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## President's Message

I was struggling to distract myself from the holiday festivities to pen this address to the Thomian fraternity in Melbourne... Given that this was to be my last missive as President of the OBA, I wanted to make it count. Where do I start? What do I say?

Fortunately, the Editor stepped in and asked me about my New Year resolutions and the penny dropped. I had, direction.

We Thomians are big on tradition and sometimes indulge in looking back to pat ourselves and so we miss the opportunity to look forward to chart a course for those that follow in our footsteps. Don't get me wrong, I've enjoyed my two year term as President of the OBA. There are times that I've felt that I've stood on the shoulders of Giants and that feeling motivates you to work harder and scale new heights. Ultimately, our success in these honorary roles is measured by what comes next, not in what we've done or claim to have done. So, with that sentiment in mind, I've decided that in the year to come, I'm going to work as hard as I can to ensure that the next President of the OBA has a better result than I've had by every measure. With a view to focusing my efforts, I thought I'd share my top five resolutions for the year to come:

1. I will help the next STC OBA President sell tickets and attract sponsors so that the 'Thomian Ball' and the 'Spring Carnival Dance' are more successful than they ever have been. If these two events succeed, the OBA will have even more funds at its disposal to fund OBA events and, more importantly, to help the four schools in the Thomian family (Prep, Guru, Bandarawela and Mount)
2. I will make more phone calls to Old Thomians in Melbourne so that the OBA can count on more dues paying members.
3. I will help the Ex-Co's Editor produce more issues of the Thomiana and also have a more engaging website and Facebook presence
4. I will attend and support as many of the events organised by the new Ex-Co, so that they feel that their efforts are rewarded
5. I will canvass new members, especially those in their 40s and 50s

In the process of thinking through my new resolutions, I realised that I'm only following in the footsteps of others before me. When I first offered to lead the OBA in Melbourne, I did so with encouragement from several old Thomians in Melbourne. I'm especially grateful to several past-presidents who rose to the occasion when I solicited their support to raise funds, sell tickets, make phone calls, etc. Particularly, Past-Presidents Rajan Hensman, Arasu Sarvanmuttu, Selva Kanagasabai, Delwyn Lappen and Trevor Meares have been pillars to lean-on with encouragement and support in more ways than one. When criticism was due, there were no Chinese whispers or corrosive rumours from these gents – if they thought the OBA could do better, they picked up the phone or emailed their thoughts with suggestions that could be acted upon. Note to self, do as they did!

My New Year resolutions, however, draw true inspiration from two past-presidents who accepted my invitation to serve in the Ex-Co. Thomian tradition has been that past-presidents would effectively go into retirement. As such, the decision by Past-President Oswald 'Pajjo' Silva and Past-President Chris Varney to come back into the Ex-co was truly unprecedented. To put it simply, the Ex-Co couldn't have sustained the efforts over these last two years, if we didn't have these two giants amongst us. Pajjo and Chris have made an immeasurable contribution to the Ex-Co's efforts and they've led by example and have been present at every event and meeting. They've brought their experience to the table without once using their own achievements as the standard. Their presence in the Ex-Co has been both humbling and motivational. Note to self, do as they did!



## President's Message (cont...)

They didn't have to be past-Presidents to do what they did, they just had to be good Thomians. If all of us Thomians in Melbourne resolve to do as these gentlemen did, I'm sure that the incoming President and his team will take the OBA to greater heights. The Thomian calendar will once again be full of innovative and exciting events, the membership will grow and the four Thomian schools in Sri Lanka will benefit from the resurgence of the OBA in Australia.

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## 2017 THOMIAN BALL

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

@ GRAND BALLROOM, PULLMAN HOTEL

ALBERT PARK

Contact Mahes Heenetigala (0407369717 | [maheenet@gmail.com](mailto:maheenet@gmail.com))

to reserve your tickets. Don't miss out!

## Thomian Aces

### – Outstanding A/L results @ STC Mt Lavinia

Rev Marc Billimoria, Warden STC writes:

I'm happy to announce that our boys have produced the best local A L results at College in recent years. 18 of them (7 in the Maths Stream, 7 in the Commerce Stream, 3 in the Arts and 1 in the Biology stream) have obtained 3 As while 18 overall have obtained 2 As and 1 B.

J Vikash has been ranked 30<sup>th</sup> , Senal Seneviratne has been ranked 31<sup>st</sup> and Sudaraka Ariyaratne has been ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the island rankings.

So happy for all our boys.

Esto Perpetua!

Warden



## Turning water to win

### – College Water-Polo team

The college Water-Polo team during the past few years have been doing well in the domestic season and winning the Royal-Thomian for the 4th consecutive year.

The coaching staff are gearing up for 2017, which they describe as 'a rebuilding phase'. Their main focus during the year is to identify talented young coaches and provide them with the necessary training and also focus on developing the age categories of Under-11 & Under 13. Their project last year to start an Under-13 team proved to be a success-at this year's junior Royal-Thomian game 4 players from that age category, representing STC. This year ended with a Junior Water-Polo carnival on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the college pool.



