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Join or Renew Your Membership



Dear Members

Its time once again to renew your Membership by paying your subscriptions for the financial year July 2024 to June 2025.

Your ongoing commitment and generosity to the cause of the 'Less Fortunate', over the years, has enabled us to continue our work in helping the poor and giving them food, shelter and hope in their lives.

A generation of poor and needy children, have been provided, through sponsorship, with education and skills for a better and brighter future. This benefits their families too.



We all have our share of trials and tribulations in life, yet to see these poor people suffer in silence is heartbreaking. They look to us for help in every aspect of their lives and to help is our greatest gift, not only to them, but also to us.

You are important to us and we need you to help us in our work. PLEASE renew your Membership and bring along New Members.

A donation or perhaps a jar of coins go a long way to provide food, shelter and medication.

Every little bit helps !!!

THANK YOU for your patronage and generosity over the years.



BANK DETAILS ON LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER

Ensure Ref: ID with either Name/Invoice No./Membership No.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Angelo Herft

A warm welcome to you all, especially our new members.

The past few months have been filled with hope and optimism as together we strive ***to give to those less fortunate than ourselves.***

Since my last report, your committee has been busy planning the Country and Western night which was held in May and the recent July Luncheon. A heartfelt thanks to all those who supported the events with either your presence or generous donations to make them a success. The attendances were high, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming and in the main we received some very positive feedback for both events. The food has been scrumptious, and the venue has had a makeover and looks fabulous. I would like to acknowledge our hard-working committee members for arranging such successful events.

Over recent months our membership base has remained steady and now sits at 555. During the corresponding period last year, we had 579 members. As you can see it is challenging to get new members and I urge you all to introduce family and friends and guests at our functions to sign up to this worthy cause.

Through our prayers, kindness and generosity over 500 people now live with hope and 200 students face a better future with improved education prospects.

Once again thank you for sharing the journey with us as we strive to give hope to the ***less fortunate than ourselves.***



NEW MALAYSIAN RESTAURANT AT THE GRAND ON PRINCES

We are pleased to announce the opening of the NEW Malaysian Restaurant at the Grand on Princes, 2251 Princes Hwy Service Rd, Mulgrave VIC 3170.

The Grand opening of the Restaurant, HAWKER HUAT, took place on the 1ST July, 2024.

Our members are familiar with the ambience and charming atmosphere of this venue and major renovations and improvements have been made in recent months. You will undoubtedly enjoy great food, cooked by Malaysian chefs, a well stocked bar to cater for your drinks and a relaxing atmosphere for you and your family, relatives and friends

The restaurant serves delectable, authentic Malaysian cuisine from Sunday to Friday between 9am to 2.30pm

Please do take the opportunity to visit and partake of their sumptuous fare and their comprehensive menu.

For reservations PH: 0432 812 969



**The charity that
is a trifle to
us can be
precious to others**



There will always be some who, for whatever reason, find themselves dependent on the charity of others.



Mrs Jean G



Mrs Laetitia P



As always, the number of poor people seeking assistance as welfare recipients are rising rapidly. The cost of living, medication which is in scarce supply, is beyond their means. A visit to the doctor or a minor medical procedure may very well cost them the Rs5000 they receive every month as a pension. As a committee, we are well aware that the monies they receive from the Club are well short of their needs. The Club always deliberates as to how we can sustain and even increase the payments to these people. It is simply a question of **“do we reduce the number of WB’s and give them more funds”** or do we **“expand our commitment to those who have nothing and give them something to live on”**.

Delving into these applications for WB status is having to deal with the day to day lives of our fellow human beings living in abject poverty. This is indeed a mild assessment of their lives. Their stories are much more complex and one wonders as to how they even survive. It is true that they go through life constantly seeking help from relatives, friends, neighbours and religious organisations. As a committee we do have to deliberate as to which application is the most deserving and we follow up these applications by a person visiting them at their homes. They may have nothing or very little for themselves and yet they greet you with the warmest of smiles, perhaps dressed in the only good clothes they have, welcome you with the offer of a cup of tea or they dispense someone to the nearest wayside shop to get you a chilled bottle of fizzy lemonade or the famous bottle of orange barley, we used to partake in. I guess it is still available or there are a more modern variants of these drinks.

