

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 27 September 2020 via email due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

The following documents were made available via email:

- Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
- President's Report on the Club activities for 2019-2021
- Financial statements ending June 2020
- Audited Financial Report
- Nominations for Office Bearers for 2020-2021.

The following members have responded acknowledging receipt of the AGM documents and will form the quorum.

Earle & Shireen Ferdinand, Rodney & Marie de Kretser, Tony & Arlene Scarnivel, Allan & Marie Pinder, Eric & Ingrid Harmon, George & Yvonne de Vos, Peter & June Fraser-Ferdinands, Anne Keegel, Denis Williamsz, Jill & Trevor Collette, Keith & Naomi Barrow, Kari & Jean Kariyawasam and Mr & Mrs Dimitri Harris

## MINUTES

### 1. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 August 2019 was circulated by email.

There being no correspondence or questions relating to the 2019 AGM minutes, the financial statements and audited report, denotes acceptance by the above members.

These were adopted on a proposal by Earle Ferdinand and seconded by Trevor Collette

### 2. Matters arising from Minutes: None.

### 3. President's Report

The President's Report was circulated via email, in which he cited:

Please refer to attached report.

The President's Report was proposed by E Ferdinand and seconded by R de Kretser

### 4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

The Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts which were emailed were accepted on a proposal by Tony Scarnivel and seconded by R de Kretser

### 5. Election of Office Bearers

For the purpose of electing the Office Bearers and Management Committee for the year 2020-2021, the President requested Mr Rodney de Kretser to chair as President pro-tem to verify all

Nominations were in accordance with the ECM constitution. In the absence of any contesting nominations for the post of Office bearers falling vacant at the end of the 2019-2020 term, Mr. Rodney de Kretser confirmed the nominations received for Office Bearers and General Committee Members and in the absence of any correspondence with respect to the nominations received, was of the opinion there was general consensus by the quorum on the acceptance of these nominations.

Nominations for Office Bearers are:

| Office                     | Name              | Proposer        | Seconder          |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| President and Editor       | Earle Ferdinand   | Trevor Collette | Marie de Kretser  |
| Vice President             | George de Vos     | Earle Ferdinand | Shireen Ferdinand |
| Treasurer                  | Tony Scarnivel    | Trevor Collette | Allan Pinder      |
| Asst. Treasurer            | Ingrid Harmon     | Earle Ferdinand | Shireen Ferdinand |
| Administrative Secretary   | Marie de Kretser  | Earle Ferdinand | Allan Pinder      |
| SSP Co-ordinator           | Trevor Collette   | Annesley Young  | George de Vos     |
| WB Co-ordinator            | Shireen Ferdinand | Earle Ferdinand | Yvonne de Vos     |
| Asst. WB Co-ordinator      | Yvonne de Vos     | Earle Ferdinand | Marie de Kretser  |
| Membership Secretary       | Allan Pinder      | Trevor Collette | Marie de Kretser  |
| Asst. Membership Secretary | Eric Harmon       | Allan Pinder    | Shireen Ferdinand |
| Committee members:         | Annesley Young    | Trevor Collette | Marie de Kretser  |

## 6. Election of Honorary Auditor

Nomination of Terry Jansen as auditor for the 2020-2021 Management Committee term: Proposed by Allan Pinder and seconded by Shireen Ferdinand. In the absence of any communication with this nomination, this nomination was confirmed as having unanimous agreement by the quorum.

## 8. Correspondence

No correspondence was tabled.

## 9. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the President declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD:

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 PRESIDENT, Earle Ferdinand  
 Date: 19 September 2021

**President's Report**  
**Annual General Meeting – 2020- 2021**

Once again, it is my privilege to present my annual report for the year 2020 -2021

In presenting my 7<sup>th</sup> Annual report, I extend my sincere thanks to all of you, for being present at this meeting. Undoubtedly, the Covid19 pandemic has impacted on our lives over the last 2 years and the ensuing Government regulations and medical advise have curtailed our fund-raising functions. Regrettably, many functions that were scheduled had to be cancelled at short notice. However, it is heartening to note our members and well-wishers have rallied to our cause and generously donated much needed funds to sustain our commitments to the 'Less Fortunate' in Sri Lanka.

Sadly, the passing away of members or their close family members was an extremely difficult and heartbreaking time for all who knew and loved them. Lockdowns and social distancing meant that many families and friends were unable to be present to offer support and solace to the grieving families and pay their final respects. Of the many who have passed on, I would like to mention two long serving Committee members, Clair Herft and Leonie Martensteyn, who worked tirelessly to help and reach out to many of our community who desperately depend on our aid.