## Picture this



This old photograph was sent into the OBA by a lady who said:

*I live in Melbourne and have, somehow, acquired three photographs of students. I'm not from Sri Lanka. I've had them for about 35yrs. I am now interest in finding out more these photographs. The only clues on these photographs are that they were taken around 1961 and the imprint on the board they are mounted on states Olga Studio, Mount Lavinia. According to the internet Mount Lavinia is in Sri Lanka. Being school photos and S.Thomas' College is in that city I am writing to you to find out if you or some older members of your association can recognise anyone in these photos or even if these photos are of your school.*

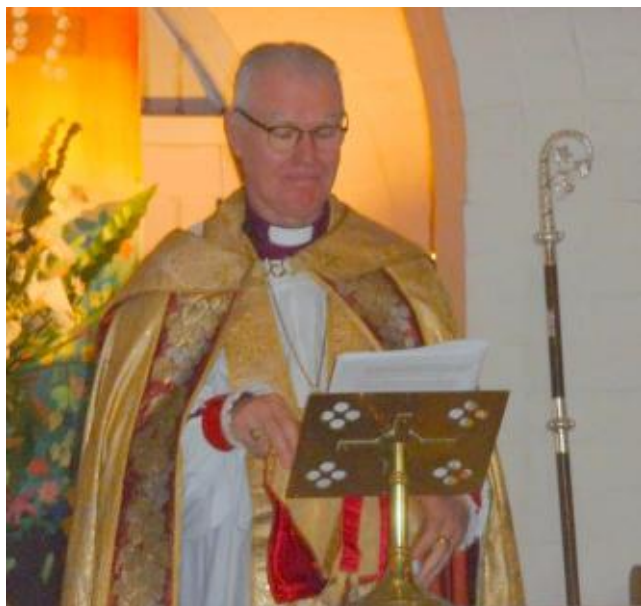
**Standing L – R :** Randy Morrell, Sri Bavan, Wyville Scharenguivel, Graham Kenworth Brown, Sinnathamby, Asoka Jayasekera (Bumpy's elder brother), Shelton Gauder

**Seated L – R:** Andy Armitage, Lasith Senanayake, C.H. Davidson Esq (Warden), Stafford (Tutu) Abeysekera, Maxim (Gorky) Flamer-Caldera, Cedric (CP) de Silva

**(Note: See page 23 for the other two photographs that were sent in to the OBA.)**



## Coming for to carry me home: Seniors Lunch and Transfiguration Service







## An Interview with Prof. Indra de Soysa

- reprinted from the Ternion (CBA newsletter in CMB)



*Professor Indra de Soysa (PhD) was the 18th Warden of S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia. He served the College faithfully and accomplished much in his 3 years (2012 – 2014).*

*Q: Sir, can you please tell us a bit about yourself and your background?*

A: As you know, I started my schooling in grade 1 at “Prep” and then transferred to STC Mt. Lavinia. We lived on Hotel road very close to college. Looking back, it was a great childhood because having college as a playground and after school hangout was incredibly fortunate. This also allowed me to take part in many after school activities. I don't think I ever felt lonely as a child because I was constantly around other people my age. My older brother Senaka is only a couple of years older, so our friends tended to be mutual friends, mostly Thomians, which made life even more interesting. In terms of my background, I guess it was fairly ordinary. Life at home was very stable and we did what other Sri Lankans of our background (English educated parents...typically middle class) did. We have a large extended family, and we met often. My uncles, Brian and Miles Ekanayake, are Thomians, as are my first cousins, Rohan and Stefan Anthoniz. They were all cricketing heroes, which made me feel somewhat special from an early age. Currently, I am married to Ann Kristin, who I met when we were both undergraduate students in the USA, and we have two daughters, Sooriya and Christiane. We are currently resident in Trondheim, Norway, where I am a Professor of Political Science at Norway's largest university, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

*Q: What were your days in school like? What were the most memorable experiences you had?*

A: You might have already gathered that I thought school was fun. I was not an exceptional student. However, I did volunteer for activities. The memorable moments in the lower school of course were the lower school plays and sports meets etc. I will never forget the nerves before going on stage. In those days, the college hall felt enormous. Moving from the lower school to the middle school was a big deal. I must say that we had some great teachers and some fairly weak ones. Funnily enough, age had no bearing on this. Some of the best teachers I had were very young, such as Richard de Zoysa, Ananda Rajapakse, and Rajiva Wijesinghe, but older teachers, such as Mr. EFC Pereira, Mrs. Rani Perera and Mr. LMV de Silva were also great teachers. I guess the common denominator here is that the good teachers managed to relate to us, to take us under their wing so to speak. The really bad teachers may have been very good at their subjects, but they failed to capture our imagination. In short, the good teachers had to capture our interest, and the way they did that was to be our friends. Let me leave this question at that...some of the most memorable moments, apart from Royal-Thomians, cycle parades, college fairs etc. I cannot fully own up to.

*Q: Tell us a bit about your career and life after you left your Alma Mater*

A: After finishing my A/levels, I had a chance to go and study in the USA, an opportunity that was facilitated to a great deal by Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe. In this respect, I owe a great deal of gratitude to him. I initially studied history for my BA and MA and later moved to Political Science at the PhD level. This was at the University of Alabama. I found academics to be fun. In fact, I might even say I enjoyed the challenge and perhaps even became good at it. In many ways, the US system does indeed recognize hard work and effort (talent) and promising students are encouraged and rewarded. I found this to be refreshing. I had the good fortune of having a well renowned scholar, Prof. John O Neal, as my PhD advisor. I ended up writing a dissertation on the subject of “Foreign Direct Investment and Economic



and Political Development, “which won the best dissertation award (the first for political science). I also won a prestigious scholarship from the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan, and an offer of a job at the famous Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO). In fact, I took my wife back to Norway. We ended up in Trondheim after a brief stint at the University of Bonn in Germany, where I was a senior researcher. I enjoy teaching and research and have published many research papers in the top journals within my field. I enjoy my research and collaboration with smart people from whom I learn.



