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"People come together with their families to celebrate Easter. What better way to celebrate than to share it with others, bringing hope and a new life to those in need.

This Easter, let us take a moment to ponder that the things we take for granted, someone else is praying for. It is in our hands to create a better world for all who live in it. We cant help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Life is not what you have. Life is all about those you have lifted up and the lives you have made better. It's about what you have given back

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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PRESIDENT'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022 – Angelo Herft



Easter can teach us about kindness, forgiveness and hope.

These three traits are demonstrated in each of our lives on a daily basis. These traits are demonstrated through our wonderful and generous members that support 'those less fortunate than ourselves'.

We as an active community continue to demonstrate our kindness and generosity through the support of fund-raising at events and through various other methods such as donation of funds, our time and our prayers.

In return we give those less fortunate than ourselves' hope for a better tomorrow. Over 200 Welfare Beneficiaries now live with hope thanks to your generosity and 184 students in Colombo and Batticaloa look forward to a better tomorrow with opportunities for a proper education.

We must continue to open our hearts to these people in need and remember them in our prayers this coming Easter. I hope that you will continue to support the Club's fund-raising functions as we strive to make their lives better.

Melinda and I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and joyous Easter celebration.



Charity

Give to the poor, be generous to those in need,
Nourish deep within yourself the virtuous seed,
Water it with practice and strong it shall grow,
To the needy kindness and compassion you should show,

Give what you can, be it money, food or time,
And give sincerely with your heart's rhythm and rhyme,
Ease their burden even if you can only do it for a day,
Bring colours to their life that is slowly turning grey,

Nourish the virtues that dwell within your heart,
Help give them hope and courage for a fresh new start,
Give if you can, even if it is just a small portion of your pay,
For survival for the less fortunate is a battle each day,

Embrace compassion and kindness, embrace your humanity,
Encourage others who can to donate to charity,
Make a difference, even if it is to a boy or girl
Nourish humanity, be the change you wish to see in the world,



C is for **community** where we get involved.

A is for **adaptability** being flexible.

R is for **responsibility** working as a team.

I is for **integrity** where we are honest trustworthy and reliable.

N is for **nothing is impossible** we can all reach for our hopes and dreams.

G is for **gratefulness** - grateful for the privilege of doing what we do.

It was not long ago that we were planning our Christmas celebrations or perhaps a holiday after years of Covid and lockdowns. These thoughts were far from the minds of those in Sri Lanka. Their lives, were a daily fight for survival with food and fuel shortages, skyrocketing prices and no hope for the future. Months have gone by as we move into Easter 2023 and to say that their lives have improved is far from the truth.

The poor are still struggling to have 3 meals a day and the cries for help grow by the day. This year, thanks to all of you, we are increasing the number of Welfare Beneficiaries to 215 (an addition of 15 more WB's).

The committee has also decided to increase their quarterly allowances by Rs.3000. Single WB's now receive Rs.12,000, a couple Rs.15,000 and families Rs 18,000.

While we do our very best to increase our aid to these poor suffering people, we also have to be mindful that our fund-raising events have only been a partial success due to the high cost of hosting these events and the reduction in the number of attendees. Regrettably as our members get older and they are compelled to move into retirement or aged care, it is understandable that there are very little funds left for charitable purposes.

As time goes by, as with any charity, the club and those in Sri Lanka, have to depend on your donations and goodwill. We are indeed grateful for your support and caring and just as the poor in Sri Lanka look forward to your aid, the club too depends on your generosity.

Every little bit helps, be it a jar of coins collected or a donation in lieu of gifts for a birthday or special occasion.

As always, I am sure the empathy you have for all those not fortunate to enjoy the privileges we take for granted, will always be present in your heart and your generosity will outweigh any personal problems you have in your daily lives.



“When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.” — Mother Teresa

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP NEWS - Trevor Collette

It was indeed a sad day to be present at the funeral services of Maurice Forster. Listening to the eulogies, it was evident that he was a man of great generosity and vision. It would take too many pages to condense all that he achieved, both in his personal and working life. Maurice had a vision that the best way to break the cycle of poverty was to educate the children of poor families. It is indeed a testament to his legacy, that he achieved his goals in many ways. Maurice started the Student Sponsorship Scheme on his own and as the project grew, he combined this scheme with the work of the Club. He was a past President of the ECM, SSP coordinator and continued to devote his considerable energy to the welfare of poor students.

I was fortunate to understudy his work and as his health deteriorated, took over from him as SSP coordinator. However, he was always keen to lend a helping hand or give advice on how we could extend and improve the program. I am sure he would take pride in the story below of a family doing their best not only to better their lives, but also caring for each other in every way and rising above the adversities that life had dealt them at an early age.



