



THOMIANA

NEWSLETTER

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA BRANCH INC
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Dear Fellow Thomians,

Time has flown and we are in Spring. The Association has had many activities and functions since the last THOMIANA. You can catch up on these events in the Photo Gallery pages of this THOMIANA and on our website.

Our annual Seniors' Lunch was well attended as always. In August, we celebrated together at the Transfiguration Service and at the Annual Dinner Dance, which was a roaring success. The venue this year was the Park Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne and tickets were sold out well before the event. I want to thank our sponsors and advertisers for their support of this iconic event in the Sri Lankan Australian dinner-dance calendar. The Warden and his lovely wife, Susan, were the guests of honour at the Dance and were subsequently felicitated at another event a few weeks later. We enjoyed having the Warden in our midst and he inspired the Members present, and their wives, with his refreshingly candid assessment of his challenge at the head of our great school.

The next two events on our Calendar would be the Thomian Night ('Spring Carnival Nite') in November and the Carol Service in December. Dates for these functions are on the website and found elsewhere in the THOMIANA.

Gentleman, may I reiterate that this is your Association and I urge all those who have not paid their membership dues to do so. The Membership Secretary and his Sub-Committee have worked tirelessly to update the records, and I request you all who are not financial to please do so.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your support of the OBA. I look forward to seeing you at the next two functions.

Esto Perpetua

Chris Varney

President.

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Special thanks to all those who contributed to this issue of the THOMIANA. The Editorial Sub Committee would love to have your feedback, suggestions and contributions. Please email your contributions and comments to the Editor (editor@stcobaaust.org.au) and we will try and accommodate them in the next edition.

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EDITORIAL

The Warden's challenge

Whilst volumes have been written in the THOMIANA and elsewhere about all that apparently sets us apart as Thomians, we can't escape the fact that we are, as individuals, a product of nature and nurture. We can boast about the "class" that supposedly sets us apart but that claim is only valid as a collective. This veneer of "class" is as fragile as our individual egos. On the playground and elsewhere, we were often reminded that you can take a boy out of the gutter, but you can't take the gutter out of the boy. Whilst boys of that ilk were not uncommon in the history of the school, they were also the school's primary challenge. A few slipped through the cracks, and remained feral in adult life but STC clearly succeeded more often than it failed.

Times have changed... and STC may not have compromised on its mission or lofty institutional values but the school increasingly bears a disproportionate share of the burden to produce Thomians worthy of the label.

The erosion of the traditional Thomian demographic, the skyrocketing cost of running an institution on the scale that is STC, gashes in Sri Lanka's social fabric and Sri Lankan politics are all inescapable realities. Our Warden's challenge, is that he must

chart a course for the school that is relevant from historical, current and future perspectives.

We were given insights into 'the man' when he spoke at the Annual Dinner Dance and at the OBA event to felicitate him.

He spoke with candour of the challenges ahead, not just for STC but for post-war Sri Lanka.

Refreshingly, he chooses come cap in hand to the old boys or to the Board of Governors. Instead, he is determined to ensure that STC's Balance Sheet is self-sustaining so that it can reach out to the less-privileged.

Clearly, this is a man who relishes the challenge to take the bull by the horns. He couldn't possibly have quit Eton and taken the Thomian job for the money or the occasional tippie with the punters at the OTSC? Only time will tell if he has under-estimated the mountain that he must climb but we can rest assured that the College has a resolved and assertive Warden in these very testing times.

Esto Perpetua

Vasee Nesiah
Editor

Note from the Warden's Desk

Dear Chris and Trevor

We are now safely back in Sri Lanka and looking forward to the new term which starts with a staff meeting tomorrow.

This is just to thank you for going to so much trouble to organise a special dinner, as well as to say thank you for the invitation to attend the annual dance which we both thoroughly enjoyed.

I look forward to seeing you again either here or in Melbourne when next we visit.

Best wishes

*John and Susan
Sunday, 05 September 2010*

THOMIAN NEWS



CRICKET: Thomians on Tour - Anura Tennekoon & Jeevan Mendis

Old Thomian Captains Anura Tennekoon and Jeevan Mendis feature prominently in the current Sri Lankan cricket tour of Australia. Anura in his capacity as Manager and Jeevan as a Batting All Rounder (he bowls legbreaks and bats left-handed) are expected to provide strong support to Captain Kumar Sangakkara as he takes on the Australians on their home turf.

Jeevan Mendis' Cricinfo Profile:

Jeevan Mendis comes from a cricketing family, with his father Jagath and brother Tharindu also playing for his school, St Thomas' College. As a youth cricketer, Jeevan won several prestigious awards, including the Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 2001, the Man-of-the-Tournament awards in the Under-17 Asia Cup in Pakistan and the 2001 U-19 World Cup in New Zealand, where he bowled a record-breaking spell of 7 for 19 against Zimbabwe. However, during his six years for SSC, he hardly got an opportunity to bowl his legspinners, but his move to Tamil Union in 2008-09 opened the doors for him to display his all-round talent.



COOKING: Jimmy Shu on TV

Old Thomian and famous restaurateur, Jimmy Shu, was recently featured on ABC Television's POH's KITCHEN. Jimmy's family ran a well known restaurant in Colombo before they migrated to Australia. Jimmy is currently the toast of the epicurean set in the Northern Territory and The Hanuman Restaurant in Darwin is one of Jimmy's best known ventures.