*Q: When you were in school, what did you want to be when you grew up? Did the thought of becoming Warden ever cross your mind?*

A: The thought of being Warden never crossed my mind. The Wardenship in fact never seemed like a job to me. Wardens were like demi Gods, anointed from above. I had very few ambitions, looking back. I don't remember that careers or professions were ever discussed in school. Things are different today. Luckily for me, my parents seemed to encourage academia, perhaps I subconsciously gravitated towards that. To have been the Warden is one of my greatest honours.

*Q: When you became Warden, what were the things you wanted to change about school?*

A: I did not take on the task of being Warden with ideas of change for the sake of change. I wanted to come and learn first. The school has lasted for almost two centuries perfectly well. In fact, I expected the job to change me. However, one thing was clear, I wanted to approach the boys differently. I wanted to be an approachable, friendly Warden that encouraged boys to expect more of themselves. I wanted to be one of the teachers that related to them. I don't know if I succeeded but I would not have learnt about learning if I did not work closely with both teachers and students.

*Q: Sir tell us a bit about your experiences as Warden of S. Thomas' College?*

A: I have given you some long winded answers already, but if I was to summarize my short three years, I would say that I am still amazed by the volunteerism and enthusiasm of our old boys, the talents and enthusiasm of our teachers, and the love of the school displayed by our boys. I was deeply humbled by the dedication of others towards the school, which often made me look good.

*Q: You always encouraged creativity and thinking out of the box. What does this bring out of students?*

A: The Sri Lankan curriculum is generally good, but I used to tell the teachers to think of the syllabus as a skeleton, as just a guide, and supplement the syllabus. We had very smart, talented teachers, who were in fact underutilized. I encouraged the teachers to be creative. Given our rigid exam structures and emphasis on rote learning, creative teaching is the only way to get our boys excited about the subjects. It is this that would lead to creativity. Ultimately, building appreciation for a subject is far more important than focusing on passing an exam. I remember I got one of our old



boys with a PhD from MIT and had just joined NASA to come speak to our teachers. He had actually failed his A levels. His point was simple---school, or simply chalk and talk, was boring.

*Q: In your opinion, is it more important to hold on to tradition and the past or to just learn from the past and then let it go?*

A: The past has its place. Sometimes, certain things become enshrined as a tradition, but on closer scrutiny is simply something that is manufactured to benefit someone or a few at the expense of others. Ultimately, our good sense needs to guide what we retain and discard.

*Q: In your opinion, what is a 'Culture of Mutual Respect' and how important is it for the functioning of the College?*

A: Respect is at the core of all socially- relevant learning. A school will not function efficiently without a culture of mutual respect. How can we teach boys to respect each other if we are slandering other people? Young boys pick up on these cues.



Heads of the school must earn the respect of others by being respectful themselves. A command culture does not work in today's world—that was the way of the British Raj, and vestiges of it remain. The trick is to get people to do things they would otherwise have been reluctant to undertake and reward them for their initiatives.

*Q: Sir, you yourself were a champion sportsman. How did you balance your sports and studies? How important is it for students to balance sports and studies and how do you propose they do so?*

A: I did not play Table Tennis to be a champion. I started playing on an old rickety table at the Mt. Lavinia YMCA. Sports should be enjoyed by all young boys. There are multiple benefits, both physical, and psychological. However, sport must also be social. If boys are pushed into sports and then pressured to win, you have already lost the plot. If you are enjoying the sport, the wins just come. Parents really need to understand this. Of course, if sports interfere with your studies in terms of time pressures etc., then one needs to prioritize studies. My reasoning is this---very very few of our boys will become professional sportsmen. Sports is one (perhaps fairly big) part of preparing for life. We must be realistic about this.

*Q: In your opinion, how has the life of a school boy changed from the time you were in school?*

A: I think much has changed in regular life in terms of making life busier, which I think is also true in terms of school life. However, there is a noticeable change in terms of how the school is run/approach to studies, and discipline. I am very encouraged by this.

*Q: Sir, do you have a final message for the students and staff of S. Thomas'?*

A: Yes, I miss them and wish them all the very best. The Thomian family, teachers, boys, parents and old boys are truly part of something great—our school, our alma mater.

Esto Perpetua!

## Backstrokes & more – Wesley & STC Inaugural Swimming Meet





## 2016 Thomian Ball 23 July @ Grand Ballroom Pullman, Albert Park



To The President and Committee STC OBA:

Congratulations on a very successful Dance for 2016. It is up there with the very best that our OBA was able to execute.

The music and sound was the best put on for many years as the two Bands had chosen a mixture of songs to suit the occasion.

Aubrey Weinman guest artist from Colombo put on another good performance as he did last year.