Ishani

Ishani Vancuylenberg, a single Mum, was left to fend for 5 children, by working as a maid and selling king coconuts and betel leaves on the roadside. Her children were fortunate to receive sponsorship through the Club SSP. Her eldest daughter Sonali, although initially wanting to become a nun, decided to enroll in the army after completing her GCE (AL) exams. She knew this would help the family. I now quote Etienne from the DBU who says “

Ishani Vancuylenberg told me that if they have a laptop it would come in very useful so I gave her one of the refurbished ones, sent by the Club. She was very grateful and you will be surprised to hear that she too is studying for an external degree at the Sri Jayawardenepura University. She is 43 years old and keeps the family going by working as a Maid in houses. I thought it was very creditable. The lady for whom she works had helped her to obtain her certificates and to apply and she was accepted by the University. She is doing her studies online. Her daughter in the Army and is doing well, but earns a salary of Rs.35,000 pm. Her eldest son is doing a Hybrid Motor Mechanics course at Wayamba Technical College in Kurunegala and he has to pay Rs.15,000 pm to the College. In addition, he has to pay for his food which is Rs.450/= per day. According to her he cannot afford the 3 meals and has only his dinner! If there is any way we could help this family it will be great”. The Club is looking at helping this young boy and we would welcome any help to see this young lad prosper in life.



Sonali

On a further note, young Elin van Langenberg has secured a placement in the Kelaniya University and was presented a laptop by Sean van Dort, donated by the Maroondah Rotary Club, Melbourne. Elin is also joining an English course which is being sponsored through the DBU and will commence in April 2023. Her English is not bad, but she is very shy to speak, so this should help her to be more confident. She will be better equipped for a job once she completes her University studies education and also attains fluency in English.



Once again, my sincere thanks to all the sponsors and donors who help make the dreams of these children come true!!



10/11/2022	Cynthia Rozairo	5,000.00	Husband who drives a three wheeler met with an accident. 5 children in the family. There are times they skip meals.
15/11/2022	Nora Robertson	1,000.00	No work as a security guard. She has no income.
15/11/2022	Edward Rodrigo	500.00	Going home for Christmas and has no bus-fare
21/11/2022	Helen de Zilwa	1,000.00	She has no income
29/11/2022	Morine Holmes	1,000.00	Came on the way to hospital to collect old clothes.
29/11/2022	Sriyani Holmes	1,000.00	She has no income and has no family to support her.
30/11/2022	Flora Roofff	1,000.00	She has no income even for food
1/12/2022	Cynthia Greig	1,000.00	No regular income. Works as a maid whenever she gets work
1/12/2022	Valerie Greig	1,000.00	Looks after her 90 year old mother. She has no income
5/12/2022	Mrs. Malcomn Holmes	1,000.00	Their house is flooded and she is sick. No income
5/12/2022	Shereen Holmes	1,000.00	Home is flooded. They have no income.
20/12/2022	Jennifer Steelmen	2,000.00	Came to the DBU hoping for a Christmas hamper
20/12/2022	Gordon Daniels	2,000.00	3 wheel driver. Met with an accident and cannot drive now.
20/12/2022	Herbert Francis Shifton	2,000.00	Takes care of his 99 year old mother who is bed-ridden. He has no income.
7/2/2023	Nora Williams	1,000.00	Has no work and no income.
	(Robertson)		
8/2/2023	Rosemary Patternott	1,000.00	Unable to find work and has no income.
22/02/2023	Jacintha de Fransz	2,000.00	Husband has a heart block and needs to do a by-pass. He cannot work. She also cannot work as she takes care of her young daughter.
24/02/2023	Rosemary Francisco	2,000.00	The son takes care of his mother who is bed-ridden. Needs pampers
7/3/2023	Michael Davidson	2,000.00	Both he and his wife are sick and they have no income.
20/03/2023	Felicia Fernando	1,000.00	Has no income even for bus-fare

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Eighty Club Melbourne Inc
presents

Hot n' Spicy Extravaganza
Lunch Dance

at the *Grand on Princes*

2251 Princes Hwy Service Rd, Mulgrave

Sunday - 2nd July, 2023 - 12 pm to 4 pm

Sumptuous Sri Lankan Smorgasbord Lunch

Trip the light fantastic to the music of Elmo Wells-Jansz

BYO

Dress Code

Smart Casual

Donation: \$45

For Table reservations, please contact the co-ordinators

Marie de Kretser -PH: 9848 4623
Jill & Trevor Collette –
PH: 9706 1084
All Committee Members

