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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is DUE Now !

Dear Members,

It's that time again to renew your Membership.

Your help and support is invaluable to us and helped to expand and continue our work in 'Caring for the Less Fortunate' and educating a new generation of poor children.

**We cannot do it without you** and your Membership renewal and participation in our Fund Raising efforts is essential not only for the needs of those poor, we strive to help, but also to the future of the club. PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO AID THOSE WHO NEED US MOST.

It is truly on their behalf that we THANK YOU for your support over the years and the Generosity and Compassion you have shown them is greatly appreciated.

Editor

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Bank: ANZ ACCOUNT NAME: EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC.

BSB: 013479 ACC. NO: 300355583

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**CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE**

## **President's Message**

Over the years, there have been many requests for help that have come my way, both in my personal life and also in the many years spent on the committee. Undoubtedly, any assistance given can change and better the lives of the recipient, however there are also those times when we feel helpless, despondent and even despair that we could have done more to help. Unfortunately, for most of us, charitable organizations and even governments, there are limitations to what we can do and how much we can do.

On a recent visit to Sri Lanka in April this year, I was present at the DBU in Colombo for the quarterly payments, for the Welfare Beneficiaries. To be there and speak to this group of poor, destitute people we aid, was a very emotional and saddening experience. Here they were, leaving their meagre homes in the early hours of the morning, perhaps without breakfast, and in most cases having the additional expense of bringing along a relative or friend to help them travel to the DBU and back. The morning refreshment of tea and fish buns were a welcome relief, eagerly sought after and consumed with enjoyment. Perhaps they would have liked more. There were those old and too frail to walk, unable to use public transport and having to resort to take a swerving, zipping ride on a 'TukTuk', clinging onto the rails and their accompanying companion for dear life. Some with their disabilities were unable to step off the Tuk Tuk and another lady, her face and hands covered with a skin affliction was too ashamed to leave the seclusion of the three wheeler to enter the DBU building. To save them embarrassment, payments were taken to them, waiting in the car park, thus avoiding a long and arduous wait in the long queue of beneficiaries waiting patiently and quietly for payment. This process of payment which began at 8.30 in the morning, continued well into the afternoon.

Engaging them in conversation is heartbreaking as their initial response is to thank you profusely for the aid they receive and then reciprocate their gratitude in the only way they can, by invoking every blessing they can think of, to all of you who think of them and so generously help them. This simple and gracious expression of gratitude is all they have to give. Further conversation will bring out the trials and tribulations they face in life. This unburdening of their lives is perhaps a means of catharsis to them. A way to express and probably come to terms with the unfortunate circumstances that has compelled them to seek help and realize that unfortunately, their livelihood depends on the generosity of others. Getting to know them, the stark reality is that there is no other avenue open to them. They are too old, sick or frail to work. Their faces reflect the years of living a day to day, hand to mouth existence and yet, one can only marvel at the way they continue their lives with that calm, serene acceptance of their fate and the belief that God will take care for them. Their fortitude and composure in facing the tribulations of their lives, brought to mind the words of Nelson Mandela who said, ***"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life."*** This dear friends is the quintessence of what you bring to them by your generosity. Just as much as the pensions we provide, help to feed, clothe, pay for medicines and give them a roof over their heads, it also gives them hope that tomorrow will be a better day and give them the courage to face the world with dignity.

Congratulations to the DBU staff who do a fantastic job listening to them, offering solace and assurance that their plight will not be forgotten and help is always at hand. To save on the high cost of travel and the issues they face visiting the DBU every quarter for payments, the DBU is now in the process of opening bank accounts to transfer the quarterly payments and also educating our WB's as how to operate and manage these accounts. This new system of payments will help reduce their visits to the DBU to twice a year, in July and December. These two visits are essential to monitor the status quo of the WB's, ensuring accountability and that the funds we provide are received by them. I sincerely hope that if you have the opportunity to visit Sri Lanka in July or December, you take the time to visit the DBU, experience meeting these poor people, listen to their concerns, their beliefs and hopes, that tomorrow will be a better day. I can assure you most of all, that your presence will give them the chance to express their gratitude for your kindness and generosity and also give them the courage to face the future.

