather, in Sydney on October 20, 2022, aged 97 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 26.10.2022)

NAGEL, Keith George, (24.04.1941 – 11.10.2022), husband of the late Cheryl, father of Kim, Brett and Grant, on October 11, 2022, aged 81 years.

VANDERPUTT, Barbara Miriam, wife of late Roy Vanderputt, mother of Annamarie and Jacqueline, grandmother of Amanda & Abinaditha, mother-in-law of Richard. .Sister of Derrick, Owen, Bella and Jennifer. (Daily News, 27.10.2022)

STEVENS, Peter George Gavin, (18.10.1940 - 24.10.2022), in Melbourne. (Contributed)

KOCH, Michael Hans, (05.09.1949 – 25.10.2022), husband of Cheryl. (Canberra Times, 29.10.2022)

SMITH, Sharon Lea (nee KRAUSE), (06.10.1965 – 18.10.2022), wife of Stephen, mother of Kingslee. Sister of Trevor Krause, sister-in-law of Veronica and Shane Strasburg, Annemarie and Richard Falvey, aged 57 years. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 29.10.2022)

THIEDEMAN, Thelma, wife of Lieut Cdr Noel Thiedeman, R.Cy.N, retd, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

Note: Spelling of most names as taken from newspapers

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One Chinese walks into a bar in America late one night and he saw Steven Spielberg. As he was a great fan of his movies, he rushes over to him, and asks for his autograph. Instead, Spielberg gives him a slap and says "You Chinese people bombed our Pearl Harbor, get out of here."

The astonished Chinese man replied "It was not the Chinese who bombed your Pearl Harbour, it was the Japanese".

"Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, you're all the same," replied Spielberg.

In return, the Chinese gives Spielberg a slap and says, "You sank the Titanic; my forefathers were on that ship."

Shocked, Spielberg replies "It was the iceberg that sank the ship, not me."

The Chinese replies, "Iceberg, Spielberg, Carlsberg, you're all the same."

This particular joke won an award for the best joke in a competition in Britain

I miss the good old days...when you could actually have an opinion without offending somebody.

Kurullangala Rock Art: A Mystery



Located in Uva Province of Sri Lanka, at an elevation of just over 1,200 metres, the Kurullangala rock art stands unique in Sri Lanka. Access to the site is via an extremely dangerous, steep climb or ‘rock hop’ where one has to literally walk on tree branches near the top to gain access to the site and the area is certainly not accessible in wet weather. There is a small rock ‘viewing platform’ approximately 5 metres long and 2-3 metres wide where one can stand to view the art work at eye level and above.

First Discovered in the 1980s

The artwork was discovered by a few local lads in the late 1980s (according to one of them) and a few years later the discovery was released to a local school newspaper called *Lalitha* (2002, article by Asoka Somaratne). Eleven years later, in 2013, the TV station, *Derana*, made a short story on the site, but did not disclose the actual location. Eventually, a few intrepid and enthusiastic people researched the available information and visited the site. It is plausible that other villagers in the area may have also known of this art work, but did not see a need to mention it as an important cultural discovery. It is also plausible that the lads’ parents may have known of the art work but did not attach any importance to it either.

Largest Collection of Rock Art in Sri Lanka

It is currently claimed to be the largest collection of rock art found in Sri Lanka to date, covering a surface area of about 1.3 metres by 0.48 metres.

One of the outstanding features of the art is that it is on a 'rock wall' open to the elements, at all times of the year, with no natural shelter of any sort. However, one cannot completely rule out that this art in earlier times may have been in a cave or a shelter spot and, over time, there may have been some seismic activity or landslides that altered the original site to what it is today.

Paintings Face East

The paintings face east with the first rays of the rising sun illuminating the rock surface. Some of the art is quite high, about 5 to 7 metres. There is no explanation, or theory, to date as to how the artists got so high on the rock surface and how a 'steady hand' could have been maintained to draw the art at such a height. A recent examination and thesis by an art and sculptor university graduate from the University of Visual and Performing Art in Colombo, Ruwan believes after examination that the art work is brush stroke and not the finger-painted work of Veddahs (the indigenous people of Sri Lanka). One may also draw the difference in comparison to other well-known rock/cave/temple art work in Sri Lanka. Kurullangala stands unique and mysterious as an art work in itself in Sri Lanka.

Historic Cave Art Sites

Unlike many of the historic cave art sites in Sri Lanka, the Kurullangala rock art has no visible drip ledge overhang, nor are there any rock inscriptions of ancient language or script to be seen. Familiar Sri Lankan animals are not seen in this art work such as elephant, the cobra hood, buffalo, monkey, Sambhur/deer, bear and leopard. Birds dominate the drawings, with some of the larger depictions about 42 cm high.