FINANCE: Jayampathy Bandaranayake @ BOI

Jayampathy has been appointed Chairman of the BOI. He was previously a BOI Board Member. In 1967, he served as Head Prefect and captained STC's Cricket and Hockey XIs.



In this pic, two Old Thomians - New BOI Chairman Jayampathy Bandaranayake and Nirmal Fernando, Senior Partner KPMG Ford Rhodes Thornton

In Memoriam...



- > SAM ABEYESEKERA - He excelled in all sports, won colours in hockey and tennis and he was also a Server at Chapel services.
- > Dr. WARUSAHENNEDIGE VERNON SOYSA WIJERATNE - He was a founder member of the Old Thomians Association (OTA) in the UK and also served as President and Patron.
- > RAJAH DE MEL - Brother of Sarath De Mel.
- > LESLIE HURBERT CLIVE TISSERA - Planter & Nuwara Eliya Golf Club Trustee
- > AUBREY FRANCIS PETER FERDINANDS - (Engineer) Royal Ceylon Navy
- > SHIRAN DAHANAIKE - Brother of Lasantha & Poojitha
- > RAJAH RUTNAM - Film maker, US Marine and brother of Chandran & George.

NOTE: The family of the late **TISSA (T.R.P.) DE ALWIS** wish to express their thanks for the numerous messages of comfort and sympathy received from members of the OBA in Australia. They appreciate the kind words and thoughts conveyed, and regret their inability to thank everyone individually. - **RUTH, ASHAN and NUALA**

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THE POL LORRY - a grand ride to the Big Match



Left to right (standing): Saleem (in hat), Suresh Ratnavale, "CT" Chang, Akram Suby, the next guy is unknown, the tall guy is "TA" Mendis (face partly covered), Jerome Speldewinde, Allen Varney, Arjun Dharmadasa (wearing a mask), two guys sitting are not known. Bada Hussein is standing near the drivers seat, Ajmal Wahab (probably) is the guy standing at the highest point of the photo.

Lost and Found Board · reconnect with old mates

Calling out to the Batch of '61...

The Batch of 1961 are planning to celebrate 50 years since joining College. Please forward any email addresses or other relevant contact details you might have for the Batch of '61 to Lalantha Goonetilleke (horatious@yahoo.com).

Looking for...

TREVOR (T.I.) DAVIDSON, a former student of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia who emigrated to Australia in the 1960s. Some of his schoolmates would like to renew contact with him. Trevor would be around 60 years old. His father was Dr. Davidson, a medical practitioner or dentist in Colombo. Please email >> tormel@aardvark.net.au

Email the editor@stcobaaust.org.au if you would like to reach out to your old mates in the next edition of the THOMIANA

The THOMIANA CONGRATULATES Old Thomian, Glen Labrooy. His iconic Sri Lankan "joint" Curry & Chips has won awards and top reviews in recent months. Most recently, Curry and Chips was featured in The Age newspaper (review by Nina Rousseau).



Spiking things up

Virtual Rousseau
The Age food columnist, Nina Rousseau, has written a glowing review of Glen Labrooy's Curry & Chips, praising its authentic Sri Lankan flavors and top-notch service. The review is featured in The Age newspaper, highlighting the success of this iconic Thomian establishment.



SPRING CARNAIVAL NITE

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GUEST FEATURE - Sinhala/Tamil Nation? - Questioning our nationalist conditioning by Dushy Ranetunge

Note from the Editor: This article was first published some years ago in the Ceylon Daily News and has since been revised by the Author for the THOMIANA. Dushmanthe (Dushy) Ranetunge is an Old Boy of Royal College (Class of '74) and whilst such credentials alone wouldn't usually earn him any favours in Thomian circles, he has staked his ground with thought provoking commentary on Sri Lankan affairs.

In this piece, Dushy challenges conventional Sri Lankan ethnic consciousness. His suggestions might unsettle Sri Lankans who were fed the regular diet but most Thomians will relate to his thinking. At STC, we were Thomians first and foremost. We played, we studied and got into all sorts of trouble in mixed ethnic groups and only broke off to mimic the rest of the country when the medium of instruction for a particular subject demanded segregation. At roll-call the next morning, we'd regroup and start all over again. That peculiar experience made for thousands of bonds of friendship that survived ethnic fissures and few Sri Lankan schools can truly share that boast. Ironically, SWRD (a Thomian) charted that country's disastrous course and Dushy (a Royalist) chooses to challenge it. Dushy is based in London and can be reached via email (dushyr@aol.com).

For over 10 years, after having monitored LTTE and pro-LTTE propaganda in the West, after having visited innumerable LTTE "international peace conferences" in Canada, Switzerland, UK etc, the concept of a Tamil nation is familiar, as a separatist strategy to rally the Tamil population to a fascist ideology based on the concept of establishing a separate state in Sri Lanka for a particular ethnic community.

The concept of a Sinhala/Tamil nation is a relatively new ethno-linguistic phenomenon, used by the forces of nationalism/fascism to undermine the modern concept of equality and citizenship of the Sri Lankan nation state.