Over the years, a decline in membership, ever increasing catering costs and lower numbers at our fund raising functions, declining donations, have all been challenging, as to how we fund our commitments. This is totally understandable as the escalating cost of living is evident even here in Australia. We are fortunate that we do receive some sort of living income, available to all of us. Yet, I do know that many pensioners find it hard to meet their daily living expenses and bills. Those in retirement homes find a major part of their pension goes toward funding their stay in these homes. I am always grateful to our members, who realize that they are fortunate, to have a style of living, not available to many poor souls in Sri Lanka and they dig deep down, forgo a few luxuries in life and donate to the ‘Less Fortunate’ in Sri Lanka.

This is the soul of the Eighty Club Melbourne and the reason we can continue to exist, doing the work we do. The bonds and memories of a country linger in their hearts and minds and they also remember and care about those who still live there. One never knows, but perhaps your donations could be helping someone who has been a part of your childhood or someone you knew. The hand of giving reaches out far and wide.

Please do help us continue the welfare we provide to the poor in Sri Lanka. If you were to meet them and speak to them you will wonder as to how they continue to live their lives, depending on the charity of others. You will be sure to meet hundreds of others in similar circumstances. Attached are a few recent successful applicants. There are many more. Once again, on behalf of all these people, my Sincere Thanks and God Bless You All.



Mr Warnon C and brothers and the house they live in above



Mrs Mary M



STUDENT SPONSORSHIP NEWS -Trevor Collette

Since taking over the Student Sponsorship Scheme from the late Maurice Forster, I have taken great personal satisfaction from following the progress of the students and sharing their achievements with the sponsors. A large percentage of students have gone on to University and Tertiary studies and this is a testament of the success of this scheme.

Of particular interest is the success ratio in Batticaloa and this is mainly due to how the scheme is structured there. Albeit there are approximately 40 students over there, but the demographics of where the students live and also a strong sense of community, make it easier for the Batticaloa Cultural Union to coordinate the progress of these students and also help them in their future decision making. Coordinators advise students on career prospects and course content they should follow to achieve their aspirations in life. Seminars are held regularly to advise these students on educational requisites necessary for career paths, writing resume's and requisite skills and presentation, needed at job interviews. Also of interest is due to the strong community spirit among the Batticaloa Burghers, is the fact that students who successfully complete their academic studies give help and advice to the new batch of students. This is indeed commendable, to give back something you were fortunate to receive as a student.

Having a higher ratio of students in Colombo living in diverse and distant residential districts is a challenge in itself to monitor their progress. However every effort is made to see that they communicate with their sponsors and also monitor their progress in school. If the period during the Covid pandemic was difficult, nowadays the economy of the country makes it hard for students to get basic needs like books etc. The costs of these have escalated. We do our very best to provide students with re-furnished laptops, smartphones etc. to help them with online study and reference material and this has been beneficial to many a student.



Priyalin Faber receiving a new laptop from Etienne- Student at Wayamba University.



Ryan Wood – Employed in the DBU Restaurant



Elena Perera- employed in the DBU Accounts Dept



Dion Saparamadu- Rooms Reservation Executive -DBU

The DBU too has been proactive in employing ex-students and this gives them an entry point and experience to join the work force. Some of them are shown here.

There are many students waiting for a sponsor and you can help change their future and that of their families by ending the cycle of poverty that children with no education face.

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-



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the laptop you have given to me. I had a need for a laptop to help me with my studies. This laptop will be very helpful to me, in my studies. Thank you very much again. God Bless and protect you always.