To all those who lost a loved one, we offer our Sincere Sympathies and lets pause for a moment to remember their lives and our memories of them. They gave so much in their lifetime and they leave us with the legacy of the love and compassion they had for their fellow man. Let us also remember all those frontline workers who work with fortitude and compassion, in difficult circumstances to aid the sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with them to keep safe and healthy, working in a difficult and challenging environment.

**WELFARE BENEFICIARIES PROGRAM**

Undoubtedly Covid has compelled us to make changes in the routine of our day to day lives and curtailed many things that we enjoyed in pre-Covid times. Hard as it may be for us, the impact of Covid in Sri Lanka has been more far-reaching and detrimental to all in many ways, especially the poor. The cost of living has escalated and with many staple food items in short supply, the prices of these items have gone up tenfold. Those of our brethren, struggling to make ends meet, now find themselves in an even more dire predicament, unable to meet the rising food costs and to even have a meal to alleviate their hunger.

The Club continues to fund the pensions of 192 Welfare Beneficiaries , through the DBU in Colombo and the Batticaloa Cultural Union. Extra aid by providing food hampers or cash bonuses ( when the distribution of food hampers were not possible due to lockdowns), have also been extended to them. In this calendar year 4 additional payments of approximately Rs 3000-Rs 4000 were paid to each of our Welfare Beneficiaries. I thank Mr Roger Foenander, Mr Daid Mutton and friends for raising funds and 2 other members (who wish to remain anonymous), for their donations which helped fund these extra bonus/food-hamper payments.

To Shireen Ferdinand, Yvonne de Vos and the DBU Social Welfare Committee of Sean van Dort and Julia de Mel, my sincere thanks for their hard work and dedication in coordinating this program.

**STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Thanks to our many sponsors and their ongoing commitment, the Student Sponsorship Program continues to thrive. They have bettered the lives of these students and their families. Many students have continued on to Tertiary studies and those who completed schooling at GCE (AL) have gone onto secure gainful employment. A number of students with the help of their sponsors have successfully completed trade qualifications.

A special word of thanks to Mr Roger Smith, his friends, colleagues and the Rotary Club of Maroondah, who made available the sum of \$3250 towards the purchase of laptops and the further commitment to provide another \$1000.

## **Colombo**

- There were a total of 128 students who were on the list the last year. Of this number 17 had completed schooling, leaving 111 currently on the list. There were 11 new sponsorships bringing the total to 122. 24 students are studying at "A" level and a further 2 are undertaking tertiary study courses.
- The schedule for July to September saw an increase in the allowances; A/L students received Rs.10,500 (previously Rs.8625) and others received Rs.8,500 (previously Rs. 6900) each. This increase was possible due to the favourable foreign exchange rate.

## **Batticaloa**

- The student sponsorship scheme in Batticaloa had a total of 41 students being sponsored. Of this number 2 students completed schooling. There were 2 new sponsorships keeping the total at 41. Of these 11 are studying at "A" level, 3 in University and 5 pursuing tertiary courses.
- The allowances for the students in Batticaloa were also increased to Rs. 10,500 and Rs.8, 500.

## **Book Allowance**

- The ECM received very generous donations from a member in the UK a few months back and one of the donations was a sum of \$3000 which the donor insisted be distributed to the sponsored students.
- The students have for a number of years been paid a "Book Allowance" from Club Funds. The quantum varied from 50% to 100% of the quarterly allowance.
- Due to the fact that the Club has had no fundraising these past 12 months it was proposed that the donation be paid out to the students as the Book Allowance.
- This action would comply with the donors wishes, save scarce club funds as well as enable the Book Allowance to be paid.
- The amount of Rs.3210 was allocated to each student

Our thanks to Trevor Collette, for his continuing good work to help a new generation of students in their education and well-being, monitoring their academic progress and liaising with sponsors and students.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership has been declining in the last few years and from a total of 650 members we are now down to 575. This is mainly due to the demographic of our membership and as the years go by, many look to seek retirement accommodation. Membership plays an important role, not only to our fund-raising efforts but to also spread the word of the work we do, to help the 'Less Fortunate' in Sri Lanka.

Many thanks to our Membership Secretary, Allan Pinder for his tireless efforts to increase our membership and also the many hours spent with invoicing and gentle reminders to members who have lapsed in paying their dues.

Additionally, Allan continues the good work of facilitating the cataract surgery program and also providing prescription glasses to those who need it. Together with the First Sight Hospital in Hendala, Sri Lanka, cataract operations are ongoing and provided free of charge to our WB's and other deserving cases, brought to our attention. I would like to thank all those who donated to this program to make this a remarkable success story.