Regular articles in the press advancing the concept of a Sinhala nation seems as alien to me as the concept of a Tamil nation, as they both have the undertones of ethnic exclusivity and ethno-linguistic fascism.

Historically, there is evidence of a nation/state in terms of "Lanka" as referred to in the Mahavamsa and other historical chronicles, but no evidence to support the concept of an ethnically exclusive "Sinhala" or "Tamil" nation.

For example, the Kandyanans could not have debated or advanced theories of a "Sinhala" nation, because most of the last rulers were South Indians and even the others, married from South India.

The Kandyan convention signed between the Kandyan Chiefs and the British, indicate that approximately a third of the Kandyan ministers signed in Tamil, a third in Sinhala and the remainder with Portuguese influence.



ONTVANGST VAN DEN ADMIRAAL JORIS SPILBERGH AAN HET HOF VAN DEN MAHARAJA VAN CANDIA (CEYLON) Juli, 1602.

Dutch print of Vimala Dharma Suriya I (left) meeting Admiral Joris Spilbergen in Kandy, July 1602

The Dutch Admiral Joris Van Spielbergen who landed in Batticaloa in July 1602 and had an audience with the Emperor Vimala Dharma Suriya in Kandy, has noted in his diary that the Emperor spoke Portuguese and dressed and conducted court in the Portuguese and not the Ceylonese manner. There could not have been "Sinhala" nation theories during this period.

Vimala Dharma Suriya was the son of Weeresundera Rajah of Peradeniya. He was born Konappu Banadara, and baptized "Don Joao of Austria". He was educated in Colombo and Goa by the Portuguese, before turning table on them and crowned Vimala Dharma Suriya I of Kandy.



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In order to legitimize his claim to the throne, he seized and married his cousin, Princess Kusumasana, (she was 12 years old at the time) baptized Dona Catherina, who had been installed on the Kandyan throne by the Portuguese as the Empress of Ceylon. She is the only known Catholic Empress of Ceylon and only surviving child of King Karaliedde Bandara of Kandy.

Her son, was the other "Sinhalese" champion, Prince Maha-astana, crowned Rajasinghe II of Kandy, who marched on Colombo and besieged Colombo Fort before evicting the Portuguese from Ceylon with Dutch assistance. His brother was Prince Kumarasinghe, also known as Xavier Kumara banda, a baptized Catholic.

During the Kandyan period, Sri Lankan rulers sought the assistance of South Indian rulers against the Europeans and also secured the services of South Indian mercenary soldiers to fight their wars against the Europeans. They also depended on European mercenary soldiers.

We all know about the Sinhalese name "Lewke". But not many are aware that its actually Dutch for "Luke".

Dr Palitha Kohona recited an old Sinhala Poem to me once, which describes the Kandyan Lord Lewke being beheaded by the king and the poem describes that as his severed head with golden coloured hair touched the ground.

It is doubtful if anyone would have advocated "Sinhala" nations during this period. A weapons collector in Lisbon, Portugal informed me last year that the best hand held cannon he has in his collection is one manufactured by the Kandyans.

Rajasinghe I of Sitavaka, also known as Sitavaka Rajasinghe, who delivered to the Portuguese their first military defeat in Asia, became a Hindu (Saivait) and persecuted Buddhist monks and destroyed Buddhist places of worship.

With the champion of Sitavaka (Avisavella) patronising Siva, and depending on South Indian mercenaries to wage war on the Portuguese it is doubtful if the notion of a "Sinhala" nation was in vogue.

Several rulers of Kotte were Catholics and before that, the Champion of this Western region was Sapumal Kumaraya alias Sempaha Perumal, whose father was a Tamil.

It is unlikely that while Sapumal alias Perumal was ruling Jaffna and building Nallur Kandasamy Hindu Temple; anyone was advocating the theory of a "Sinhala" or "Tamil" nation. His name is repeated daily in the kattiyam at the Nalour Kandasamy Kovil in Jaffna as "Sri Sanga Bo Bhuvaneka bahu" and a Buddhist monk wrote the Kokila Sandeshaya in glory of his march to Jaffna.

During the Anuradhapura period we are told that the Nagas were allocated as the guardians of the western gateway into Anuradhapura and that the Naga king sat on a throne of equal height to that of the ruler of Anuradhapura.

Early rulers

Examine the names of the early rulers and the Naga tag to their names. We are told that Dutu Gemunu had Tamil Generals (Velu? Sumana) and that Elara had Sinhala soldiers and Generals. It is highly doubtful that either Dutu Gemunu or Elara advanced "Sinhala/Tamil" nation theories.

However modern day nationalists seem to have hijacked this story and put an ethno-linguistic spin on it to justify and buttress an ethno-linguistic agenda.

Dutu Gemunu is presented as a "Sinhala" hero, but was he of the Sinhala tribe? Does the Mahavamsa refer to him as being a "Sinhalese"? We are told that his mother was from Kelaniya and father from Magama, both well-known Naga settlements.

Is Tissa a name of the Sinhala tribe or the Naga tribe? Who gave Dutu Gemunu a "Sinhala" tag? Where is the evidence? A person being a Buddhist does not provide him with a "Sinhala" tag as during this period Tamils too were Buddhists, (i.e Velu-Sumana) and there were many eminent Tamil Buddhist scholars such as Buddhaghosa.