Roshel S van Buren

This is a picture of Roshel Vanburen, a girl sponsored by the ECOM. She got 9 As for the O/L exam and then did the A/L. She was not satisfied with her results so she sat again and is now awaiting her results. She hopes to get into Medical College, but if this time she fails and does not get sufficient marks she will still go to the University, that is her aim. She comes from a very low income family. The father and mother are both not working. Her eldest sister works in a Hairdressing Saloon and the family lives on whatever she brings home. Her brother was working in the Army but due to poor health he had to leave and is now working as a Security officer. She is presently following a computer course for 4 months which commenced in March. Her English is ok and she would have loved to do a job during this break, but as they live in the interior, off Avissawella, coming to Colombo is difficult. She paid for the course with the 1st Quarter 2024 PSET allowance. - **Etienne**

Dear Mr Trevor Collette,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the scholarship. It means a great deal to me and makes continuing my education at a higher level much more achievable. Your support not only helps me financially but also motivates me to work even harder towards my academic goals. I am committed to meeting all the requirements you've asked for to maintain the scholarship.

I will keep on updating Ms. Etienne Jayathunge (DBU) about me and my studies.

I truly appreciate your belief in me and your efforts to make my journey towards success smoother. If there's anything else you need from me, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support

Best regard, - Pramitha Ruston

(Pramitha now receives a PSET allowance – Trevor Colette)

NOTES & NEWS

A Gift for every Child at Christmas -Appeal



Once again, the winter weather reminds Marie and myself that Christmas is only a mere 6 months away.

Cold and dismal as the days may be to me, I am sure that many who revel in winter sports, would welcome the cold weather and a blanket of snow on the mountains. A scene reminiscent and etched in our minds, of Santa and the North Pole. The Christmas festivities of my childhood in Sri Lanka or Ceylon, as it was then known, brings back many a memory. Sadly, many of the happy

times and my memories of Christmas, is perhaps something that a child from a poor family in Sri Lanka, will never experience or know.

My thoughts are with these children, their families and once again, it is my sincere hope, that with your help and generosity, we could bring some Christmas cheer into their lives and that of their families.

With every passing year, Marie and I do our best to expand this program, not only to give these children a gift at Christmas but also fund a special Christmas meal for the family. We would like to make their Christmas as special a day as one could hope for. A time to share our good fortune with these children and their families.

Let Christmas be that very special day in their lives. A celebration, with the Joy and Happiness that Christmas brings to all of us. A time to forget, all that they did not or could not have during the year. We all look forward to and hope, that the New Year will usher in better days. Let this be our wish and prayer for them too.

For now, let us open our hearts (and wallets) to help them. It is always gratifying to hear that the monetary gift they receive, enables them to buy something they really need.

This year, once again, we hope to raise sufficient funds, and increase the monetary gift they receive. The high cost of living brings to mind, that many basic items are beyond reach for a poor family.

For all of us, it is a special feeling to see the smiles and happiness on the faces of children. The joy in their eyes is apparent to all. It brings back childhood memories and we reminisce on the good old days.

Your donation helps every child receive a 'Gift at Christmas' and in doing so, you also bring to their young lives a feeling that someone cares. You share and create a special bond with people you may never meet, yet care about, wish them happiness and make memories, that will remain forever.

Donations can be made to the club account. BSB:013479 A/c No: 300355583

Please ensure that it is identified as: "C Gift" with either your name or phone no:

Please contact Marie or myself on PH: 9848 4623.

Thank You

Rodney & Marie de Kretser



WELCOME new members	
Silvi Nuguid	John Rodie
Irvin De Jong	Jo Alles
Patrick & Viveca Herft	Daryl & Maureen Koch

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.

CATARACT OPERATIONS PROJECT REPORT as at 30 June 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.

I have been informed by Etienne, that an eye camp which was sponsored by the DBU, was conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka in May 2024 at the DBU premises. The eye camp was supervised by doctors and nurses from HelpAge Sri Lanka with over 75 persons attending and 17 identified as needing cataract surgery.