*Earle Ferdinand*



## **WELFARE BENEFICIARY NEWS**

*The following is a synopsis of new WB's, approved for pensions. They were visited by Julia de Mel of the DBU.*

1. Carmeline D.Mack - 75 years old and has had heart surgery for which she requires daily medication. Worked earlier in the private sector but used all her savings for her operation. As she never married she has no children she can appeal for assistance. She has no income other than Rs500 which the church gives her for her medication. The house is an old one situated by the roadside and is owned by the nearby temple for which the rent is Rs1000/- per month. She has lived here all her life as this has been the family home but says the temple is now trying to take the house back. Her brother who also lived here expired recently and she now lives here with her sister in law who works as a maid.
2. Doreen.F.Jansz - 74 years old and deaf due to a thyroid operation. She also has Glaucoma and has just been diagnosed with a growth in her chest. She looks very frail and helpless and is completely dependent. She has no income and lives with and is looked after by her sister (not employed) and brother in law (retired). They have no children and live in their own house which is of reasonable standard. She too requires assistance for her medical expenses.
3. Chrisanthia .B.Slemmerman - 71 years old, has glaucoma in both eyes. Operated on for cataract in one eye in 2015 and requires an operation for the other eye. Husband is deceased. She has no income and lives with her daughter who is married with 2 small children. Son in law works as a manager in a small hotel. Her Son works as a salesman in a Pharmacy and so gets a small reduction on her medication costs. They live in a simple rented house paying Rs 8500 per month and have lived in and around this area since 1981.
4. Doris L Alphael - 72 years old, has high blood pressure and diabetes. No income. Lives with her daughter who is divorced and the single parent of a ten year old girl. Looks after the granddaughter as the daughter goes to work. They live in a simple rented house for which the rent of Rs 7000/- is paid for by the sister-in-law of Mrs Alphael. Also requires assistance for medical expenses



*We are pleased to announce that the Eighty Club Melbourne is now on Facebook. Our website is now linked to Facebook. Please follow our activities and events on Facebook and give us a tick of approval.*  
<https://www.facebook.com/eightyclubmelbourne>



Friends!

We would like to see some new members joining the Club. If we are to expand the welfare services we provide to the Less Fortunate members of our community in Sri Lanka, then we need to expand our membership database.

If you have a friend or relative who, you would like to invite and would consider joining our prestigious Club, then please obtain an Application Form by ringing our Membership Secretary, George de Vos on 03 9795 0009

*Email: [membersec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:membersec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)*

*You may also download an application from our website:*

[www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](http://www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au).

*Thank You*



*'Being a member is about knowing that you're not on your own and that you share experiences with other people'*

## **STUDENT SPONSORSHIP NEWS**

There is no greater joy than seeing reflected in a child's face the innocence of youth, their smiles and the joy of life. Sponsorship is the gift that you can give, so that these children will better their lives and their futures. In a world where the children, who do not receive an education, they are bereft of the skills necessary to gain employment, improve their lives and is the root cause for many of the problems that face the young. Do consider the sponsorship of a child and you will help them to develop and equip them with the knowledge to fulfill their dreams and better their future. By assisting them and their families, you will in no small way help eradicate the cycle of poverty and prepare them for the demands and challenges they face, in this ever changing world.

Here are the faces of a few children sponsored through the club.



**Contact: Trevor Collette for more information on sponsorship. PH: 03 9706 1084 or email: [sponsor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:sponsor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)**

### **A Successful Sponsorship**

Hi my friends,

I received the message below from Shawn Ragel It is to me a gracious ending to his long period of sponsorship. *Maurice Forster.*

#### **Letter from student**

Hi uncle!

Good to know that u are doing well and I too recommend that u stay at Melbourne.. there is no place like home...and as I said I will be working as an intern mostly from this month so I will be getting a small salary which will be enough for me for my daily usage. Mum is also fine now and she can manage with my semester fee.