The food was commended by many on the night. From where I sat and glancing around a tick could be given for the excellent service.

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Well done and take a bow for a excellent night.

With Regards,

Arasu Saravananmattu



## Game, Set & Match

“Tennis isn’t the most popular sport but the support has been very special and we even had people missing school to come support us at the finals.”

– Doubles title-winning captain, Sebastian Sansoni



The S. Thomas’ College tennis team, led by Sebastian Sansoni, saw themselves through to the finals of the Public Schools’ Under 19 championship. The under 19 title is the topmost prize on offer in Schools’ Tennis and this fixture saw excitement and intense action with S. Thomas’ and Colombo International School both putting on some impressive play.

The contest was intensified with both schools winning two games each coming into the final match of the five game tie. It all came down to the final tie where Avindra Perera of S. Thomas’ faced off against Josua Jayaratne of CIS. The two-time Junior National Champion had no trouble however as he took the Thomians to a famous win.

The victory was made even more special by the fact that the last time the Thomians won this particular title was way back in 1995, making this a momentous occasion.

At National Schools Sports Festival final, S. Thomas’ met St. Peter’s College and it was the efforts of Viranka Fernando and Avindra Perera that enabled them to retain the title for yet another year.

The boys’ title hunt has the active participation of heavyweights St. Peter’s College, Royal College, Ananda College and Colombo International School in the top tier along with S. Thomas’ College, making the Thomians’ achievements this year pretty special.

To quote Sebastian: *“Well, it was the first time we won the public school’s tournament in 21 years so I would say that was a significant tournament for us. We were able to beat the toughest team twice which was indeed a great experience altogether. I believe that these tournaments and experiences have laid the platform from which Thomian tennis can excel to greater heights”*



## Walking the Talk

- **St. Thomas' Preparatory School  
Prep Walk & Fun Fair 2017 (21 October 2017)**



St Thomas Prep School is once again hitting the road to restore the Fotrose (pictured here) and in turn to uphold a legacy. Mark the date and join them on 21<sup>st</sup> October 'as a family of Thomians, a band of brothers'.

## Reaching New Heights



### **Spencer Herft competes @ World Masters Athletics**

Despite a heart attack in 2009 and double fracture in 2013, at the age of 78 Spencer Herft decided to have a go once again at the World Masters Athletics in the M75-79 age group. He placed 4th in triple jump, 5th in javelin and 9th in long jump after pulling a hamstring, (an event he was favoured to win).

Spencer has competed in World Masters since 1994 and has previously won individual medals in pentathlon, javelin, high jump, long jump and triple jump. He also holds Oceania Games record in N.Z in triple jump and several QLD state records in a number of events. Spencer is still a national accredited coach ATFCA level 111 in track and field and previously coached at Waverly Athletic Club, Melbourne 1982-87 before moving to QLD.

## Blue & Black Fortune

### Thomian in Fortune's 2016 Top 50 Business Persons of the year



Featured in this year's list at position 34 is a Sri Lankan — Ajita Rajendra. Fortune states "In his four years as CEO of this Milwaukee-based maker of water heaters (A. O. Smith & CO) , Rajendra has kept the company boiling hot, doubling profits and nearly tripling the company's stock price with strong growth in North America and China".

Ajita Rajendra is the son of M. Rajendra, who headed the Treasury in Sri Lanka in the sixties. He is also the nephew of former Minister M. Thiruchelvam. In contrast to today's world of scams, M. Rajendra was an old school public servant, reputed for his integrity and honesty to the extent that he reportedly refused to remit his sons full school fees to India because it would exceed the amount permitted by the prevailing laws!

Rajendra had his schooling at S Thomas' Mt. Lavinia and a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology and an MBA from Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. His distinguished career in S. Thomas' included a place in the schools Rugby team and Athletics team.

Ajita Rajendra joined A. O. Smith in January 2005. He was named as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on April 7, 2014, the ninth CEO in the company's history. His primary responsibilities include strategy development and implementation, profitability, and shareholder returns. He previously held the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer and President and Chief Operating Officer, responsible for A. O. Smith's water heater operations in North America, China, Europe, and India, as well as the company's water purification business in China and the Lochinvar global boiler business. He also serves on the board of other listed companies in the US.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2017  
NOMINATION FORM**

We

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

*being current financial members of the Association hereby nominate*

*also a current financial member of the Association, for the position of*

*in the Executive Committee of S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia,  
Sri Lanka O B A Australian Branch Inc.*

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(sign)

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ (sign)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ (sign)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5th FEBRUARY, 2017**

Please mail directly to:

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
 TIME: 6.30 p.m. - Registration/Address check/payment of subscriptions  
 7.00 p.m. - AGM commences  
 VENUE: Mount Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

### AGENDA

1. President's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. In Memoriam Prayers
4. Adoption of Minutes of the last AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016
5. Matters arising from these minutes
6. Adoption of the Honorary Secretary's Report for 2017
7. Adoption of the Honorary Treasurer's report & Accounts for 2016
8. Outgoing President's Address
9. Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee:
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) President</li> <li>b) Three (3) Vice – Presidents</li> <li>c) Honorary Secretary</li> <li>d) Honorary Assistant Secretary</li> <li>e) Honorary Treasurer</li> <li>f) Honorary Assistant Treasurer</li> <li>g) Honorary Editor</li> <li>h) Seven (7) Committee Members</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Appointment of Honorary Auditor</li> <li>j) 2017 President's Address</li> <li>k) Any Other Business (about which notice in writing should be given to the Honorary Secretary at):                1 Trafalgar Court, Narre Warren Sth., VIC 3805                by 05 February 2017.</li> <li>l) The President declares the meeting closed</li> <li>m) All stand and sing the College Song</li> </ol>
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All members and their partners are cordially invited to dinner immediately after the meeting. A delicious Sri Lankan dinner with dessert will be available at \$15. per person. A limited bar (Beer & Soft Drinks) will also be available. B. Y. O. Spirits.

