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*The President
together with
The Committee,
Welfare Beneficiaries
And
Sponsored Students
Wish You All the
Blessings of Christmas
and a
Peaceful & Prosperous
New Year in 2025*

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

IN OUR BUSY LIVES, IT IS EASY TO FORGET. WE APPEAL TO ALL THOSE WITH OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP SUBS OF \$30 PER YEAR TO REMIT PAYMENT AT YOUR EARLIEST. YOUR MEMBERSHIP GOES A LONG WAY TO 'CARE FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE'. DO HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY CUT DOWN ON COSTS BY SENDING YOU FRIENDLY REMINDERS. THANK YOU!!!



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Christmas Message from our Patron

Jenn and I wish all members a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. We wish to thank all the hard working committee members, table organizers and members for another successful fundraising year.

In February we visited the DBU in Colombo and can confirm that the Eighty Club Melbourne was a significant contributor. It was a pleasure to meet Etienne who showed us around the DBU and heard about many of the deserving recipients. It is very obvious our Club is doing great work. We urge you to dig deep again for 2025.

Dr David de la Harpe



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Dear Members, Student Sponsors & Well-wishers,

I am pleased to be President of the Eighty Club and look forward to working with a hard-working Committee, as I do my best to assist the less fortunate in Sri Lanka.

I would like to thank you all for the support you give the Club by attending the various functions, donations, buying raffle tickets, etc. It means a lot to us as we strive to assist as many less fortunate in Sri Lanka.

As we approach the Festive Season, my mind goes back to our childhood in Sri Lanka where for a few days prior to Christmas the smell of breudher and Christmas cake wafted through the house. On Christmas Eve a group of us (then young people) would pack into a few cars and go to various houses at night – Singing Carols. As teenagers this was one of the many highlights of Christmas. We all had new outfits to go to Church on Christmas Day and later exchanged Christmas gifts with family. After a sumptuous lunch, the evening was spent visiting the extended family. Throughout the day one would hear crackers being lit and at night the place came alight with sparklers. These are some happy memories of bye gone days!!! Strangely enough, people did not need a lot to be happy – but were always happy, content and cheerful. It is very much the same even with those less fortunate in Sri Lanka today. They are never unhappy or complain, instead carry their load with cheer. We are blessed to be in such a beautiful country like Australia. We really lack nothing, and it is wonderful that we can assist the less fortunate in our ‘Mother Land’.

Thank you to all those who generously support our cause. Your attendance at functions and your assistance in various ways is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Committee too for all their support and hard work.

Have a Happy & Blessed Christmas and a Safe & Prosperous New Year.

Warmest Regards

Esther Knower



Starting off the Christmas season, with New Year round the corner again it is time to think about giving, taking care of others, sharing and spreading joy is the true spirit of Christmas.

As we make plans for the festive season with family, friends and gifts for those we love, we also think of all those in Sri Lanka. Yes, there are many over there who will not be able to afford all the trappings of the season. For these poor people the luxury hotels overflowing with bookings, the Christmas decor and the majestic fare served in the restaurant and food outlets are totally beyond their imagination or wildest dreams. Christmas revelers will pay exorbitant prices to party and dance the night away on Christmas and New Years eve and as we all know they will party into the early hours of the following morning. Many of us, migrants living abroad, may even make the journey to fly over and meet with friends, family and enjoy the unique Sri Lankan hospitality.

A time to think about those of our community, living in poverty, eking out an existence and depending on the charity of others to face another day.

The spirit of Christmas and the joy of giving is evident in all our members and well-wishers. Your goodwill is a beacon faith in our mission to 'Care for the Less Fortunate', a shining light all through the year.

It is no easy task to raise over Rs3.25 million (approx A\$16,200) every quarter to pay almost 200 Welfare Beneficiaries a pension both in Colombo and Batticaloa. This year, A BIG THANK YOU goes out to each and every one of you, as we were able to allocate a sum of A\$5000 to pay a Christmas bonus to every WB.

Thank you once again and your ongoing generosity reminds me of a quote by Norman Wesley Brooks: "

Christmas is Forever, not for just one day, for Loving, Sharing, Giving. Not to be put away like bells and lights and tinsel in some box upon a shelf. The Good You do for Others is Good you do Yourself".

With all Good Wishes to All of You and your Families for Christmas and the New Year.