The fact that the Mahavamsa refers to Elara as a Tamil, does not automatically provide Dutu Gemunu with a "Sinhala" tag.

In fact there is absolutely no evidence to indicate that Dutu Gemunu in approximately 200 BC had any links to the "Sinhala" tribe that arrived with Vijaya in approximately 548 BC a mere 348 years previously.

Is it possible that a "Sinhala" tribe that arrived in the island around 548 BC, which was one among many tribes on the island, succeeded in establishing a "Sinhala" identity and consciousness by 200 BC (348 years) to provide Dutu Gemunu with a "Sinhala" tag? Was he a "hero"?

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Today historians have accepted that Sinhala ethnic consciousness only began to emerge from about 1200AD.

Dutu Gemunu advanced on Anuradhapura and vanquished the Tamil king Elara, after Elara had challenged him to single combat. But then, Elara was over 70 years old and Dutu Gemunu was in his 20s. Does a 20-year-old Dutu Gemunu, killing a 70-year-old Elara in single combat, make him a hero?

I would suggest that while Dutu Gemunu's "Sinhala" credentials are open for debate, his "heroic" credentials are also suspect. There are also his Buddhist credentials as the murderer of a geriatric. Are murderers of Tamil geriatrics considered champions in our culture?

The same way that nationalists have taken Perumal with a Tamil father who built a Hindu temple in Jaffna and made him a "Sinhala" hero Sapumal; have nationalists taken 20 odd year old Gemunu who killed a 70 odd year old Tamil in single combat, whose parents are from two Naga settlements and turned him into a "Sinhala" hero, all done in the cause of buttressing a "Sinhala" nationalist agenda?

For those with an enlightened mind, there is a need for closer examination of the facts as presented to us and expose the ethno-linguistic agendas of a nationalist minority who have destabilised our ancient nation of Lanka.

I would suggest that the Dutu Gemunu-Elara episode is less of a Sinhala/Tamil conflict and more one of real-estate acquisition, by an astute statesman, perhaps manipulating the insecurities of the general population. It could be suggested that the political strategy in building a tomb for Elara and the Ruvanveliseya itself may be to placate a hostile Buddhist population in Anuradhapura who loved and respected Elara who has been described as being noble.

It seems that for most of our 2500 or so years of recorded history, there was no "Sinhala/Tamil" nations. No one advanced such bankrupt racist theories and our historical chronicles such as the Mahavamsa speaks of "Lanka" not "Sinhala" or "Tamil" nations.

Even the meaning of the word Sinhala seems to have changed over the years. Today it refers more to a narrow exclusive ethno-linguistic identity. In the past the word Sinhala seems to have had a much broader meaning similar to Chola, Pandya, Pallava etc, with the emphasis not on ethno-linguistic identity, but the Royal house, as allegiance was not to ethnicity, but to King, caste, religion.

One can understand Tamil nationalists/fascists, advancing the theory of a Tamil nation, with the intention of undermining the Sri Lankan nation state and to establish a mono-ethnic separate state in the North East. But what is the motive of Sinhala nationalists/fascists advancing the theory of a Sinhala nation? Are they not contributing to the break up of the Sri Lankan nation state, by advancing such bankrupt newly manufactured theories?

If the motive is not the break up of Sri Lanka, are they advancing the theory of a "Sinhala" nation in order to establish some kind of a primacy for a particular tribe within the Sri Lankan nation state?

This in itself undermines the very foundations of the Sri Lankan nation state, based on the principles of citizenship and equal rights. What are the motives of those who advocate a Sinhala nation? It is just that they want to feel good at the expense of others, pulling the carpet from under their own feet?

Genetics, I would suggest that if most of those who champion the Sinhala/Tamil nation theories were to try to trace their genealogy, via the Y chromosome (12 marker Y-DNA test) passed down the generations of the male line, they will find that their ancestors are not from Sri Lanka but from Europe.

In South America, one observes the main South American Indian population forming the bulk of the population mainly at the lower end strata, while the descendants of the Europeans (mainly Spanish and Portuguese) forming the upper strata, but there is a healthy mix as well. In South America its more visible.

It could be suggested that the same has happened in Sri Lanka, that the bulk of the population, descending from the many tribes of Sri Lanka forming the lower strata of society, while the more affluent middle-class sections and above are dominated by those of European descent.

I would suggest that the European component is far greater than we are conditioned to expect because of our "nationalist" conditioning.

This chasing of the locals in the jungles and grabbing their land as witnessed in Australia, America, South Africa etc was not a European phenomenon.

The first to do it was Vijaya, who chased the Vaddha's into the jungles and grabbed their best land. Every invader since Vijaya has practiced this in Sri Lanka.

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Genealogical discovery

A long standing friend recently embarked on such a genealogical discovery and was surprised at the outcome. We will call him Ranaviru, whose father a hard line Sinhala nationalist, hails from a small town close to Avissavella.

Ranaviru was given some old Dutch family documents by his father, the oldest dated 1703. All the documents carried the family name. The father's family speak Sinhalese, not English at home and are very rural, but affluent at a village level, being village land owners. They are your average Sinhalese village family, patriots to the core with the family home being a grand affair with a central court yard and out buildings on the small estate, which had since been sold.