So thank you for all that you have done for me.... for me u are a part of my family and I will never forget you... And in your old age you should not be financially broken. I think I am fine now and I can manage into my expenditures.

**All my concern is about your health, so look after your health. So you can end my sponsorship and I am fine with that .. Thank You so much once again.**

Yours Loving

Shawn

*Editor's note: It is indeed heartwarming to see the Love, concern and gratitude, this student has for his sponsors. The last sentence says it all and is testament to his integrity. We wish him a bright and illustrious future.*



## ASLEEP IN GOD'S CARE



**de HOEDT. Joseph Elgin Anthony (Joe).** 6.11.1934 to 8.5.2018. Joe was a loving and much loved husband of 59 years to Shirley, a devoted and treasured father to Judy and Brett, an adoring and adored grandfather to Grace, and a trusted and respected friend and father-in-law to Brian and Mary. Joe was a kind, compassionate and gentle man of integrity.

**DE RUN. Dora Nancy (nee Talayaratne).** Dearly beloved wife of late Malcolm Harold de Run. Loving mother of Nihal, Mohan, Mala and Romaine (dec. ). Much loved mother-in-law of Diedre, Dornne and Eric. Adored Nana of Jacqueline (Tremewen), Shmana (Catterall), Hamish, Jason, Jarrod and Steve, Keith and Philip (Miles). Treasured great-grandmother of 14 who miss her dearly. Now resting peacefully in the lap of Jesus.

**FERDINANDS. Honarine Monica** 11 May 1964 - 26 May 2018 Dearly loved wife of Hans. Much adored mother of Cassandra, Nicholas and Scott. Now safe in God's care.

**INGLETON, Mignon.** -29.7.1939 - 8.5.2018. Beloved wife of Rodney. Cherished mother of Laurie and mother-in-law of Brett. Sister of Christine, Cecil, Patty and Ian (dec). Loved by All.

**DEUTROM – LEON AUBREY**, born in Sri Lanka, (10.7.1932 – 20.5.2018), Passed away in Adelaide, aged 85 years.

**JOSEPH- SANDRA** (San Michele), 31.10.1960 – 18.4.2018), daughter of Eugene (dec) and Betty Joseph, in Melbourne.

**VARNEY. - Barbara.** On Friday May 3, 2013 Beloved wife of Park (dec. ). Loving daughter of Clarence and Ruth (both dec.). Sister of Lester (dec. ), Godfrey, Ashley and David. In God's loving Care.

**VARNEY. Sheila Aileen.** Passed away peacefully on April 29, 2018, aged 92. Dearly loved wife of Hubert (dec. ), younger sister to Earl and Doreen (both dec. ). Loving mother to Maureen (dec. ), Patricia, Earl (dec. ), Jean, Terry, Yvonne, Jerome, Beverley, Jacqui, Nigel and Trudy. Beloved mother-in-law to Ron, Cheryl, Harvey, Bernie, Sam, Louie (dec. ) and Kevin. Adored by 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Resting peacefully in God's loving care.

*'What you leave behind is not engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.'*

### *From Our Members*

Over the years, I have been given plenty of feedback from my dear spouse on many things. 1). Girth reduction plans ... that's still growing!! 2). Internet addiction treatment ... I can't find an app for that!! 3). Driving at or below the speed limit ... my foot still has a little bit of lead in it!! Feedback however is invaluable and a welcome part of communicating with our members and readers, to help improve and make efficient the scope of our activities.