Allan is ably assisted by Eric Harmon (Asst. Membership Secretary)

## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.**

As a Club we can never minimise the challenges we face, looking to the future. We have a responsibility and an obligation to 'Care for the Less Fortunate'. The challenges in life that they face are far greater than those that we as a Club need to overcome. They cannot and should not be considered a burden or a liability in these difficult times. We can all strive together to make this world a better place for them and by our actions a better place for us too.

Once again, I re-iterate that we need to have more nominations to our Committee to ensure the future of the Club and in continuing our work.

In concluding this report, there are undoubtedly many people to thank for all their input, hard work and time, devoted to the continuance of the Club. I do apologise in advance to those I may have inadvertently missed out as there are many.

To Tony Scarnivel, a vote of appreciation for the yeoman work he has done over the years and once again coming out of retirement to ensure the post of Treasurer was filled. To Chris Harvie, based in Queensland thank you for your nomination as Asst. Treasurer, and your help in reconciling all payments has been an asset to Tony and Ingrid Harmon. ( also Asst Treasurer). My thanks to Chris and Ingrid.

To all our office bearers, George de Vos, Annesley Young and our very efficient Secretary, Marie de Kretser, my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your help and goodwill in every possible way. The team spirit which is evident in all of you, has been a prime factor in our achievements and success as a Club.

Our thanks to Rodney and Marie de Kretser who continue to raise funds for their special project 'A Gift for Every Child at Christmas' and the many donors who contribute to this project. On a special note, Thank You Rodney for all the assistance and help you have imparted to me over the years as a friend and in my role as President.

A special word of thanks to Terry Jansen, in his role as honorary auditor.

**Our Sincere Thanks to our counterparts in Sri Lanka, who facilitate and co-ordinate our programs:**

The President of the DBU, Mr Percy Colin-Thome and his team in Sri Lanka.

Special thanks to Mrs. Etienne Jayatunga for her unstinting support and cooperation. Her dedication and work ethic has always been an asset to both the DBU and the ECM.

Mr. Terrance Sellar and his team at the Batticaloa Cultural Union must be congratulated for the work they do for the Batticaloa Burgher community.

Lastly, I do thank all those families who made bequests to the Club to honour and remember their loved ones, in their time of grief.

Let me also thank those many well-wishers who requested donations to the club, in lieu of gifts to celebrate those very special occasions in their lives.

I thank you for the honour and privilege in serving as President of the Club and the 'Less Fortunate'.

To be associated and serve in the ECM is undeniably an experience in recognizing your support, compassion and generosity in sharing and reaching out to help those in need.

I assure all of you, that I will do my very best to continue and progress the mission of the Eighty Club Melbourne.

To my dear wife Shireen, thank you for being there and supporting me in every way

Thank You

Earle Ferdinand

**Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

|   | Total          |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                               |                |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                       |                |
| Accounts receivable                         |                |
| 1200 Accounts Receivable Membership         | 3.00           |
| Accounts Receivable Sponsors                | 0.00           |
| Total Accounts receivable                   | A\$ 0.00       |
| ANZ Cheque                                  | 101,067.38     |
| Petty Cash                                  | 0.00           |
| V2 ANZ                                      | 44,487.92      |
| 1499 Undeposited Funds-1                    | 0.00           |
| Prepayments                                 | 0.00           |
| Security Deposits                           | 200.00         |
| Stocks                                      | 919.88         |
| Term deposits                               |                |
| ANZ   | 25,000.00      |
| ANZ No 2                                    | 20,000.00      |
| ANZ No.3                                    | 54,748.77      |
| Total Term deposits                         | A\$ 99,748.77  |
| Undeposited Funds                           | 50.00          |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                 | A\$ 246,473.95 |
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| <b>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</b> |                |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>                 |                |
| Accounts payable                            |                |
| 2000 Accounts Payable                       | 0.00           |
| Total Accounts payable                      | A\$ 0.00       |
| Cataract Operation Fund                     | 3,579.00       |
| Conduit                                     | 2,324.74       |
| Fund for Laptops                            | 3,250.00       |
| Provision - ECM Student Reserve             | 12,202.00      |
| Provision for Bad Debts                     | 0.00           |
| Provision for Future Benefits               | 75,000.00      |
| Sponsorship Reserve Account                 | 54,115.77      |
| Sundry Creditors                            | 6,150.00       |
| Tea & Buns for W/B's                        | 0.00           |
| Working Capital                             | 89,852.44      |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>            | A\$ 246,473.95 |