The art is overlapping with some images drawn on top of others. More than one type of bird is depicted with at least one image seeming to be a small bird in flight. There are also four visible human-like images with what appears to be some type of reptile, or mammal, and a number of left-hand palm prints. Also including in the drawings are lines, dots and a small 'lattice' drawing. Some of the bird drawings are perpendicular, some at angles and some horizontal.

Kurullangala Rock Art: Red and Yellow Pigments Used

According to a recent, preliminary 2016 Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) report analysis states that red and yellow pigments

were used in the making of the images. The red pigment is claimed to be iron oxide. However, due to the pigments being inorganic, carbon dating is not possible. The PGIAR's report also states that the yellow pigment used is unique to rock art in Sri Lanka.

Yellow has been used as a background for the red pigment drawings and there are obvious traces of white paint. The art seems to be directly painted on the rock face- unlike the frescoes from the Anuradhapura period (377 BC to AD 1017) found at Sigiriya, the ancient rock fortress in Central Province, for example, that has a prepared plaster wall for a 'canvas'.

There are some cave art palm prints at Mangulmaha Vihara in Yala National Park in the south, however, they are of both left and right hand palm prints, of two colours, and the art is in a sheltered cave. (It is possible that there is a mistake in the spelling of Mangulmaha Vihara and that the cave is within the monastic grounds of Magulmaha Vihara.)

Kurullangala Rock Art Similar to Aboriginal Rock Art

The similarity to the Aboriginal rock art in Australia is striking, as some of that art is in 'open' rock shelters. However, the Aboriginal palm prints are 'stencilled' hand prints. To the lay person, the temptation to draw similarities of some of the bird art to an emu and cassowary is strong. Whilst that is pure speculation, it certainly does not diminish the intrigue.

The peacock has mythical and sacred connotations especially in the Uva region (as it related to the Ravana Legend and the *Ramayana*). Our local guide, a 'Ravana believer', believes the bird artwork is of peacocks and is associated with the Ravana Legend. Ultimately, the consensus of academic opinion of what these birds are likely to be will emerge in the course of time.

May Have been a Sacred Place for Worship

Further speculation suggests the site may have been a sacred place or a place of worship (bird worship?). The lack of any evidence, to date, of an overhang, or cave, indicates it was probably not a site that people might have inhabited. According to a recent preliminary exploration report from the Uva Regional Office, the closest known pre-historic sites are at Randeniya – Keeriyagolle Kiridi Oya Basin in the southern dry zone. It is possible that the artists picked an imposing site for a sacred space looking down upon local habitation.

Human-like Figures

The human like figures seem to be unlike other human figures in other cave art in Sri Lanka. The Uva report suggests the figures are 'looking' to the north. The report also suggests the human like figures may be holding feathers. It certainly seems to be the case that there may have been two (or more) styles of art in Sri Lanka being practised simultaneously at a given time in history, for example the Veddah 'finger' art, other styles of cave art, and the Kurullangala style of art.

It calls for a multidisciplinary team of academics to examine and study the site, the surrounding area and the boulders below the cliff face. It is also difficult to accept that the artists only chose one corner to work on when a huge rock 'canvas' was available (perhaps another indication that many years ago there may have been a cave/shelter at the art site).

The discovery is exciting and certainly stands to alter and add to the ancient history of Sri Lanka. It certainly one of the most important recent discoveries in Sri Lanka and needs help in being protected.

BY STEFAN D'SILVA

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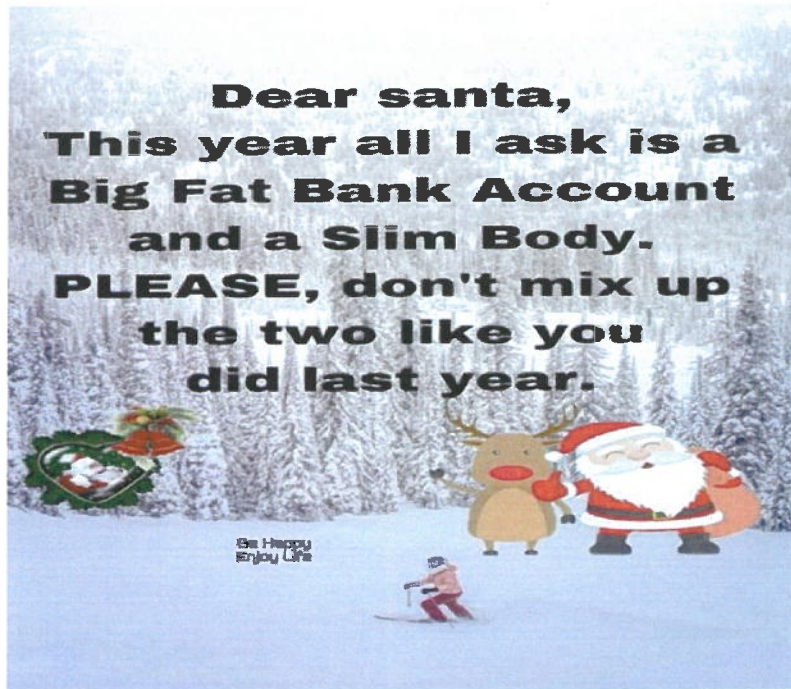
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An extract from: The Prodigal Son - By B.R.Blaze

These sonnets to the Queen were featured on the front page of Ceylon's newspaper on successive days during her visit to that country in the year 1954.