Please note that all bookings must be confirmed and paid for in full by

18 June, 2023

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**With Australia's
Country Stars**

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&
MARION
RODDA**



Dinner:

Smorgasbord

Drinks:

BYO

Donation:

\$45.00

Dress:

Country & Western

**A NIGHT OF COUNTRY
And ROCK & ROLL MUSIC**

**GRAND ON PRINCES
2551 Princes Hwy Service Rd,
Mulgrave 3170**

FRIDAY 26th MAY 2023

7.00pm – 12.30am

TICKETS &

RESERVATIONS:

Earle & Shireen

9512 7265

George & Yvonne

9795 0009

All Committee

Members



HURRY, SEATS ARE LIMITED!

RESERVE MY SEAT

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**



IN GOD'S CARE



CARRON, Hazel Anna (nee Melder) 09.07.1923 - 06.12.2022

Loving daughter of the late Patrick and Mary Melder. Beloved wife of Brian (dec). Mother to Marguerite (Jennifer), Ronald (dec) and Shireen. Mother-in-law to Chris Campbell, Tarnia and Earle Ferdinand. Loved sister of Hector, Joe, Anton, Florie, Gerty, Leslie, Ralph, Trevor (all dec), Doreen and Rex. Grandmother to Aaron and Reece Campbell, Annalene Steer, Andre and Warren Carron. Greatgrandmother to Tia, Alexis, Matthew, Shyla and Zander.

Forever in our hearts and loved always

DE HOEDT, Barbara – 31.07.1939 – 20.02.2023.

Barbara passed away on the 20th February at the Corpus Christi Nursing home in Clayton. She leaves behind her family and friends who have supported her during her stay at the home especially her husband Sherlock, her children Monique and Steuart, her daughter in law Victoria and her grand children Rachel and Brittany. May her soul rest in peace.

Barbara, I know you can not read this but I have to write it anyway. You went through a tough time with Parkinson's Disease and Diabetes but you always were the lovely person right up to the end. You were my nurse for many years when I was ill and unable to help myself and you helped me to get over my many medical problems. Very few wives would sacrifice their whole time to look after their ailing husbands. You were always there day and night when I needed you. You are my best friend. Thank you. I will always love you. Sherlock.

DE ZYLVA, Yvonne Isabelle: 24.02.1936 – 10.02.2023

Beloved wife of Ralph. Adored and cherished Mum to Sharon, Bill, Rodney, Robert, Sandra, Chris, Russell and Partners. Nana Lovesy to 21 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. A gentle, caring, beautiful lady. You were the centre of our world. We will miss you everyday but know that your spirit will be with us all forever. Family is not an important thing - IT IS EVERYTHING!

FORSTER, Maurice

The funeral service to celebrate the life of Mr Maurice Forster was held in the Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery on Friday 10th March at 11am.

LUDEKENS, Dudley John St.Elmo - 94,- Peacefully passed away on Thursday December 15th 2022.

He is deeply loved and missed by his wife Pamela, his children Andrea and Chris, Philippe and Monique, and grandchildren Marcus, Elise, Jacques and Charlotte. Beloved eldest son of Jim and Blanche (both dec). A loving brother to Earle and Christine, Celine and Hal (dec), Bernie and Lorraine, Max and Sandy, and Maria and Alan, and a charming and cheeky uncle to many nieces and nephews.

MACK, Douglas Sinclair – 08.10.1928 – 08.03.2023

Passed away peacefully. Cherished husband of Peggy Mack (dec'd). Loved father of Warren and wife Penny. Loved brother of June, Vivian, Barbara (dec'd), Spencer (dec'd), Derrick (dec'd). Brother in law of Marlene (dec'd), Bernice, Elmo (dec'd), Jean (dec'd), Barbara (dec'd), Roy, Shirley, Maxie (dec'd), Errol, Elaine. Dadup to Neroli, Daniel and Lavinnia, and great Dadup to Georgina, Margot, Otto and George. Private memorial service was held and cremated as per his wishes.

SPELDEWINDE, Arthur – passed away on Friday the 16th December 2022. (Dec 19, 2022 Posted by eLanka admin)



WELCOME
new members

Ananda and Judy Perera

Membership Matters

Thank you for supporting our membership drive. This has enabled us to maintain welfare services to the less fortunate members of our community in Sri Lanka.