Ranaviru noticed that while his surname and those of his ancestors were Sinhalese and identical, the other forenames of his ancestors who lived from 1703 onwards were European. Ranaviru suggested to his father, a lawyer who also had a first class honours degree in History from Peradeniya, that their family may not be Sinhalese as they imagined.

BBC had publicised of a genealogical DNA testing company in the US and Ranaviru had decided to pursue his curiosity. A kit arrived from the US and two samples of scrapings from inside the mouth were sent. The results when it came had been mind boggling.

The male Y chromosome is passed down the male line through the generations and was the subject of the testing.

A 12 marker DNA test had been carried out and 15 persons with an exact match found on the data base and they were predominantly from Europe with European names.

Three in Germany, two in Norway, five in the UK, one in Poland, one on the Czech Republic etc. Three were outside Europe and they were all former Portuguese colonies, including Brazil. These exact matches of the 12 marker Y-DNA test indicates that the 15 persons had a high probability of having had a common ancestor about a 1000 years or 10 generations ago, and as Ranaviru had suspected his ancestors were from Europe, although they are today in Sri Lanka, members of the "Sinhala" identity.

I have since been discussing these findings with others and they have been informing me that although they are Sinhalese, they had a great grand mother who was French, or that the surname on the mother's side was European etc. I have been told that the Obeysekeras were originated from a Portuguese soldier who took the Sinhalese name. Robert Knox writes of his Portuguese neighbour in Kandy who was married to a Sinhalese woman.

Observing the Sri Lankan population in a new light, at their complexion, hair, eyes etc, you begin to realise the real extent of European influence in Sri Lanka, of being far greater than what one had imagined.

In light of our 2500 year history, this Sinhala/Tamil, nations/identity is a new awareness we have acquired and in the grand scheme of things, the perceived Sinhala/Tamil conflict is as silly as a conflict between those claiming to have the Royal Collage and St. Thomas's College identities.

Many have been trying to judge history with this newly acquired identity and have distorted history in trying to do so.

The diehard Royalists claim that they came to life in 1835, beneath the sway of Marsh and Boak and therefore have a pre-eminent position to the others, who are minions who came later and the match goes on.

The future and Y-DNA testing will bury the tribal nationalists advocating tribalist agendas and racist Sinhala/Tamil nations.

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Rev Bowyer Yin - Former Chaplain celebrates his 100th birthday

Revd Roy Henry (Bowyer) Yin celebrated his 100th birthday on 7 October 2010. Revd Yin celebrated his birthday in Singapore with his adopted family and close friends. He also received special mention at the Service of Eucharist at the Kings College Chapel that same day.

He was born in Singapore in 1910 and entered King's College as an undergraduate in 1929. He began studying Maths but switched to History and graduated in 1932. At this time the Dean of Chapel was Eric Milner-White and the Director of Music was the distinguished choirmaster Boris Ord, with whom Yin developed a lifelong friendship together with a passion for church music. Revd Yin was Chaplain at King's College (Cambridge) between 1934 and 1937.

He took this passion and the experience of choir training he had gained from Ord to Hurstpierpoint College in Sussex, where he was Chaplain from 1937 to 1945. He then became Chaplain and Master of the Choir at S Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka (1946-1962).



STC Choir bids farewell to Rev Yin - 1962

**Rev Yin with STC OBA Choir
Transfiguration Service, Melbourne - 1993**

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER, WHEREVER WE MAY BE.....**- Godfrey Senaratne**

It was a wintry afternoon in Melbourne. A small congregation assembled at Haileybury College Chapel, to participate in a recording of Choral Music.

The 'Event Booklet' handed out to those present, described the nature, people and purpose of the proceedings as follows:

A FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC FOR CHURCH SEASONS, FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASSIONS IN THE THOMIAN TRADITION (as performed in the Chapel of the Transfiguration, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka) Dedicated to Rev. Roy H. Yin, Former Chaplain and Master of the Choir (1946-1962), S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka.

SUNG BY A CONGREGATION OF OLD THOMIANS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS: WITH THE CHOIR 'TRANSFIGURATION' - Directed by ROGER ALDONS, Convenor, with ROGER BROWN, Organ

Presented in co-operation with S. Thomas' College Old Boys' Association (Australia Branch) Inc., on Sunday 11th July 2010, at Haileybury College Chapel, Keysborough, Victoria, Australia.

The Men and Women who made up the Choir, 'Transfiguration', who had given their time and talents in preparation and rehearsals, sang beautifully - accompanied by Roger Brown (who over very many years has played the organ at our Carol Services) at the Organ and under the Direction of Roger Aldons (the veteran Director of Choir of our Carol Services for a quarter century).

It was in January 2008 that Roger Aldons contacted me and requested me to collect the hymns we sang at College Chapel and to do a classification under the various Seasons of the Church Year (at Holy Eucharist, Evensong, Compline) as well as the Feast of Title of our Chapel and at Beginning and End of Term etc.

I did not have try hard 'to go down memory lane' because the hymns of my youth at College Chapel, are not just ones I have loved and lost, but are ones I do love today - as valuable and current spiritual resources - along with many lovely 'new' hymns of today.