**Chris. J. Lawton**

Honorary Secretary

*Please Note: Members may seek clarification on any matter in the Reports, especially Accounts, by phoning the Office Bearer concerned or the President, BEFORE THE MEETING. This will enable the meeting to proceed expeditiously. Subscriptions were due in January 2017. If you haven't paid your subs, please help sustain the OBA and pay at the AGM by cash, cheque or credit card.*



# Thomian Spring Carnival

**Dinner Dance on 12 Nov 2016  
@ Hungarian Centre**



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## For all we have and are

- **Thomians, Royalists and Trinitians in Melbourne work with the Foundation of Goodness to help respond to the floods in Sri Lanka**

The Flood Relief Appeal sent out on the 22nd of May was a collaborative effort by the S Thomas, Royal College and Trinity Old Boy Associations and 14 Bendigo Bank Branches across Melbourne.

The original target of 30 boxes of supplies for 100 families was smashed in record time and a total of 39 boxes were shipped today (2nd June).

The response from the Thomian fraternity, in particular, was generous and prompt. Several old Thomians from VIC, ACT, Perth, NSW and Qld chose to contribute funds, in lieu of dry goods. As a result, we collected over a \$1100 that was used to purchase milk powder, lentils, canned fish and condensed milk.

Special thanks to:

- Ashley Wije - Ashley (an Old Thomian) was the catalyst for this relief effort and was instrumental in bringing together the three OBAs and the Bendigo Bank branches. Ashley works out of Bendigo Bank's Glen Waverley branch and if you're passing by, please stop and say thank you to this amazing young man.
- Mohan Perera - CEO at Transco Shipping company who provided 30 complimentary cargo boxes and agreed to discount the additional boxes, as required.
- Melissa - Compliance Manager at Thrifty Car and Truck rental Head Office who provided a Van free of rental charges to support the initiative. She has also provided a voucher for us to distribute. Please support those who support us, if anyone has a need to rent a car/truck!
- Bendigo Bank staff and customers who opened their hearts and donated generously to the cause.
- Local Business Owners particularly in Glen Waverley.
- Several people went to the extra effort to host a collection point at their own house over the weekend and invited their friends to support the cause. Special mention of Delani (from Decor by Delanie) and her friends who collected several boxes through this method.



The result: 39 cargo boxes of dry food, quality clothing bed linen, towels, shoes and essential toiletries to help the Foundation of Goodness achieve their goal of reaching out to a 100 flood affected families.

This was all achieved in only a week and a half! Amazing!

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**MEMBERSHIP (dues paid)**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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NAME	Paid To
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ABEYNAIKE, Ajith Parakrama	2018
ABEYSEKERA, Victor	2006
ABEYSINGHE, Dr Rohan	2015
ABEYWICKREMA, Anil Niranjana	2015
AKMEEMANA, Chami	2009
ALDONS, Roger	2020
ALVIS, Randolph Lawrence	2017
AMUKOTUWA, Nimal D.	2005
AMUKOTUWA, Sarathkumar	2020
ANDRADO, Amrick	2013
ANTHONISZ, Ashton	2016
ANTHONISZ, Darrell	2016
ANTHONISZ, James M.	2014
ANTHONISZ, Tyrell	2017
APONSO, Lalith	2016
APONSO, Roshan	2010
APONSO, Suren Diyal	2016
ARIARATNAM, Chris	2013
ARMITAGE, Andy	2012
BALTHAZAR, George	2013
BENERAGAMA, Gamini Dr.	2016
BIBILE, Rajindra	2016
BRAINERD, Leslie	2016
BROHIER, Richard	2009
CADER, Fazal	2016
CALDERA, David Lalith	2020
CASINADER, Ranji	2010
CHAPMAN, Ivor	2012
CHAPMAN, Johann	2013
CHRISTOFFELSZ, John	2020
DANIEL, Bertram	2016
DANIEL, Dr. Robin	2008
DASSENNAIKE, Nalin	2017
DAVID, Frank	2016
DAVID, Kumar	2015
DE LIVERA TENNEKON, Sankha Aravinda	2013
DE MEL, Jarit	2016
DE MEL, Sarath	2020
DE MEL, V. <b>Chevinda</b> Ranjaka Stephen	2012
DE SILVA, Anura	2016
DE SILVA, Jeremy	2007
DE SILVA, Lakshman D.	2020
DE SILVA, Lalindra	2020
DE SILVA, Larry	2014
DE SILVA, Randy	2009
DE VOS, Milroy	2016
DE ZILVA, Adrian	2015
DEVAPURA, Jetha	2010