Given below are reflected the thoughts of one of our members, which will be favourable in helping us reduce the cost and considerable time spent on reminders. Please send feedback to: [editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au) Editor



*I have a couple of suggestions.*

*1. What about a campaign to get sponsors & members on to direct debit to secure the flow of funding (and to minimise time wasted chasing up unpaid invoices. The reason I suggest this is that I only discovered the acceptability of a standing debit after inquiring about it.*

*2. With the next round of sponsorship invoices in mid-September, what about a reminder/invitation to make Xmas gifts for sponsored children's families? Once again, I suggest this because I missed the opportunity to make Xmas gift in our first year (and then nearly again in our second year) simply because we weren't aware of the procedure. Even if it has been communicated, there's little downside to issuing a reminder.*

*Regards,  
Pierre*

*"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must listen and observe"*

# SOCIAL NOTES

Congratulations on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary to:



*Ralph & Yvonne De Zilwa*

Celebrating  
**60**  
Years...

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Happy Birthday and All good wishes to our Sprightly Young Members*



*Mavis Ebell  
who celebrated her  
99<sup>th</sup> Birthday*



*Many Happy Returns to Hazel Carron on  
her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*Wishing Eddie Baptist  
A Very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.*



DO SHARE WITH US THOSE SPECIAL OCCASIONS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THAT YOU CELEBRATE.  
PLEASE EMAIL: [editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)

## A Great Weight-Loss Tip

The biggest loser at my weight-loss club was an elderly woman. "How'd you do it?" we asked. "Easy," she said. "Every night I take my teeth out at six o'clock."

## Dangerous Driver

One day at the office of the orthopedic specialist I work for, we had to make arrangements for an elderly patient with spinal arthritis to have a special injection. We said we would phone him with the information. Two days later, the patient called us, concerned that he had missed our call because of his poor hearing. "I can barely hear, barely see and barely walk," he told me.

Then he added cheerfully, "Things could be worse, though. At least I can still drive."

## Final Minutes

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, an elderly couple were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," he told the maitre d'. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.





OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS			
Donations received from 19th March 2018 to 21st June			
Aldons Ione	20.00	Gauder Muriel	50.00
		In memory of Doreen Gauder	
Anghie Ruth	100.00	Gauder Muriel	50.00
In memory of Dr Trevor Anghie		In memory of Stanley Buultjens	
Angus Geoff Denise	500.00	Hanibalsz Louise	50.00
Barrow Keith Naomi	600.00	Herft Clair Lucia	1,000.00
For 15 various Emergency fund recipients		in gratitude for the blessings Clair & Lucia have received over their 60 years of marriage	
Bartels Aileen	20.00	Mack Brian	50.00
Bartholomeusz Ann	50.00	Jerry and Margie Mack	
Bartholomeusz Katie	400.00	Metzeling Michael Therese	20.00
In memory of Vern Bartholomeusz		Nugent Cheryl Des	30.00
Bartholomeusz Moira David	70.00	Oorloff Errol Elaine	200.00
Collinson Dawn	170.00	Paternott Roger Jean	50.00
Cook Rowena	100.00	Payoe Dawn	100.00
Da Silva Clifford	250.00	Pereira Irene	20.00
Daniels Barbara	20.00	Siebel Brian Kathleen	120.00
Eckersley Virginia	100.00	Stellni Ann	20.00
Ferguson Bernadette	20.00	Taylor Colin & Laura	20.00
Fernando Audrey	50.00	Van Rooyen Starling	100.00
In memory of Luke Fernando		to Mrs.Neydorff (grandmother)	
Fernando Errol Diane	20.00	Willenberg Noeline	50.00
		for Mrs Neydorff (grandmother)	
Foenander Roger	140.00	Young Anita	40.00
Celebrating Roger's 70th Birthday			
Fraser Peter June	200.00	Young Doreen	50.00
		for kids Christmas presents	
Anonymous	180.00	Anonymous	50.00
Sponsorship of a Welfare Beneficiary		In memory of Conraad Hatch	
Anonymous Easter Donation	100.00	Anonymous 3 X \$80	240.00
Anonymous	100.00	Anonymous	15.00
Anonymous-for WB mid year bonus.	2,000.00	Anonymous	10.00
ERRORS & OMISSIONS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER			
de Kretser Keith Myra	100.00	Siebel June	50.00
In memory of Errol Jacotine			
Weinman Doreen	70.00	Ferguson Kenneth	40.00
In memory of Percy, Ranee & Eric Vanden Driesen and Eric Weinman			
COIN COLLECTION			
De La Harpe David Jenny	72.55	Mortlock Roger Maryanne	20.00
Jilla Homi Marjorie & Kenneth Ferguson	53.10	Wright George Claudette	13.00

My Sincere apologies for all errors and omissions in the donations list in the last Newsletter

"You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake  
It's like, 'See if you can blow this out.'"