I provided Roger with a comprehensive referenced list of First Lines and other related information - as may be helpful.

In August 2008, Roger Aldons informed me that he had begun the process of choosing hymns for inclusion in the production of Compact Disc(s). Roger has also included the College Song (all 5 verses) and 'The School by the Sea' - to interesting musical arrangements.

The recording session at Haileybury College Chapel on Sunday 11th July 2010, was the culmination of this lengthy process. To all those present at this event, it was a pleasing- listening and singing- experience. For many, it was more than that - it was a spiritual (and even emotional) reconnection with what was important and loved, early in their life-journey (one's school-days).

Given the pressures of work and family, I can only describe this effort as a 'labour of love' - by each member of the Choir, by Roger Brown - Organist, and by Roger Aldons - Director of Choir and Convenor (for whom this is the fine-product of a visionary effort). Thank you one and all.

Thank you to the Executive Committee of the STC-OBA (Australia Branch) for your cooperation in this effort.

When this recording comes up for sale in CD format, it is hoped that these will be sold in large numbers; The net proceeds will be donated towards a new STC Organ Scholarship Fund, (hopefully bearing the name of Rev. Roy H. Yin) which Father Yin suggested, in a letter dated 6 Jan 1994, to the Warden, and/or to the Rev. Roy H. Yin - Scholarship Fund at our Alma Mater. In this letter Rev. Yin suggested that the Warden and Governors might consider the institution of an Organ Scholarship at S. Thomas College and envisaged that such a scholarship might entitle the holder to free education at the college and cover the cost of special tuition in music, and particularly the organ, possibly partly in Sri Lanka and partly overseas. He believed that such a scholarship could be of immense benefit, not only to the college, but to the whole music scene in Sri Lanka. He also stated he believed that such a scholarship would have the support of many Old Boys throughout the world, and not least in the OBA of Victoria.

THE HINDU

Madras Miscellany - Go Thora Go
S. Muthiah (8 August 2010)

“Go, Thora, Go,” the girls from Colombo shouted, and responding to the shouts from their sister school, Bishop's College, the boys from St. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia, a suburb just south of Colombo, came up with an all-out effort to row away with the honours — just as the shouting girls had done — at the recent Asian Schools' Rowing Championships held near Muttukkadu. Intrigued local journalists were keen to find out what ‘Thora’ meant, but Thomian parents were as dodgy about the meaning as Balu Alaganan, former Ranji Trophy captain of Madras and an Old Thomian, was, when I asked him about it, after congratulating him on Thomians moving beyond cricket and swimming, and tasting success in a new sport — rowing.

Old Royalist as I am — like Gopi of the Madras Players — after a stint at its sister school, Ladies' College, though there was a spell at St. Thomas' Prep in between that influenced me considerably throughout my life, I have my own explanation. St. Thomas' is primarily a boarding school and, being right by the beach, boarders would have more than their fair share of Thora, seer fish in Sinhalese (a mackerel we call vanjara), and students from Royal College, landlubbers in the heart of the city, had a ball with the fishy term. But Thomians such as Ravi Menon, District Grand Master of the Freemasons, or my brother, S. Nagarajan, well-known in the heavy vehicle industry, might not have felt the full brunt of the Royalist angle to Thora, as they went to St. Thomas' branch in Gurutalawa in the hills.

Two things you might have gathered from this is that the Royal-St. Thomas' rivalry was akin to the Eton-Harrow one — and something lacking in Indian school circles — and that there was a time when several students from India studied in Ceylon schools. To take the latter point first, indeed they did. Many from the P.T. Rajan family and from the Madurai area studied at Trinity College, Kandy (schools were called colleges in Ceylon), many from the Tuticorin area studied at St. Benedict's in North Colombo, and several Chettiars, such as my father, studied at Ananda College, founded by Col. H.S. Olcott and the Buddhist Theosophical Society as the first Buddhist public school (in the British sense).

And, as befitting a British public schools ethos, long inter-school rivalries were a tradition. No matter what other schools you played against, the Big Match in every sport was against a traditional rival — Royal versus St. Thomas'; Ladies versus Bishop's; St. Joseph's versus St. Peter's; Ananda versus Nalanda in Colombo; Trinity versus St. Anthony's in Kandy (but Trinity versus Royal in rugby football); Richmond versus Mahinda in Galle; etc. During the Big (cricket) Matches the students of the rival schools would take over the whole town, and crowd the playing ground with not only numbers but drown it in song and dance. To this day, the annual Royal-Thomian match draws a bigger and more boisterous crowd than a T20 international featuring Sri Lanka. And I'm sure that, as in my day, that crowd takes time off ever so often during the match to take over the roads of Colombo, and barge into the girls' schools to serenade the awaiting young misses with ‘You Are My Sunshine’.

For the record, the Royal-Thomian cricket match is the second oldest schools cricket contest in the world, the first game in the series having been played in 1879. The matches were two-day ones initially, but three-day ones starting with the Centenary match to which thousands of Old Thomians and Old Royalists came from all over the world to scream “the Blue, Black and Blue Forever” or “The Blue and Gold Forever” respectively. This rivalry is only one year younger than the one between St. Peter's College and Prince Alfred College in Adelaide. The Chappell brothers played for Prince Alfred, which appears to have had a greater sporting record than that of the more scholarly and older St. Peter's.