DHARMAWARDENA, Kushan	2019
DIAS, <b>Pradeep</b> J. A. G.	2014
DIAS, Yohan	2006
DISSANAYAKE, Loshan Ashantha	2009
D'SILVA, H. Derek	2012
D'SILVA, H. Roger C.	2016
D'SILVA, Ralph	2019
EDWARD, J Roy D	2012
EMERSON, Richard J	2017
ESANKAMAL, Malinda	2012
FERDINANDS, Brian Anthony	2016
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FERDINANDS, James (Jim) Donald	2016
FERDINANDS, John	2006
FERDINANDS, Maurice	2006
FERDINANDS, Rupert W	2016
FERNANDO, Billy	2014
FERNANDO, Dayan (DDL)	2015
FERNANDO, Deeptha	2007
FERNANDO, Dinesh	2020
FERNANDO, H.P. Dushmantha	2013
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FERNANDO, M. Kingsley	2016
FERNANDO, Mewan	2005
FERNANDO, Nirai	2015
FERREIRA, Jeremy	2010
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GANEGAMA, Tilak	2015
GERLACH, Maxwell	2016
GIBSON, R. Maurice E.	2017
GOMES, Prem	2006
GOMES, Yushantha Jayathu	2015
GOONAWARDENA, Peneeth Rajiva	2016
GOONERATNE, Dinesh	2008
GOONERATNE, Sena J.	2013
GOONERATNE, Upali J. F.	2016
GRIGSON, Roderic	2015
GUNARATNAM, Visahan	2009
GUNASEKERA, Hemanga	2015
GUNASEKERA, Yohan Mark	2007
GUNAWARDANA, Chanaka	2008
GUNewardana, Upali	2010
HAHEEL, Husain	2017
HALLOCK, Shantha	2015
HEENETIGALA, Dr. Nihal	2017
HEENETIGALA, Mahes	2016
HENRICUS, B. Cholomondley	2016
HENSMAN, Dr. Indran. C	2009
HENSMAN, Kumar	2020
HENSMAN, Rajan A.	2020
HERAT, Norman	2018
HERFT, Christopher P.	2015
HESSE, Hubert. R.	2018
HEWAVITHARANA, Shehan	2014
ILANGAKOON, Amal Michael	2020
JACOTINE, Errol	2017
JANSEN, Conrad Gary	2010

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JANSZ, Brian Gordon	2005	MORENO, Emilio	2014
JANSZ, Rodney	2015	MORTIMER, Geoffrey L E	2012
JASINGHE, Neomal	2016	MUBARAK, Mohamed Nabil	2016
JAYASEKERA, Bumpy C. W.	2016	MUTTUKUMARU, Rushan Lloyd	2015
JAYASEKERA, Gavin	2016	NADARAJAH Suresh	2008
JAYASEKERA, Sandy Rajpal	2013	NADARAJAH, Prashanth	2011
JAYASENA, Rajiv	2016	NAGARAJAH, C. Romesh	2016
JAYASINGHE, Chandra Asoka	2017	NAGARAJAH, Rajievan	2008
JAYASINGHE, Kalyanasiri (Kal)	2019	NANAYAKKARA, Dilusha R.	2013
JAYASINGHE, Ranga P	2008	NANAYAKKARA, Mark	2017
JAYASURIYA, M.D.A. Tarik	2012	NESIAH, Vaseeharan	2016
JAYASURIYA, Sarath	2016	NICHOLAS, Christopher	2016
JAYAWARDENA, Asanka	2020	NICOL, Nigel	2016
JAYAWICKREME, Eshan Mahesa	2009	NILaweera, Tilak	2009
JAYETILEKE, Shehan Vinod	2011	OHLMUS, <b>Evelyn</b> R. D.	2015
JESUDHASON, Dr Edward	2016	ONDAATJE, Peter P.J.	2016
JEYAKUMAR, Jebastian	2016	OVERLUNDE, Stevie	2018
JUNAIDEEN Rayhaan	2008	PALMER, Carlyle (Carlo) D.	2019
KANAGASABAI, H. Selva	2016	PALMER, Gavin	2012
KANAGASABAI, Lakshman S.	2014	PAUL, Dr Amarjit	2013
KANATHIGODA, Malithi Nalaka	2014	PEARS, Michael	2014
KARIYAWASAM, Nadeeshan	2012	PEIRIS, Duane	2012
KARIYAWASAM, Viren	2011	PEIRIS, Kirthi K. G.	2017
KARUNATILAKE, Bandula	2005	PEIRIS, Mangala	2005
KARUNATILAKE, Saliya	2015	PEIRIS, Mervyn	2017
KATHIRGAMATHAMBY, Sajeevan	2007	PEIRIS, Nadija Kalhara	2006
KAVINDA, Nuwan	2016	PEREIRA, Ernley O	2011
KELAART, Ivor C	2013	PERERA, Dr. Mahendra H	2015
KOCH, Garvin	2016	PERERA, Naveen Tharindu	2008
KOCH, Godfrey E. L.	2014	PERERA, Niranga	2016
KOCH, Jeffrey H.	2016	PERERA, Ruwan	2016
LA BROOY, Glen Arden	2012	PERERA, Senarath Mudalige Shehan R.	2010
LANDERS, Millon Hope	2015	PERERA, Usher Nalaka	2015
LAPPEN, Delwyn	2016	PILAPITIYA, Daham Anthony	2012
LAWRENCE, Michael	2010	PONNIAH, Jeya	2016
LAWTON, Christopher A.	2017	PRABHA David	2009
LAWTON, Christopher J.	2017	PREMKUMAR, Sanjay	2016
LAWTON, Michael E.	2017	RAHIM, Shihan	2011
LEKAMGE, E. D. B.	2010	RAJADURAI, Joe	2009
LEWIS, Leon Howard	2016	RAJAPAKSE, Suraj	2013
LIYANAGE, Milinda J.	2021	RANABAHU, Sean Dimith	2016
LIYANAGE, Saman	2020	RANASINGHE, Malaka Navindra	2014
LOOS, Rev Gerald	2016	RASARATNAM, Mahendra	2015
LOOS, Granville Allison	2016	RASIAH, John	2007
LOOS, Hermon	2016	RATNARAJAH, Vasikaran	2016
MAHENDRAN, Shylagen Venayaga	2010	RATNAYAKE, Ravi	2009
MALLET, Anthony J. W.	2016	RAUFF, Mazhar M.	2014
MASILAMANI, Michael	2016	REID, Barney D.	2017
MATHER, Dr. Paul Rohan	2019	REID, Claud E.	2016
MAZAHIR, Nishad	2007	REID, Dr. Barclay G.(Buddy)	2016
MEARES, Trevor	2021	REID, Ronnie	2015
MEEGAMA, Suren Royden	2011	RICHARDS, Marcus	2012
MENDIS, Glen	2012	ROBERTS, Anthony Gerald	2010
MENDIS, Trevor A.	2018	ROBERTS, Richard	2017
MOLLIGODA, Bandula	2014	ROCKWOOD, David C.	2015