**I have audited the books of Accounts, the attached Profit & Loss, and Balance Sheet for June 2021. In my opinion the said financial statements reflect the true and fair view of affairs of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc.**



**Terry Jansen**

**Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc**  
**Profit and Loss**  
**July 2020 - June 2021**

PREVIOUS  
YEAR  
2019 to 2020

|                              | <b>MEMBERS</b>       | <b>SPONSORSHIP</b>   |           |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Income</b>                |                      |                      |           |
| Raffle Ticket Income         | 8291.00              |                      |           |
| <b>BANK INTEREST</b>         | 137.17               |                      | 5263.27   |
| Fund-Raising                 |                      |                      | 26130.20  |
| Annual Subscriptions         | 17625.00             |                      | 17585.55  |
| Coin Collections             | 259.00               |                      | 537.75    |
| Donations                    | 55011.81             |                      | 58061.06  |
| Easter Sunday Fund           |                      |                      | 1730.00   |
| <b>SPONSORSHIP</b>           |                      |                      |           |
| Donations to SSP.            |                      | 81.92                |           |
| Total Quarterly Dues         |                      | 39356.00             | 43335.00  |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>A\$ 81,323.98</b> | <b>A\$ 39,437.92</b> | 152642.83 |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>           |                      |                      |           |
| Bad debts                    | 511.32               |                      |           |
| <b>ASSISTANCE</b>            |                      |                      |           |
| Allowance-Beneficiaries      | 52046.00             |                      | 59994.40  |
| Bonus Mid - Year             | 2,436.00             |                      |           |
| Bonus-Christmas              | 2,846.00             |                      | 3106.20   |
| Emergency Fund               | 286.00               |                      | 266.00    |
| Medical Assistance           | 205.00               |                      | 179.00    |
| Special Payments             | 399.00               |                      | 10800.00  |
| Local Charity                |                      |                      | 500.00    |
| <b>Total ASSISTANCE</b>      | <b>A\$ 58,218.00</b> |                      | 74845.60  |
| <b>OVERHEADS</b>             |                      |                      |           |
| Bank Charges                 | 130.55               |                      | 255.90    |
| DBU Admininistration         | 1,487.00             |                      | 1800.00   |
| Depreciation                 | 394.00               |                      | 537.78    |
| Insurance Premium            | 713.16               |                      | 735.97    |
| Newsletter Postage           | 1,106.48             |                      | 1207.93   |
| Newsletter Printing          | 996.60               |                      | 1100.29   |
| Other Expenses               | 918.86               |                      | 810.49    |
| P O Box Rental               | 142.00               |                      | 134.00    |
| Postage                      | 143.30               |                      | 237.00    |
| Stationery                   | 224.29               |                      | 407.06    |
| <b>Total OVERHEADS</b>       | <b>A\$ 6,256.24</b>  |                      | 7226.42   |
| <b>SPONSORSHIP</b>           |                      |                      |           |
| Students-Allowance           |                      | 33,628.00            | 44969.15  |
| <b>Total EXPENDITURE</b>     | <b>A\$ 64,985.56</b> | <b>A\$ 33,628.00</b> | 127040.77 |
| <b>Surplus - Membership</b>  | 16338.42             |                      | 27326.00  |
| <b>Surplus - Sponsorship</b> |                      | 5809.92              | -1724.00  |

**EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC.**

**Nominations and elected Members to the Management Committee at the AGM for 2021-2022**

**Committee of Management**

**President**

Ferdinand, Earle

**Vice President**

Collette, Trevor

**Administrative Secretary**

De Kretser, Marie

**Treasurer**

Scarnivel, Tony

**Assistant Treasurer**

Harvie, Chris

Harmon, Ingrid

**Membership Secretary**

Pinder, Allan

**Asst Membership Secretary**

Harmon, Eric

**Student Sponsorship Coordinator**

Collette, Trevor

**Welfare Beneficiary Coordinator**

Ferdinand, Shireen

**Asst. Welfare Beneficiary Coordinator**

De Vos, Yvonne

**General Committee**

Driberg, Dal

Herft, Angelo

Young, Annesley

**Fund Raising Committee**

Amit. Jill

Collette. Trevor

De Kretser. Marie /Rod

De Vos George /Yvonne

Driberg, Dal & Jenny

Ferdinand. Earle/Shireen

Forster Pamela & Maurice

Hatch. Rita

Harmon, Ingrid & Eric

Harvie, Chris

Herft, Angelo & Melinda

Jacotine. Violet

Jacotine Peter & Silvereen

Muller. Laraine

Pinder, Allan & Marie

Scarnivel. Tony & Arlene

Williamsz Denis

Young. Rita

Young Annesley/Jennifer