On a different note, it was indeed heartwarming and a privilege to have Etienne Jayatunga (DBU coordinator) visit all of us on a short visit to Australia. Etienne is well known to all of us who liaise with the DBU with numerous aid programs for the poor, student sponsorship and many other programs giving relief to the poor. Staying with an old classmate, Esther Knowler (our new president), Etienne was rushed off her feet, not only seeing the sights in Victoria, but also meeting up with friends and the many people who coordinate aid programs in Sri Lanka. Thanks to Ingrid and Eric Harmon, Etienne spent a delightful weekend at Phillip Island, braving the cold winds to watch the penguins. It was a highlight for her to watch the fairy penguins as they made their way back from the sea, to return to their burrows.

All in all she had a great time in Australia.

However, her deep commitment to work and her

passion for helping the poor in Sri Lanka (a role she takes seriously and enjoys) meant her visit down under was brief, as she had to get back to organize the extreme work load she has, as always, during the Christmas season, coordinating with the Social Committee at the DBU.

The ECM was fortunate she made the time to attend a farewell dinner in her honour at a committee member's residence. In appreciation of her work and assistance to the ECM, Etienne was touched by the speech made by Rodney de Kretser and Shireen Ferdinand (WB coordinator), presented her with a plaque recognizing her service of almost 35 years to the Club. She was very emotional at receiving this award. Truly, it was the least the Club could do to recognize her unstinted devotion, generosity and kindness to the 'Less Fortunate in Sri Lanka'. Well Done Etienne, we are appreciative, grateful and proud of the work you do and it is indeed an honour to know you and call you a friend.

FORREST & JOHN WOODBURY

The Woodburys have sponsored students in Sri Lanka for many years and currently sponsor a girl, Deiny in Batticaloa. Responding to a letter from Deiny, Forrest outlined her life story in which she revealed her Sri Lankan heritage.

We have reproduced relevant portions of Forrest's letter to help introduce a generous sponsor to our members.

"John is an Australian, but I was born and raised in Sri Lanka, mainly in Colombo. When I was 11 years old my mother decided it would be best to migrate to Australia. My mother's parents, my mother and my brother who was 7 years old at the time left Colombo in December 1955 to travel to Perth, where my mother's younger sister and husband were living.

Attending school in Australia was interesting and the subjects studied were similar to those in Sri Lanka. Mathematics was challenging as the Australian Currency at that time was pounds, shillings and pence, (in line with English currency). I was used to the easier decimal currency of Rupees and Cents. I had completed Standard 6 in Colombo, but had to study at that level again in Australia, which was good as it gave me the chance to learn all the new aspects of the various subjects. Studying, through High School and then progressing to Teachers' College, I became a High School teacher, teaching business subjects such as Shorthand, Typewriting and Accounting.

My husband, a teacher too, chose to teach in Primary School. We continued teaching in Perth and were blessed with our first child, a daughter named Whitney in 1969, and our son Shannon in 1971. In 1975 we moved south of Perth to Albany as we decided to start our own camp school. This is a school where children from other schools visit for a week at a time, live in dormitories and study nature - the beach and oceans, country towns, native bush areas and the animals of the bush. In 1980 we decided we wanted to start our own primary school as well and this school is still operating.

We also had our third child, a girl we named Samantha. Resigning from the primary school in 2003 and we bought a catamaran yacht and ventured into whale watching tours from Albany harbor, until 2018 when we retired.

Australia has been a very wonderful place to live and work and we have enjoyed each moment, everything and all we have achieved.

A planned to visit Sri Lanka with my brother and his wife, in 2020, was cancelled due to the Covid pandemic, which made travel impossible. I have never been back to Sri Lanka and would love to visit.

I have very strong and fond memories of my life in Sri Lanka. We lived in Colombo, but my Dad lived and worked for many years in Yala, in charge of the Yala National Wildlife Park.

I remember visiting Palutupana, Kandy and Polonnaruwa, also holidaying in Bandarawela and Haputale.

We are delighted to be able to send money back to Sri Lanka to help young people study and get a good education through the Student Sponsorship Program. Hopefully, they will be able to get good jobs when they grow up. We do hope you are enjoying your school days and that you study hard to do well. Do maintain your knowledge of the English language as it is spoken all over the world and will be of immense help if you travel overseas when you are an adult.