If you need an application form to invite a friend or relative to join our Club, Please contact our Membership Secretary: Allan Pinder on 9700 6178/0410 863716. email: apinder8@hotmail.com You may also download an application from our website at: www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS

Donations received from 4th November 2022 - 29th March 2023

Aldons Ione	50.00	Mack Bernice	45.00
Angus Geoff Denise	500.00	Middleton John Moira	70.00
Barrow Keith Naomi	100.00	Miller Francis Cheryl	40.00
Bartholomeusz Katie	100.00	Morrison Randolph Fiona	20.00
Chapman, Carina	90.00	Mottau Melville	20.00
Cooray Gordon Shanthi	50.00	Mrs Arlene Nugara	100.00
Dabrera, Cheryl	100.00	In memory of Merrill Nugara	
De Kretser Marie In lieu of birthday presents from a friend	100.00	Noller Trevor Aloma	15.00
		Oorloff, Howard & Trish	20.00
		Pereira Caryl	20.00
De Zilwa Wilhelm Marina	25.00	Ragel Florence	100.00
Devendran, Joe and Sandra	50.00	Raymond Roger Lyn	62.50
Ferdinand Earle Shireen	200.00	Sethupathy Christine	70.00
in memory of Kevin Hickey		Stork Dorothy	40.00
Joe & Candy In Memory of H Carron	30.00	Thresher Marlene	40.00
		Tony Nicholas	100.00
Ferdinands Edred Denise	340.00	Ursula Aruma in memory of Piya Aruma	300.00
Fernando Audrey in memory of loved family members	100.00	Wells-Jansz Robin Maureen	250.00
		Wright George & Claudette	50.00
		In memory of Lorenz Bartholomeusz & our Parents	
Graham Errol	10.00		
Herft Angelo Melinda In lieu of 80th birthday present to Noeline Willenberg	100.00	Willenberg Noeline	100.00
		In lieu of 80th Birthday Present from Lorraine/Trevor Helsham	
Herft Damian Caroline	110.00	Willenberg Noeline	100.00
Howse, Ronali	89.64	In lieu of 80 th Birthday present from Lindsay & Rose Ferdinands	
Hesse Rita	50.00		
Kelaart Cheryl	50.00		
La Brooy Mirabelle	30.00	Young Rita	500.00
Loretta Cappellari	20.00	In lieu of 90th birthday presents	
Ludowyk Robin Joan	50.00	Young Annesley Jennifer	20.00
<i>In Memory of Maurice Forster</i>		<i>In Memory of Hazel Carron</i>	
Aldons Ione	50.00	Campell M	100.00
Arkley Lindsay Vilma	100.00	Herft Angelo Melinda	50.00
Baker, Gwenneth	100.00	Hickey D	200.00
Ferdinand Earle Shireen	50.00	Kurumbalapitiya Chaminda Chrishni	100.00
Forster Eliza	100.00	Smith Aubrey	50.00
Ishbelle, Crosby & Dorothy	150.00	Steer David Annalene	250.00
		Young Rita	25.00
Anonymous Donations	450.00	Anonymous for the elderly	150.00
Anonymous for urgent need	50.00	Anonymous from Doris' friend	500.00
Anonymous for poor families in Sri Lanka	200.00	COIN COLLECTION	
		Hickey Doreen	40.10





2023



2023 Functions

at The Grand on Princes

2251 Princes Hwy Service Rd, Mulgrave VIC 3170

Date	Event	Co-ordinators
FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023 7pm -12.30am	Country & Western Rock & Roll Dinner Dance	George & Yvonne de Vos - Ph: 9795 0009 Earle & Shireen Ferdinand - Ph:9512 7265 
SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023 12.30pm - 4pm	Lunch Dance at the Grand	Marie de Kretser - Ph: 9848 4623 Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9706 1084 
SUNDAY 27 AUG 2023 12.30pm - 4.30pm	Traditional Eastern Lunch & AGM	Tony & Arlene Scarnivel - Ph: 9763 0085 Allan & Marie Pinder - Ph: 9700 6178 Laraine Muller - Ph: 0419 525 750
SUNDAY 15 OCT 2023 12.30pm - 3pm	Savoury Rice and Curry Lunch	Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9848 4623 Eric & Ingrid Harmon - Ph: 0419 381 566 
SATURDAY 7 DEC 2023 7pm-12.30am	Christmas Dance at the Grand 	Angelo & Melinda Herft - Ph: 0488 001 818 George & Yvonne de Vos - Ph: 97950009 

Let's get fundraising!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO OUR MEMBERS

Please be advised that with the introduction of our new accounting software and to streamline our Accounting procedures, the following changes have been made.

The bank account Nos: will be as follows:

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION PAYMENTS:

ANZ BANK BSB: 013479 Account No: 3003 555 83

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP AND GIFTS TO STUDENTS:

ANZ BANK BSB: 013141 A/C 852 301 233

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