I've often wondered why schools in India, even the public schools, have never been able to generate such passion over a match against a rival school. Does anyone have an answer? I'll also be glad to hear from all those who went to school in Ceylon in pre-Independence days, and have never forgotten the experience.

Appeal from Chevantha Sirimanne - STC Rowing Coach

Dear Old Boys and well-wishers,

SPONSORSHIP OF BOATS FOR STC ROWING

It's been 3 years since S. Thomas' College rose from a 40 nil to be one of the best rowing teams in Sri Lanka. One of the reasons for this improvement can be attributed the equipment which was purchased in 2008. As Thomians we need to ensure these young lads gets the support to continue the winning streak.

In 2009 we had a rowing fund and purchased 7 pairs of sweep blades and 6 pairs of scull blades from Concept2. A progress report (see next page) outlines the rowing team's achievements over the last 2 years. Upon reading the progress report I am confident that you will help us to secure 2 racing double sculls for STC rowing in 2010. The Double scull event was added to the Royal Thomian Regatta from 2009 and is now a regular event at the Sri Lanka rowing nationals as well.

The cost for the two boats will be Rs1,600,000. Payment and donation details:
Cheques should be drawn in favour of “Warden S.Thomas' College Mount Lavinia” and crossed account payee. Please mark ‘Boat Fund 2010’ on the reverse of the cheque.

Yours in rowing,

Chevantha Sirimanne - Rowing Coach, S.Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

S.Thomas' College Rowing - Progress Report 2009-2010

The Thomian crew had a successful year yet again, continuing their momentum from the previous year's Royal Thomian victory.

The crew started off the year by dominating all the club regattas winning the head of the Beria fours and sculls setting new course records for both events, they also won the prestigious Gordon Armstrong Sculls, Wardrop Sculls, HMS Enterprises fours, RCYC (Royal Colombo Yacht Club) trophy for pairs.

Building on this experience they also secured all three events at the inaugural T500 Sprint Championships hosted by college beating arch rivals Royal College in the finals.

The Thomian crew emerged champions in the inaugural ASRA (Asian Schools Rowing Championships) regatta in the Under 19 category held in Bolgoda. Schools from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka vied for the under 19 overall trophy.

By invitation of the Colombo Rowing Club 4 senior oarsmen of the crew were invited to take part in the annual Madras-Colombo regatta which was held in Sri Lanka. The Thomians won the A scull, B pair and the B four enabling the Colombo Rowing Club to win the Madras Colombo regatta.

The crew was also able to secure all the events in the Under 19 and Open category at the Sri Lanka Rowing Nationals held on the new 2km course in Bolgoda and were national champions in all the events beating Royal College, Sri Lanka Air Force, Sri Lanka Navy and other institutions. Our current rowing captain Sajeev de Silva was able to secure 7 gold medals which is a first in any regatta in Sri Lanka.

The 36th Annual Royal Thomian regatta was the next challenge for the crew and they kept the winning streak going winning most of the events to end up 40 points to 12. The Thomian crew also broke the boat race record 2 years in a row with a record timing of 3min and 2 seconds.

The crew also won all the other club events including the Centenary Oars fours, Stubbs Quaich pairs, Harry Creasy fours, Colvin Sirimanne double sculls, V.A.Julius pairs and the Herman Sirimanne sculls.

2010 saw the same consistence in the Thomian crew. The crew won the head of the Beria fours and sculls breaking the previous year's records. They also won the prestigious HMS Enterprises fours and the RCYC (Royal Colombo Yacht Club) trophy for pairs.

The Thomians also won the Ranfer Sprints beating Royal college by 13 points to 2 in a keenly contested final on the 20th of July 2010.

S.Thomas' college emerged overall champions in the Junior and Senior categories at the Bolgoda Regatta 2010 organized by the University of Moratuwa. This is the first time in the Regatta's history that a single institution has won both categories.

The Asian Schools Rowing Association International Regatta was held in Chennai India from the 28th to the 31st of July. Over 52 schools from countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Abu Dhabi and Japan participated in this regatta making it the biggest schools regatta on the Asian rowing calendar. For the first time in History Sri Lanka was the first country to win all the categories on offer which included the Under 15 category, the open category and the Overall boy's category. This was achieved solely due to S.Thomas' college who won all the mentioned categories with no help from any other Sri Lankan school.

The Madras Colombo regatta held between the Colombo rowing club and the Madras boat club which has been held for 76 years is the third longest regatta in the world just after the world renowned Oxford Cambridge and Harvard Yale regatta.

The college crew lost the Madras Colombo Boat Race by two lengths, but note should also be made that this is the youngest "Boat Race Crew" in the Madras Colombo history.

Our current rowing Captain Sajeev de Silva, has been selected to represent Sri Lanka at the Asian Games in November 2010 in China, he will take part in his pet event the single sculls.

Note from the Editor:

At the request of former Editor, Peter Weerakoon, Rev Weinman penned this piece for the THOMIANA to mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Rev Weinman was ordained in December 1960 to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. He credits STC for his Christian formation and move towards joining the ministry of the church.