TREVOR & LARRAINE WELSH



On our visit to Sri Lanka in August, we were fortunate to be on the East Coast in Passikadu and only 30km away from the family of our sponsored student Joisin Barthelot who lives in Batticaloa. With the help of the DBU, Mr Terry Stockvus arranged an interpreter – a lovely girl call Joiclyn who was fluent in English (as her very clever father suggested she study in the English stream) and was able to negotiate the conversation so that we had a pleasant visit and actually connected with this family. I hadn't realized their first language spoken was Tamil.

As we found out, the Barthelot family were severely affected by the 2004 Tsunami. Not only did they lose their home, but Joisin's father lost both his parents and his brother. The SL government then resettled all those displaced families closer to Batticaloa where new homes were built for them.

Joisin is 15 and has a passion for Baila dancing. Her team had entered a competition run by the DBU and they were the winners. We coaxed her into showing us all her moves and her little sister and mum also joined in. The family was extremely hospitable and we were treated to some delicious sweet treats and farewelled off with a bag of goodies to take back to our friends.

We were very grateful to have had this opportunity to meet and make a proper connection with this family and look forward to following Joisin's progress.

SPONSORS ARE WINNERS

Sponsoring a student's education can have a profoundly positive impact on both the student and the sponsor.

For the student receiving educational support can be a life-changing opportunity, providing access to knowledge, skills and resources that might be otherwise out of reach. It can help break cycles of poverty and unlock their full potential.

For the sponsor, supporting a child's education can bring a sense of purpose, fulfillment and joy. It's a chance to make a meaningful difference in someone's life and create a positive ripple effect that knows no boundaries. As so many of our sponsors eloquently put it, "the gift of sponsoring a poor child is the greatest gift of all". It's a gift that keeps on giving, benefitting not only the individual student, but also their families, communities and society as a whole.

One such story is that of FT Jonathon, a student from Batticaloa, sponsored for many years by Larry Melder.

It was indeed a proud moment for Larry to learn that Jonathon had successfully completed his university degree with a B.Sc in Botany (Hons). Furthermore, Jonathon is now employed as a lecturer in Botany at the Eastern University campus in Sri Lanka with a starting salary of approx. Rs50,000 per month.

Rather than rest on his laurels, Jonathon will be actively engaged helping other students in the Eastern province and providing them with the knowledge he gained, in both their academic and personal lives.

Congratulations Jonathon and we wish you all the very best for the future



From Our Students

Dear Sir,

I trust this email finds you in good health and high spirits. I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of 20,000 LKR towards my degree program received in July 2024. As I have mentioned in my previous emails I have started my Bsc in Psychology Final Year at ICBT Colombo campus on 25th May 2024. So far I have completed 4 modules of my final year and am currently due for 2 assignments and exams this month. With 6 more modules to complete I will hopefully graduate by next year. I once again thank you for your continuous support in my educational journey and it is due to this generous scholarship that we are able to bear some of the cost for my tuition.

On a personal note, I'm happy to share that my mother and I are in good health. Thank you once again for your generosity. I hope that God blesses you and your family .

Warm Regards, - Sandrelle Martil



IMPORTANT NEWS

Please be advised that Christmas gifts from sponsors will be paid closer to Christmas, as the Club had to accommodate travel plans to Australia by the DBU coordinator, Etienne.

In addition, each sponsored child will also receive a monetary gift through a program initiated by Rod & Marie de Kretser, 'A Gift for Every Child at Christmas'. They extend their sincere thanks to all donors who contributed to this cause.

Together with the above payments, the families of every sponsored child will receive funds enabling them to provide a festive Lunch/Dinner on Christmas day.

Give a poor child the greatest gift at Christmas through Student Sponsorship.

Please contact me if you are able to help and we can assist you with a short or long term sponsorship.

Email: – trevorcollette43@bigpond.com - PH: (03) 9706 1084-

NOTES & NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO

Algie Stonehewer - Congratulations on your 100th Birthday Celebrations

Jeanne Kariyawasam on your 75th Birthday

And to All those Celebrating their Birthdays this Season

Rita Hatch - Arlene & Tony Scarnivel - Rita Young - Ingrid Harmon - Marie de Kretser

Earle & Shireen Ferdinand - Mark Pietersz



WELCOME
new members

ALLAN & ALOMA WILLIAMS
MAREE NEOPHYTOU
ANDREW & JACINTA YOUNG
RANDY & MARIE PIETERSZ
DAVID & ELIZABETH GRUGEON
GERARD & SHIVANTHY LUBIN
DEBRA THOMAS
DAVID VARNEY/PAM DE FRANZS
GERARD & JENNIFER LIVERA

GREGORY & ROHINI RAYMOND
STUART & MICHELLE PITCHER
COURTNEY STAFFORD
ARLENE BASTIAN
ROXANNE PEREIRA
STEPHEN & MARIE ROWLAND
HUGHO & SUSAN WICK
GAVIN RODIE

An active membership drive can only succeed with the participation of all its members. I am seeking your help to recruit new members and would appreciate your support in our membership drive by recommending new members.