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RODRIGO, A. Lakshan	2013	VAN TWEST, Harold	2014
RODRIGO, Nimal Ravindra	2004	VANDERWERT, Cedric	2016
RODRIGO, Pramuditha Akalanka	2012	VANNITHAMBY, Thambi	2016
RODRIGO, Ranmal	2014	VARNEY, Allan	2016
RODRIGUE, Darrel	2018	VARNEY, Ashley	2012
ROWLAND, Ed	2009	VARNEY, Christopher	2016
ROWLANDS, Adlai Perc	2006	VARNEY, David	2016
RUWANPURA, Helaka	2009	VELUPILLAI, Gerrard	2009
SAMARAJIWA, Manish Neuran	2010	VYTINGAM, Raj	2016
SAMARAJIWA, Shalindra Neuran	2013	WAMBEEK, P.E. Keith	2012
SANSONI, Adrian Noel	2015	WANIGATUNGA, Jayantha	2015
SARAVANAMUTTU, Arasu	2018	WARNAKULASURIYA, Dinesh	2016
SARAVANAMUTTU, Ari	2016	WAZIL, Adhnan	2006
SARAVANAMUTTU, Tiru	2007	WEERASINGHE, Odath S.	2018
SCHARENGUIVEL, Keith	2017	WEERASIRI, Dr Tilak	2016
SCHOORMAN, Peter	2016	WEINMAN, Rev. Ravanel	2011
SELVADURAI, Johann	2007	WICKRAMASEKERA, Rajitha Dulanjan	2012
SELVADURAI, Sehan Nehru	2018	WICKRAMASINGHE, Sankha C. S.	2015
SELVARAJAH, Mano	2010	WICKRAMASURIYA, Dushan	2009
SELVARATNAM, Dr. Peter	2016	WICKREMARATNA, Vidura	2013
SELVARATNAM, Lakshman	2010	WIJAYASURIYA, Prasada	2016
SENANAYAKE, Akila	2012	WIJESINHA, Dr. Sanjiva	2016
SENARATNE, Godfrey	2016	WIJESINHA, Rohan Devinda	2013
SENARATNE, Sarath	2020	WIJESUNDERA, Chamila	2008
SENEVIRATNE, Chanaka	2009	WIJESURIYA, Jehan	2006
SENEVIRATNE, Eardley Kevin	2006	WIJEY, Ashley	2016
SENEVIRATNE, Earle	2011	WIJEYARATNE, Peter	2005
SENEVIRATNE, Lalindra Arjuna	2010	WIKRAMANAYAKE, Nimal	2010
SENEVIRATNE, Mani	2016	ZARANI, Mohamed Yusuf	2013
SENEVIRATNE, Niranan	2007	ZAVEER, Mohamed Imran	2017
SETUNGA, Raymond	2020	ZIMSEN, J. A.Terrence	2017
SHMUEL, Immanuel	2014		
SILVA, Kristian	2010	<b>ACT</b>	
SILVA, Michael	2017	ALDONS, Malcolm Eric	2010
SILVA, P. Jayampathy O.	2017	ARSAKULASURIYA, Aruna	2006
SIRIMANE, Anura	2008	DIAS ABEYESINGHE, Rohan	2020
SIRITUNGA, Mahendra Vishwajith	2004	JACOB, Elmo	2013
SMITH, Adam A A	2008	REBERA, Basil	2017
SMITH, Norman Allan	2012	WICKRAMASURIYA, Revan Philip	2005
SOMANADER, Gehan Rufus	2016		
SOMASUNDERAM, Marty Thiagarajah	2020	<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>	
SRI BAWAN, M	2018	ARNDT, Dr. Douglas V.	2019
ST. JOHN, Ajit Gavin	2018	BARTHOLOMEUSZ, David	2009
ST. JOHN, David	2021	BERENGER, Milroy	2022
STORK, Lynwood	2022	DE ZILVA, Charles	2011
SUNDARANATHAN, Mahinthan	2015	D'SILVA, Stefan	2010
SURIARACHI, Gamini A.W.	2008	FLAMER-CALDERA, Maxim	2017
TILLEKERATNE, Prof Lal Chandra	2021	GOONATILAKA, Tissa	2014
TIRIMANNE, Ranjan	2019	GRIGSON, Francis Frederick	2013
THAJUDEEN, Asfan	2011	HENSMAN Mohan	2007
THIEDEMAN Michael	2015	JAYAWICKREMA, Suraj	2006
THIEDEMAN, Shane	2031	MASEFIELD, Graham R.L.	2010
THIRUNEELA, Mauran	2007	PERERA, Nimal J	2004
UDUGAMA, Jitendra Ashantha	2016	RUPEISINGHE, Roshan	2014
		SWAN, William L	2015