HelpAge is an international aid organisation located in Sri Lanka to help the less advantaged.

IN GOD'S CARE



COORAY, Patrick Gordon - Passed away peacefully at home on the 4th Nov 23. Loved and loving husband of Shanthi Cooray. Brother of Lakshman (Danton) and Leslie (dec)
A private funeral took place according to his wishes.

DICKSON, Ricardo "Rick", - Beloved husband of 44 years to Betty (Diane). Loved dad of Rebecca, Rowan, Rory and their partners Linda, Leah and Natalie. Cherished grandad of Evie, Louis and Eliza. Beloved son of Kingsley and Cynthia (both dec.), loving brother of Jerry and Cheryl, Kenny (dec.), Cheryl and Keith, Jeremy and Jeanne. Dear uncle of Dirk, Natasha, Brooke, Bianca, Bridget and Lauren.
Now at peace and forever in our hearts.

LODEWYKE, SHEILA (nee de Niese) - wife of Buckie, passed away on 07.11.23 aged 98, loved and cared for in Sri Lanka by Geoffrey and Sheila, Warren and Subuhi. Daughter of Hyacinth and Ayala de Niese. Loved sister of Dulcie, Yvonne, Alexis, Earle, Gertrude, Rita, Starling (UK), Bryant, Lorraine (Melb). Gracious and caring all her life. Sadly missed by all her family in five countries.

MISSO, YVONNE (nee de Niese) - wife of Lawrence, passed away on 19.01.24 aged 97, loved and cared for in Melbourne by Darrel, Sandra and Guy, their children and grandchildren. Daughter of Hyacinth and Ayala de Niese. Loved sister of Dulcie, Sheila, Alexis, Earle, Gertrude, Rita, Starling (UK), Bryant, Lorraine (Melb). A truly remarkable lady, loved and respected by her family, nieces and nephews, friends and relatives.
May she rest in eternal peace.

Morrison, Cordelia Rose – 14.04.1931 – 12.02.2024 - Goodbye to a very special lady who deeply impacted the lives of many in Sri Lanka and Australia. Cherished wife of the late Amiel, beloved mother of Randolph, cherished mother-in-law of Fiona, and adored grandmother of Nicole and Sam.
May she find eternal peace and rest in the arms of the divine.

WRIGHT. Mrs Irma M.T. Wright (nee: Anthoniz) - 24 Sep 1927 - 01 Dec 2023: Cherished daughter and youngest child of Dr V.H.L. (Vicky) Anthoniz and Mrs Mary Anthoniz (both dec). Much loved sister of Olga Taylor (dec) and Brian Anthoniz (dec). Former wife of Reginald G.N. van Cuylenburg (dec) and widow of O. Raine Wright(dec). Beloved mother of Peter, Karen and David van Cuylenburg and mother in-law of Sally van Cuylenburg. Adored grandmother of Andre Dirckze and Renee Mobilia (nee Dirckze). Great grandmother ("Big Granny") of Mabel, Eli and Gretel Dirckze and Araylia and Asher Mobilia.
In God's care now she will live in our hearts forever."



READING GLASSES / USED SPECTACLES

Once again we are looking forward to your donations of used reading glasses/spectacles as they can be utilized for many poor people who cannot afford the cost of these items. A scheme is in place where opticians check the eyesight of these poor people and proper corrective lenses are provided at little or no cost to those requiring eye-wear. **Your 'throw-away' glasses can be recycled.** Please contact Allan Pinder, if you are able to help or bring them to one of our fundraising events. - Thank You. Allan Pinder- PH:03 9700 6178 MOB: 0410 863716. email: apinder8@hotmail.com

LAPTOPS & SMART PHONES – CAN YOU HELP

There are always requests from our sponsored students for re-furnished 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.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this cause and to John Drinkwater who contributed 2 laptops recently.