This will help the club to maintain welfare services to the less fortunate 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 PH: 9700 6178 MOB: 0410 863716.

email: apinder8@hotmail.com

You may also download an application from our website at: www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au.

**PLEASE HELP US TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS BY UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NO: AND EMAIL.
DO CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY BY EMAIL OR ON THE PHONE NOS. LISTED ABOVE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

CATARACT OPERATIONS PROJECT REPORT - 16 November 2024- Allan Pinder – Project Coordinator

Despite the Sightfirst hospital in Sri Lanka now being operational, we have not had any new requests for cataract surgeries. This is possibly due to the fact that several organisations in Sri Lanka are offering free health services, especially eye health, in and around Colombo.

Etienne from the DBU is in the process of sending letters to all welfare beneficiaries in the next few months, reminding them of the availability of the free cataract surgeries offered. Please let us know if you are aware of any poor person needing a cataract operation.

**Merry
Christmas**





OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS

Donations received from 1st July, 2024 to 31st October,2024



Name	Donation	Name	Donation
Aldons Ione	\$20.00	Martinus Priscilla	\$30.00
Aldons Ione	\$70.00	Metzeling Michael Therese	\$20.00
Angus Geoff Denise	\$500.00	Michaux- Armel Robert Suzanne	\$100.00
Anonymous Donations	\$960.00	Middleton John Moira	\$70.00
Arnolda, Dennis	\$20.00	Miller Francis Cheryl	\$70.00
Aruma, Ursula	\$50.00	Mills, Camille & Terry	\$20.00
Baines Ron Jacinth	\$70.00	Mills, Camille & Terry - In memory of David & George Wright	\$200.00
Bartholomeusz Moira David	\$170.00	Misso Robin Gwen	\$75.00
Beattie Margot	\$20.00	Misso, Mario - for Mrs R Violet (burns victim)	\$62.00
Bird, Myrna	\$50.00	Misso, Mario -for Mrs R Violet (burns victim)	\$62.00
Bubutt George	\$100.00	Moldrich Elmo Dianne	\$75.00
Buttery Derrick Elaine	\$70.00	Monk Bob Maryse	\$20.00
Buultjens Michael Jean	\$100.00	Mortlock Roger Maryanne	\$15.00
Chamings Yvonne	\$30.00	Nicholas Arlene	\$70.00
Cook Rowena	\$230.00	Nicholas Tony	\$100.00
Crowe Chester Pax	\$70.00	Noller Trevor Aloma	\$25.00
Dabrera, Cheryl	\$50.00	Noller Trevor Aloma	\$25.00
Dabrera, Cheryl	\$70.00	Nugara, Arlene	\$70.00
Daniels Barbara	\$70.00	Ohlmus Fritsz Liz	\$50.00
D'Costa Anton Kay	\$20.00	Ondaatje Peter	\$50.00
De Hoedt Winston Clara	\$70.00	Oorloff Errol Elaine	\$100.00
De Hoedt, Shirley & Judy - In Memory of Joseph (Joe) de Hoedt	\$100.00	Orchard Keith Judy	\$70.00
De Kauwe Faye Heschell	\$20.00	Overlunde Stevie Kathy	\$20.00
De Kretser Crosbie Yvonne	\$70.00	Parsons Karen	\$100.00
De Kretser Desmond & Dianne	\$100.00	Parsons Roy Ingrid - in Memory of Anton Parsons	\$70.00
De Kretser Warwick Peggy	\$50.00	Parsons, Marcelle	\$70.00
De Ley Randall Yvonne	\$100.00	Payoe Dawn	\$100.00
De Silva Jennifer	\$20.00	Pereara Maryse	\$20.00
De Souza Jeremy	\$20.00	Pereira, Gene - In memory of Lennie & Muriel Pereira	\$100.00
De Souza, Bryan & Jan	\$70.00	Pereira, Roxanne	\$20.00
De Vos Ralph	\$50.00	Poppenbeck Ishbelle	\$20.00
De Zilwa Mervyn Myrna	\$70.00	Poulier Nina	\$70.00
Deckker Norman Christine	\$70.00	Poulier/Charge, Ken & Caryl	\$100.00
DeSilva/Gallizia Charmaine Roland	\$170.00	Presser Karen	\$20.00
Deutrom Bill	\$70.00	Ragel Florence	\$100.00
Dickson, Betty - In memory of Rick Dickson	\$220.00	Reimers Glenn Jill	\$70.00
Drinkwater John	\$20.00	Robertson Jack Emily	\$20.00
Dunlop Anne	\$100.00	Robertson Jack Emily	\$50.00
Edwards Ray - In memory of Earl Edwards	\$100.00	Robertson Jack Emily	\$50.00
Faye Gray	\$170.00	Robertson Jack Emily	\$80.00
Ferdinand Earle Shireen - in Memory of Audrey Ferdinands	\$50.00	Rode Dennis Barbara	\$70.00
Ferdinands Rosemary Lindsay	\$110.00	Rodrigo, Corrine	\$30.00
Ferdinands Rosemary Lindsay & Kathy Smyth - in Memory of Betty Henderling	\$100.00	Schokman Pat Jean	\$40.00
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara - In memory of Audrey Ferdinands	\$50.00	Schoorman Dorothy	\$20.00
Ferdinands, Caryl	\$20.00	Schoorman Peter Shanti	\$20.00