# Thank You FOR YOUR HELP



Date	Name	Amount	Details
3/3/2018	Mrs. Peggy Simmons	500	68 yrs. Husband died in Jan.2018, Has no income. Lives with her married daughter
5/3/2018	Michael Davidson (WB 73)	1,000	Wife is sick and needs to go to hospital. He has no money to take her.
28/03/2018	Shiromi Pieterse	1,000	Needs a pair of reading glasses as she does sewing.
10/4/2018	Bernard Shaw	1,000	78 years. Has no income. Lives with a cousin who provides his meals.
10/4/2018	Jerome Pinder (WB 324)	300	Has lost his money and needs money to go home.
10/4/2018	Bonnie Jansz	1,000	68 years. Does security work on and off.
26/04/2018	Edward Rodrigo	1,000	Does odd jobs. In need of money for medication.
1/5/2018	Lucille Varney	1,000	70 yrs. No income. Is sick and desperate.
2/5/2018	Marina Pereira	1,000	Came from Negombo to submit children's application. The family is very poor.
8/5/2018	Tiba Bates	1,000	75 yrs. Has no income & totally dependent on her children.
16/05/2018	Godwin de Kauwe	1,000	Deaf & Dumb. Wife has fallen and is in hospital.
21/05/2018	Doreen Tradigo (WB 269)	500	She is sick and needs money for medication.
	Total	10,300	

## Donation of Reading Glasses



*We were fortunate to receive a donation of reading glasses from Ms. Anne Salvador, which were distributed to the WB's and the parents of students, at the DBU in Colombo. These reading glasses were of immense help to all those who received them, as they could not afford to pay for proper prescription glasses and Yes, the magnification sticker details were removed after the glasses were found compatible.*



*Noticeable was the fact that many of these elderly people had cataract problems and inquiries are being made as to how we can assist these people. From small beginnings the Club is now hoping to expand and extend our scope of activities to better the lives of these poor souls. If you are aware and can provide us with any information to help us with this project: please email: [editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)*



**If you light a lamp  
for somebody,  
it will also brighten  
your path.**

-Siddhartha Gautama





## **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION BUILDING**

### **Keeping alive a rich heritage.**

Nestled among the high rise buildings of the modern era, in the corner of Reid Avenue, at a junction colloquially called Thun Mulla, is a gracious old building, the Dutch Burgher Union in Colombo, Sri Lanka, built in 1913

The DBU over the years has been an asset to many of the various clubs and organizations around the world by assisting them in their cause to help generations of our countrymen suffering hardship and misfortune. Their support, assistance and unstinted collaboration has been instrumental in the smooth operation of

many humanitarian and welfare programs run by the many associations and clubs in Sri Lanka and abroad. As such, it is indeed in the interest of all of us to ensure the continuation, progress and long term viability of the DBU, Colombo into the future.

The progress of time however demands new and much needed renovations to be made in order it to be functional and also in assisting with access to all.



The DBU is urgently in need to provide a lift, to enable the elderly and disabled to access the upper level of the premises. The many stairs to the upper level can be a challenge to negotiate for those with impediments and the provision of a lift will be of great benefit to them.

The cost of installing such a lift is estimated at a million rupees (approx:A\$8600), a sum of money that seems comparatively small and yet a fortune to raise for the DBU in Colombo.

The DBU would welcome your help and support in assisting them to get this project of the ground.