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

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS

Donations received from 18th March to 30th June 2024

Aruma, Ursula In memory of Piya Aruma	100.00	Lorraine Helsham in memory of Sheila Lodewyke	100.00
Barsenbach John Lisa In memory of Barsenbach family	20.00	Ludekens Bernie Lorraine	70.00
Bartholomeusz Katie	400.00	Misso, Mario	62.00
Berman, Felix & Alison	100.00	Mrs R Violet (burns victim)	
Caspersz, Annesley	40.00	Moldrich Elmo Dianne For Rochelle Baldsing	50.00
Da Silva Clifford	20.00	Moldrich Elmo Dianne	50.00
Da Silva Clifford	250.00	For Ricardo Johnstone	
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara	50.00	Noller Trevor Aloma	5.00
Fernando Audrey	100.00	Overlunde Stevie Kathy	20.00
Gill Sharon	300.00	Bequest from late Jeanette Samuel	500.00
Goonesekera Dawn	20.00	Robertson Jack Emily	200.00
Hanibalsz Louise	120.00	Smith Dallas Yvonne	20.00
Harris Dimitri Sarah	100.00	Vanderwert, Heather	170.00
Hesse Rita	20.00	Weinman Doreen	25.00
Joseph Doreen	170.00	Young Anita Louise	40.00
Anonymous	70.00		
Lorraine Helsham	100.00		
In memory of Yvonne Misso			

In memory of Ricky Dickson		ANONYMOUS	
Dickson, Betty	250.00	Anonymous	100.00
Mitchell Jeff Raine	50.00	Anonymous	3000.00
Muller Lorraine & Muller Family	100.00	Anonymous	25.00
Young Rita	50.00	Anonymous	320.00
Young, Sonia	50.00	Anonymous	50.00

Our Sincere Thanks for the \$500 bequest from the estate of Jeanette Samuel.

These bequests help us tremendously to fund and 'Care for the Less Fortunate' in Sri Lanka.



15/02/2024	David Rebert	1,000.00	Came from far to collect an application form. He is 79 years and has no income.
18/03/2024	Merlyn Gay	2,000.00	She has an unpaid water bill of Rs.10,000 and the line will be cut soon if it was not paid. Came to show me the bill.
20/03/2024	Gerard Buultjens	2,000.00	57 years. Has no income and now he has been told to do a by-pass Operation. Has had no food from last night.
22/03/2024	Srimathi Passe	1,000.00	Going in search of money for a heart operation.
4/4/2024	Jerome de Zilwa	1,000.00	He is very sick and looks it. They have no regular income as the wife is also sick and cannot work. The children help as best as they can.
9/4/2024	Eugene de Fry	2,000.00	Came with the son from Wattala to check for PSET funds.
18/4/2024	Rochelle Ramchand	2,000.00	Single mother. She has been asked to vacate her room. She has no income.
4/5/2024	Nora Robertson	1,000.00	Returning from hospital. Needs to be warded again as she is having an infection.



Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, 29 September, 2024
Time: 3.30 pm
Venue: **The Grand on Princes**
2251 Princes Highway, Mulgrave.(off service road)

AGENDA

1. President declares meeting open, welcomes members and receives apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 20 August 2017
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Election of Honorary Auditor
8. Any other business:

NOMINATION FORM

EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. NO.A0013333T

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

NOMINATION FOR 2024/2025 OFFICE BEARERS

We nominate.....for the office
ofin 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 1st September, 2024.

(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)

THE EIGHTY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC

is holding a Fundraising Lunch Dance on

Sunday, 29th September, 2024

from 12.30 onwards at

The Grand on Princes,

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Your Table Host or Committee Members

EARLY BOOKINGS WILL BE APPRECIATED

Donation \$ 40.00 - Payments can be made by EFTPOS or Cash at the Venue

Pre-payments to : Eighty Club Melbourne-

ANZ BANK- BSB: 013479 Acc. No: 3003 555 83

(Please ensure ID with Name/Phone No. for Bank Transfers)

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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HELP INCREASE OUR FUNDING, BY REDUCING THE COST OF MAILING

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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