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Ferdinands, Peter & June	\$500.00
Fernando Audrey	\$20.00
Fernando Audrey - In memory of loved ones	\$200.00
Fernando Errol Diane	\$20.00
Fernando, Maureen	\$100.00
Fletcher Chris Petula	\$20.00
Foenander Hugh Avril	\$300.00
Foenander, Spencer & Denise	\$300.00
Foenander, Spencer & Denise	\$20.00
Forbes, Oswald & Philo	\$100.00
Forster Dennis	\$70.00
Frugtniet Noeline - In memory of Geoffrey Frugtniet	\$70.00
Garnier Rodney Carole	\$20.00
Gauder Caryl	\$100.00
Gerlach Maxwell Joan	\$20.00
Gill Sharon	\$70.00
Gill Sharon	\$70.00
Gill Sharon	\$100.00
Gill Sharon	\$100.00
Gill Sharon	\$100.00
Goggin, Peter - In memory of Erin Rosemary Goggin	\$100.00
Groom Richard Trish	\$100.00
Harridge Dawne	\$20.00
Harvie Dawn	\$20.00
Hempfung, Rodger & Jennifer	\$70.00
Henderling, Jillian	\$20.00
Herft Angelo Melinda	\$60.00
Herft Damian Caroline	\$170.00
Herft Gerry Gina	\$70.00
Hesse Rita	\$15.00
Hesse Rita - In memory of Harry Morrow	\$50.00
Hogan Gavan & Maureen	\$70.00
Ingleton Rodney	\$100.00
Isaaks, Lyn	\$20.00
Jansen, Aubrey & Eva	\$20.00
Jansz Cedric Faye	\$70.00
Jansz Christine - In memory of Ralph Jansz	\$20.00
Jansz, Caryl	\$60.00
Jonklaas Leslie	\$100.00
Keegel Anne	\$170.00
Kelly Michael Aloma - In memory of Shirley Pieris	\$25.00
Kleyn, Valerie	\$50.00
Knower Carmen	\$30.00
Knower Melville Esther	\$50.00
Koelmeyer Neil	\$370.00
Kreltshheim Frederick Rosemary	\$70.00
La Brooy Vilma	\$50.00
La Brooy Jeremy Jill	\$70.00
Lourensz Malcolm Jeanne	\$170.00
Makalanda Marky Gillian	\$70.00
Maloney Tyrone Pauline - In memory of M J & L Maloney	\$250.00