If you would like to be of assistance, please contact:

Mr David Hill at the DBU, Colombo on [Phone](tel:+94112584511): +94 112 584 511 email: [david@dbu1908.com](mailto:david@dbu1908.com)

or email: [president@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:president@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)

### **HELP INCREASE OUR FUNDING, BY REDUCING COSTS**

*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 approx.: \$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*

*[editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au). and submitting your Name and email address.*

*You may also subscribe by visiting our website at [www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](http://www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au) and clicking on the subscribe button.*

**THANK YOU**

### **A Request and Appeal from our Membership Secretary – George de Vos**

#### ***Friends!***

*Over the years there are many changes we make in our lives. We move house and change our address, change phone numbers, internet providers and email addresses. To ensure you receive our correspondence and Newsletters, do let us know of these changes. You can also help by informing us of any members you know, who have passed on in life. Every little bit helps us to update our database.*

*Do spare the time to enlist new Members too. Please contact me on:*

*PH: (03) 9795 0009 or emailing me at: [membersec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:membersec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)*



## **GIVE A CHILD A GIFT at CHRISTMAS.**

To all of us, receiving a gift is a very special moment and we all remember that one of the best times at Christmas was to receive all those presents from Santa. To every child that great feeling of opening their Christmas presents was the most exciting part of Christmas day. A time for every child to wish and hope that Santa had read all those letters sent to him and make their childhood dreams come true on Christmas day. The delight and pleasure we felt at Christmas was to see the happy faces of children with their Christmas gifts. Their joy and excitement was contagious, made us smile and brought happiness to all around them to make the Season of Giving, a very special time for all of us.

Close to the hearts of Rod and Marie de Kretser was a project they initiated to 'Give a Child a Gift at Christmas'. Their ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and vision is to ensure that Christmas brings to all those not so fortunate children, a Christmas gift. A gift that brings joy to their lives on this very special day and memories to last a lifetime.

Over the years they have collected funds which have enabled the sponsored students, both in Colombo and Batticaloa to receive a gift at Christmas. Your support and generosity towards this project is undoubtedly the highlight of their Christmas every year. Just as every gift received as a child is so very special, so are the donations you make for this very special and deserving cause. Rod is quick to point out to one and all that the success of this program over the years to 'Give a Child a Gift at Christmas', was made possible because of you, our members and well-wishers. This gift you make is the gift of Happiness to a child.

Help Rodney and Marie make Christmas that special time of year to all those children who need to have a Santa in their lives. Christmas is all about a very special Child and the best gift for this coming Christmas season, is to bring Joy and Happiness to those children who will be desolate if Santa forgets them. Please leave a gift under that very special Christmas tree that Rod has for you, so that he may fill up his sleigh with a HO! HO! HO!



Please contact Rodney or Marie at: PH: 9848 4623 email: [roddekretser@bigpond.com](mailto:roddekretser@bigpond.com)

## **LAPTOPS FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS**

Laptops are used in every day society and make things easier because they simplify and provide a faster way of research. Things that need organization, speed and quality are many of the functions that students can utilize in their studies if they own a laptop. It is a research tool for the largest library in the world. An asset to every student and also essential for the future.

Students will also save if they did not have to buy regular school supplies like paper, pencils, textbooks, etc. Keeping track of information is invaluable to a student and laptops can hold a large copy of notes, assignments and documents. The fact is, laptops can accelerate the student's studies much faster than they could, if they did not own a computer. It is also not just about the student here, it's about the future of today's education and the world. Competence and understanding in a computer environment is essential to all present and future generations, around the world. Technology will demand that.

Over the years, the Eighty Club Melbourne has sought to educate and prepare the next generation by providing them with laptops to not only assist them in their academic career, but also familiarize them with the demands that technology will bring to the future.

To date we have provided 36 laptops to deserving students. You can help us and our sponsored students in no small measure by recycling your old laptops, notebooks or old Tablets. To be of use, please ensure that all laptops are Win 7 or above, not password locked and have power supplies. Please delete any personal information, however rest assured we screen all these devices donated and ensure that these items are restored to factory defaults, prior to being sent over to Sri Lanka.