ELIZABETH OUR QUEEN

(Ceylon, 1954)

(1)

So young and beautiful, so gentle, kind, so exquisite a pattern for a throne as History hath hereto never known, and time shall not hereafter ever find ; Whose matchless gifts of person, spirit, mind, Endow her with a grace that's hers alone; What sovereign liege can we more proudly own? What bond our fellowship more firmly bind?

This lovely non-pareil, this peerless Queen, a thousand million subjects kneel before: and yet from all the millions who adore, Philip himself be one, there has not been a lover whose allegiances his excels who here in halting rhymes his tributes tells.

(2)

This is the Link that joins in one domain, where fellowship and freedom know no dearth, a Commonwealth that girdles all the earth: So frail and tender seeming, to sustain so mighty a role, this spirit shown no strain: such standards hath she set ev'n from her birth, as maid, princess, wife, mother, queen, her worth shines like the morning star: long may she reign!

Life's richest gifts be hers! May all her days in radiant peace be passed! her simple aim- to be the servant of her people – raise a million rivals keen to match her claim! And husband, home and children with her share blessing and happiness beyond compare!

Sri Lanka Life Saving marks 75 years of links with Australia



Written by Zulfick Farzan

COLOMBO (News 1st) – Sri Lanka Life Saving marked its 75 anniversary with an art competition.

Sri Lanka Life Saving successfully concluded the special program organized in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Sri Lanka Life Saving, the 75-year partnership between Sri Lanka Life Saving and Australia, and the 10-year partnership between Life Saving Victoria, Australia.

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the “We Are Water Wise” art competition for school children that was organized by SLLS to celebrate its 75th anniversary was also held in conjunction with this program.

The event was graced by Paul Stephens, the High Commissioner of Australia, as well as other dignitaries from the Australian High Commission, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives .

Here are just a few lessons from life which I'm still trying to learn -

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have become really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement for it. He who hesitates is probably doing the right thing.

If you think there is some good in everybody, you obviously haven't met 'everybody'.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you must have someone else in mind to blame.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Promotion of Multiculturalism Award Marie Pietersz, aged 72, from Camberwell



Nominated by: Australia South Asia Society

Since migrating from Sri Lanka in 1972, Marie has focused on making the most of every opportunity and helping people to build their skills, have fun and stay connected through music and dance.

For the past 16 years, Marie has run line dancing classes at Nunawading U3A. Her popular classes were held via Zoom during the pandemic, helping members to socialise and stay active from home. The group have regularly performed at the Victorian Seniors Festival, including recent online performances, and are looking forward to dancing at Celebration Day this year.

Marie recently started a 10-week line dancing course for the Southern Migrant Refugee Centre, where she supported participants to join in the fun in-person and from home. Marie also runs many line dancing classes for aged care residents, both in-person and online. People participating in Marie's classes enjoy the music, company and dance while improving their balance and confidence. Marie is also an active volunteer with Editors Victoria, serving as the Events Officer and coordinating a range of professional development opportunities for members. During the pandemic, Marie quickly and effectively helped the organisation to move events online, providing valuable learning opportunities and social interaction, particularly for self-employed freelance editors.



The Parable of the Porcupine

"It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So, they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the warmth that came from the others. **This way they were able to survive.**

Moral of the story: The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities."

Next time you find yourself getting frustrated with someone remind yourself of this picture of this baby porcupine and how adorable he is, just like you and me, despite the pricks.



*I seem to be having a problem with the 'People' in "A World where you can be anything".
It seems the "BE KIND" is a sentiment that needs to be Acquired.*

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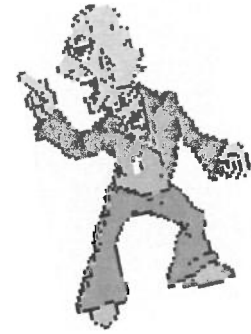
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Australia Day Celebrations
BAA Community Hall - 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169
12.00 noon-5.00pm

16 April 2023

Curry Lunch
BAA Community Hall - 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169
12.00 noon-5.00pm

17 July 2023

Winter Warmers Lunch
Details to be advised in next Newsletter

17 September 2023

High Tea
BAA Community Hall - 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169
12.00 noon-5.00pm

15 October 2023

Hopper Lunch
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26 November 2023

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