Schoorman, Marie	\$70.00
Schrader Mark Karen	\$30.00
Scovell Elliston Fleur	\$50.00
Sethupathy Bryan Michelle	\$70.00
Siebel Brian Kathleen	\$30.00
Sinisgalli Foster - Bequest from Estate of Lorna Heather Holsinger	\$135,493.30
Smith Aubrey	\$100.00
Smith Dale	\$70.00
Smith Dallas Yvonne	\$20.00
Soertsz Frank & Daphne	\$50.00
Soertsz Frank & Daphne-Donation for WB	\$288.00
Solomons Lavinia	\$70.00
Sproule Anne	\$100.00
Sproule Anne - In memory of Rick Dickson	\$100.00
St.John Shirleen	\$20.00
Stellini Ann	\$20.00
Stewart Alana	\$10.00
Stewart Glen	\$20.00
Symons Chrystal Daniel	\$20.00
Thiedeman Michael Janis	\$100.00
Thompson Michael Camlin - in remembrance of Bianca Vanlangenberg, Maureen Berenger and Nigel Jansen	\$150.00
Van Rooyen Godwin	\$25.00
Van Sanden Rienze Dellreen	\$70.00
Vanden Driesen Thelma	\$50.00
Vander Straaten Doris	\$20.00
Vidor Julia	\$30.00
Vieyra Carol Rachel	\$20.00
Visser John Diana	\$70.00
Vollenhoven, Beulah	\$10.00
Wambeek Keith Lynne	\$20.00
Weiman Gordon & Heather	\$70.00
Weiman Gordon & Heather - For WB's water bill	\$50.00
Weinman Carlyle	\$20.00
Weinman Lorraine	\$70.00
Welsh Lorraine Trevor	\$70.00
Welsh Russell Valerie	\$150.00
Whitham Wendy	\$70.00
Wijesinghe Fairley Alice	\$30.00
Wijeyaratne Anoma - In memory of Menaka	\$70.00
Willenberg Jeanette	\$50.00
Willenberg Melrose	\$20.00
Williams, Peter & Sonia	\$20.00
Williamsz Denis	\$70.00
Woodbury John Forrest	\$10.00
Young Suzette	\$50.00
Young Alain	\$20.00
Young Annesley Jennifer	\$20.00
Young Christina	\$20.00
Young Christopher Marcelle	\$20.00
Young, Andrew & Jacinta	\$20.00
Young, Sonia	\$50.00

2025 Functions

at The Grand on Princes

2251 Princes Hwy Service Rd, Mulgrave VIC 3170

Date	Event	Co-ordinators
SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025 12.30PM-4PM	BURIYANI LUNCH	Ingrid & Eric Harmon - Mob: 0419 381 566 Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9706 1084 
SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025 7pm -12.30am	Country & Western Rock & Roll Dinner Dance	George & Yvonne de Vos - Ph: 9795 0009 Earle & Shireen Ferdinand - Ph:9512 7265 
SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025 12.30pm - 4pm	Lunch Dance at the Grand	Marie de Kretser - Mob:0474 497 353 Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9706 1084 
SUNDAY 14 SEP 2025 12.30pm - 4.30pm	Traditional Eastern Lunch & AGM	Allan & Marie Pinder - Ph: 9700 6178 Laraine Muller - Mob: 0419 525 750 Angelo & Melinda Herft -Mob: 0488 001 818 
SATURDAY 6 DEC 2025 7pm-12.30am	Christmas Dance at the Grand Music by Next Generation 	CHRISTMAS PARTY  Esther Knower - 9574 9290 Mob: 0425 745 875 George & Yvonne de Vos - Ph: 97950009 Earle & Shireen Ferdinand - Ph: 0402 458 992

IN GOD'S CARE



GOONERATNE- Audrey Grace -26.05.1928 -29.07.2024. Loving daughter of Herby and Iris Schokman. Beloved wife of Gladwin, loving sister and sister in law of Thelma and Donald Patternott(dec), Douglas and Hilda Muller(dec), Grace and Errol van Houten(dec), Louise and Nowell (dec) Hanibalsz, Olive and Rodney Schokman (dec), Valerie and Peter (dec) Weerakoon, Charles and Sheelagh Schokman (UK), Sylvia Ephraums. Loving Aunt, Grand Aunt and Great Grand Aunt. Funeral service was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Bentleigh on 7th August, 2024.

JANSZ, Inez Constance Ruby (Nugara). Wife of Trevor (deceased), mother to Haig & Diane, mother in law to Peter, Grandma to Elizabeth, Paris, Bryson & Lihini and Great Grandma to Theodore & Imara. The marvellous Inez passed away peacefully at 95 years old surrounded by her family. Inez lived an incredibly full and colourful life. She was glamorous, generous and truly one of a kind. Funeral Mass was offered at St Martin de Porres Church,. Avondale Heights on 25 July, 2024. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

LABROOY, Audrey Ninette - 21.01.1934-21.09.2024. Much lovrd daughter of the late Dr. Edwin and Mary LaBrooy and loving sister of Dr. Trevor(dec). Sister in Law of Vilma, and Brother in law of Bertram (dec). Much loved nephews and niece Nigel, Jeremy, Jacqueline and Shane.