If you are planning to visit Sri Lanka, you can also assist us by carrying a laptop to the DBU Colombo, if you are able to do so. Please contact me for further info:



Earle Ferdinand PH: 03 9512 7265 email: [info@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:info@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)



# THE EIGHTY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC

is holding it's next luncheon on

August 19th, 2018

from 12.30 onwards at

The Good Shepherd Hall,  
Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill

Tuck into a choice of Roti  
with all its accompaniments (curries and sambols)  
followed by a delicious dessert



Pol Roti



Godamba/Roti Canai



Kothu Roti



Rice

Caterers: CHA'S CABIN

Price per head \$30.00....(BYO)

**For bookings:** Annesley & Jenny Young.....9548 3920  
Silvereen & Peter Jacotine.....0414 666 368  
Denis Williamsz..... 9897 3521  
and other Committee Members





**Eighty Club Melbourne Inc.**

**Together with our Sponsor  
Mrs Violet Jacotine  
presents**

# Christmas Dinner Dance

at *The Grand on Cathies*

(Mel Ref 63 D 11)

**7.30PM - 12.30 AM**

**on SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2018**



**Dress: Gents - Lounge    Ladies - After Five**

*Pre-dinner Canapes and Hors d' Oeuvres*

*Donated by courtesy of Australian International Foods Pty. Ltd.*

**BYO** - Bottle of Red & White Wine / Soft drinks on table

**Donation: \$65 per person**

**Bookings:** Earle & Shireen Ferdinand    PH: 9512 7265

George & Yvonne de Vos    PH: 9795 0009

Table Coordinator - Committee member

Email: [events@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:events@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au)





**EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC.**

**P O Box 2645, Rowville, VIC 3178**

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Venue:** Good Shepherd Hall,  
**Address:** 34 Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill, VIC 3150.  
**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
**Time:** 4 PM

All members are invited to be present at the meeting and will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the Club's operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc.
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- accept the annual report
- accept the audited annual financial statements
- appoint an auditor.
- elect Committee of Management

**NOMINATION FORM**

**EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. NO.A0013333T**

The Administrative Secretary,  
Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc.  
8, Peter Street,  
Doncaster East, Vic. 3109

**NOMINATION FOR 2018/2019 OFFICE BEARERS**

We nominate.....for the office of

.....in the Club for the above period.

Proposer's Name and Signature.....

Seconder's Name and Signature.....

Nominee's Signature indicating consent.....

NB. The completed form must reach the Administrative Secretary before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

**(Nominees must be up to date with membership fees and be prepared to perform ALL the duties of the Office for which they have been nominated)**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE!**

**TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, WHO HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP DUES OUTSTANDING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PAYMENT AT YOUR EARLIEST. THIS WILL ELIMINATE COSTLY REMINDERS.**

PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN BE MADE, IN CASH, TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR DIRECT BANK TRANSFER INTO THE CLUB'S **ANZ BANK ACCOUNT** AS FOLLOWS:

**ACCOUNT NAME: EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. - BSB 013479 ACCOUNT NO: 300355583**

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME BANKS, FOR BANK TELLER ASSISTED TRANSFERS, DO NOT ACCEPT A NAME AS A REFERENCE FOR YOUR DEPOSIT / TRANSFER TO OUR ACCOUNT. IN SUCH INSTANCES YOUR REMITTANCE TO OUR ACCOUNT DOES NOT INDICATE YOUR NAME. IN ORDER TO RECONCILE YOUR PAYMENT WITH OUR RECORDS, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INFORM THE BANK TELLER TO INCLUDE EITHER YOUR INVOICE NO: / OR PHONE NO: AS A REFERENCE FOR YOUR PAYMENT.

**IN ADDITION TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, A VOLUNTARY DONATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**CONTACTS: Tony Scarnivel – 03 9763 0085 (Treasurer)**

**Ingrid Harmon – 03 9904 8982 (Asst. Treasurer)**



**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**



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