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BAINES, Trevor  
COORAY, Hiran  
DISSANAYAKE, Sadeesh  
GARTH, David  
GUNAWARDANA, Uditha W.  
HAMEED, Ahmed Shezad  
HERFT, Spencer.G.  
LAYMAN, Leon Anthony  
MENDIS, Niru Duleep  
MISSO, REV.D. KAROL  
WANIGASOORIYA, Kamal  
WEINMAN, Beaufort A.

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PONNIAH, S.G. Ranjan

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#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ARNDT, George Arthur Richard  
DE KAUWE, Dr. Vevil

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FAIRWEATHER, Maurice D  
INGRAM, Dennis  
JAYASEKERA, Mohan D.  
MAKALANDA, Kavan  
MAY, Walter  
SCHOKMAN, David Norman  
VIRASINGHE, Indra A.K.

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CHELLIAH, Lohendran  
CLAASZ, Anthony Dermot Nigel  
COSWATTE, Renuke Jagath Bandara  
DE ALWIS, Anil Denham  
DE SOYSA, Sunil

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EPHRAUMS, Lance.H.D.  
HILLMAN, Jeremy

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MORRIS, Reyhan  
MUNASINGHE, P.L.  
PEREIRA EDWARD. V  
SARAVANAMUTTU, Rajan  
SATURNINUS, Peter  
SCHOKMAN, Larry  
SENARATNE, Lalith  
THOMAS, Bertram W.R.  
TISSERA, George Vernon  
WEERASINGHE, Abhaya  
WIJERATNE, W. D. Neil  
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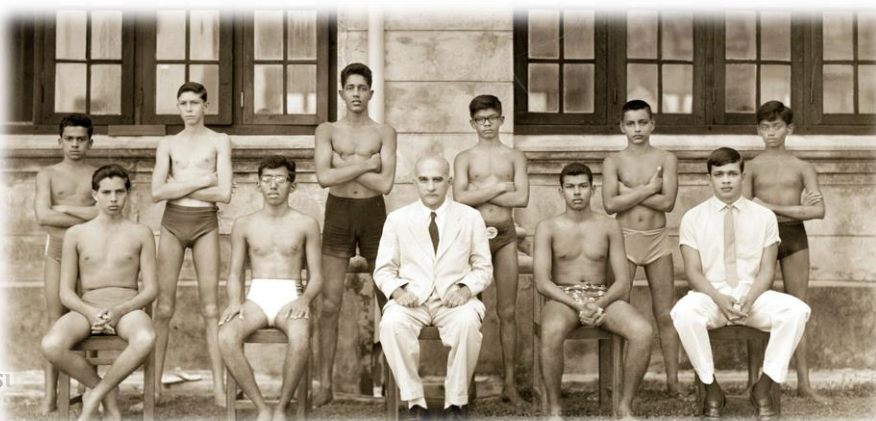
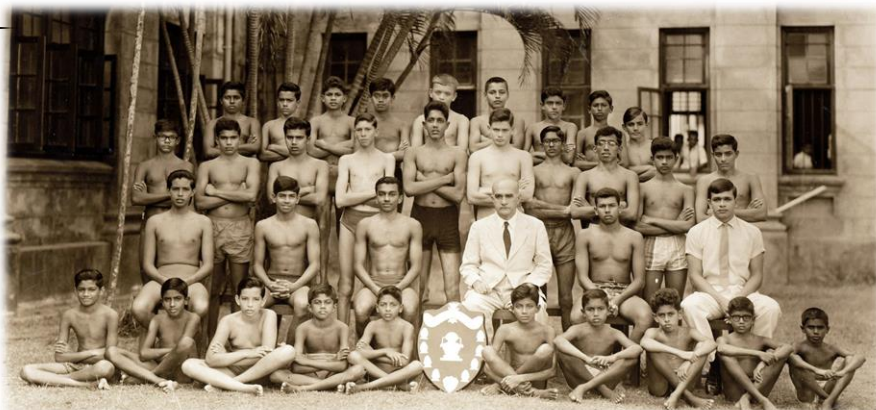
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