FERDINANDS, Audrey Ninette – 30.07.1928 – 21.09.2024. The funeral service took place at St. John's Anglican Parish, Camberwell on 7th October, 2024. Fondly remembered and will be always missed.

The Eighty Club Melbourne sincerely thank family, relatives and friends for their generous contributions/bequests made to the Club, in memory of loved ones. Your contributions make a world of difference, and having your support helps us in our mission to 'Care for the Less Fortunate'.



THE HEATHER HOLSINGER BEQUEST

Our Sincere thanks to the estate of Heather Holsinger for her generous bequest of \$135,000 to the Eighty Club Melbourne. Heather was always a keen and generous supporter of the Club and in its work to care for the poor in Sri Lanka and also the education of poor students through the Student Sponsorship Program. A sum of \$5000 was allocated to pay for a Christmas bonus to the Welfare Beneficiaries, this year.

In her memory the balance funds will be invested as a continuing legacy and interest generated will go every year to:

1. 'The Heather Holsinger Award' to 2 Students for Academic Excellence, as a monetary gift.
2. Allocate funds to boost and sustain the PSET scheme, which continues to aid University and Tertiary study Students.
3. Balance funds to the WB scheme to help increase pensions and also increase the number of beneficiaries

We trust that this will be in keeping with her wishes and be a lasting memory to her name. Her commitment and generosity to the poor was evident always and she served and helped many charities with humility and compassion.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you".
John Bunyan



Committee Members and members at the Annual General Meeting held on 26th September, 2024



Just short of a Silver Jubilee as Treasurer of the Club, it was indeed a day of mixed emotions to see Tony step down as Treasurer at the last Annual General Meeting of the Club. In his farewell speech, Tony brought back many memories of the Club in its formative years, the challenges through time and the many people who had strived so hard to ensure that those of our community who were not so fortunate to enjoy the blessings we share, were not forgotten.

He stressed the importance of continuing the compassion and ideals of our founding members. From a simple idea borne from like minded people meeting for coffee, was the birth of the Club, now into it's 42nd year of operation.

24 years as Treasurer and an even longer period as a member is no small feat and thanks to his diligence and financial acumen, Tony leaves his successor a great balance sheet and a great accounting system. The many hours he spent fine tuning our accounting software have been countless and we must thank his wife Arlene and family for their patience and understanding as he worked on his computer.

Tony continues to help his successor in every way.

Recognising his passion for the poor, commitment and dedication over the years, it was indeed a proud moment for him to receive a standing ovation from all those present.

We wish Tony, Arlene and family all the very best for the future. **THANK YOU TONY, YOU WILL BE ALWAYS BLESSED BY THE COUNTLESS PEOPLE YOU WORKED SO HARD FOR!!**

LAPTOPS & SMART PHONES – CAN YOU HELP

There are always requests from our sponsored students for re-furbished laptops or smart phones. The benefit to these students will be tremendous and help them to keep pace with their studies, by helping them reference material on the internet. In the present era, technology provides us with a speedier and more comprehensive search engine.

Please send us your old laptops, Tablets or smartphones (unlocked, with all personal data deleted). We will be happy to send them over to Sri Lanka. Our deserving students will be happy to have them. The cost of purchasing a laptop is well beyond their reach.

Please let us know if travel plans to Sri Lanka will enable you to carry a laptop to the DBU, Colombo. Sending them by cargo, will incur Sri Lanka custom duties on electrical items, (includes laptops) of around 400%. Travellers are permitted to take in a laptop, which will help the club not having to pay these high customs duties.

Please contact Earle – editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au if you can help!!!. MOB: 0402 458 992

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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EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE Inc ADDRESS: PO BOX 2645, ROWVILLE, VIC 3178

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To all our members, who presently are not on our electronic mailing list, please consider receiving our Newsletter and all other correspondence, by EMAIL. This will also enable you to receive the newsletter in colour.

Due to the escalating costs of postage and printing, an electronic mailing list will save the club approximately \$2000 this year. These savings will help increase our funding for the less fortunate in Sri Lanka

Please indicate your preference for receiving the Newsletter by contacting us on email at :

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