The good the bad and the beautiful - Vignettes of my time at STC

By Ravanel Weinman

The Good

1. The impact on my education and Christian formation through the dedication of my teachers. I think especially of Mr L A Arndt, who when I was in 5C and trying to come to terms with the influence that Mr Kovoov was having on me when he asked the Bio class at what stage in the birth process the soul entered and when he said that the author of the book of Revelation was a paranoid Schizophrenic. Mr Arndt introduced the class to a correct scientific understanding of the Bible. Then there was Mr Anandanayagam who freed me from the fear of Physics and Mr Jansz who exited me about titrations and atoms and molecules. Mr Brookie de Silva who interspersed his Botany lessons with checking up on the cricket scores this making education fun. Mr Senanayake who taught me to appreciate the beauty of the English language and its literature.



2. The chapel services each morning done by rote but made alive when Fr. Yin led them. I still remember some of his sermons!! He had a very subtle impact on my spiritual life. I sang briefly in his choir but got tired of hearing him say I was singling flat. I nearly told him I knew I was, because I was singing two notes at the same time and that this was called puberty! I did not because we respected our teachers too much those days to answer back. Fr. Yin sacked me from the choir when I started to miss practices to go swimming.

3. The sheer joy of participating in every sport offered by this great school to its scholars and being appointed captain of three aquatic sports, badminton and representing the College in these sports at national competitions.

4. The thrill of being told by Warden De Saram that he had appointed me one of the 12 prefects.

These are but a few of the good things I remember about my time as College.

The Bad

1. Being caned by Dr Hayman because I had reacted with a backhander at a Bully who had made my first year at College unpleasant and who deliberately one day poured Orange Barley on my seat just before I sat down. The next day he came to class with a neck brace on. His father complained to Dr. Hayman and the result was two "cuts" even though the Bully was much bigger than I. We finally ended up friends.

2. When given three cuts by Warden de Saram because I was the monitor of 5 C when boys the boys who were not attending had created a racket when the morning chapel service was on. The whole class got two cut individually I got three for being the monitor.. That's how one was taught that responsibility come with privilege.

3. The day I left college knowing I would not be going back as a student.

The Beautiful

1. The evening when Phyllis and I were walking away from the chapel after hearing the choir under Fr, Yin lead us in another soul lifting service of nine lessons and carols and I heard a voice saying "Ravanel." I turned to see who was calling me and watched amazed as Warden de Saram came walking up to me and Phyllis and enquired how my theological studies had gone. What was most uplifting was that his usual Oxfordian nasal "Weinman" had given way to "Ravanel".

2. After 4 years overseas I decided to go to the Royal Thomian match. I was determined to go sit in the Boys Tent which, when I was a prefect, I with the other cops prepared before the big day. As I started to look for a seat, drowning the usual cacophony of songs and chants I heard a shout: Ado Polecat" other voices joined in too and hearing the nickname Ranjit Nissanka had given me when we swam together, gave me goose bumps. I was home! I was a Thomian – Nick names stick at S Thomas' !

Esto Perpetua!!!



STC OBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2010

For further details of each of these events, please contact the relevant

Executive Committee Member or visit the OBA website at www.STCOBAust.org.au

EVENT	DATE	VENUE	OBA Ex-Co CONTACT
Thomian Night - Small Dance Spring Carnival Night	20 Nov '10	Syrena Polish Hall Stud Road Rowville	Peneeth Goonawardena (03) 9702 3726 0404 213 166
Carol Service - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	04 Dec '10	St. David's Redholme St Moorabbin	Ashton Anthonisz (03) 9702 5326
AGM & Dinner	12 Feb '11	Mt Waverley Youth Centre Mount Waverley	Trevor Meares (03) 9763 9825 0402 338 637
Royal Thomian Stag Night	25 Feb '11	TBC	Trevor Meares (03) 9763 9825 0402 338 637
Royal Thomian Cricket Match	27 Feb '11	TBC	Trevor Meares (03) 9763 9825 0402 338 637

STC OBA Presents

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



Saturday, 4th December 2010 (6pm onwards)
St. David's Anglican Church
4 Redholme St, Moorabbin, VIC 3189

For details contact:
Mark Nanayakkara (9772 2438)
or Ashton Anthonisz (9702 5326)
Light refreshments will be served after the service.

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STC OBA - Seniors' Lunch - 2010 (Mechanics Hall, Oakleigh)



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STC OBA Transfiguration Service, St David's, Moorabbin



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Canadian D R Weerasinghe's visit to Melbourne - CURRY N CHIPS, BLACKBURN



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Felicitation Dinner - Warden John & Susan Puddefoot - St. Scholastica's, Bennetswood



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A Nite in White Satin - Annual STC OBA Dinner Dance - Park Hyatt, Melbourne



MEMBERS AS AT 12/09/10. A MEMBER HAS PAID UP TO 31st DECEMBER IN THE YEAR WHICH APPEARS NEXT TO HIS NAME					
VICTORIAN MEMBERS					
ABEYNAIKE, Ajith Parakrama	2010	FERDINANDS, Jim D	2010	KANAGASABAI, H. Selva	2010
ABEYSEKERA, Victor	2006	FERDINANDS, John	2006	KANAGASABAI, Lakshman S.	2009
ABEYSINGHE, Dr Rohan	2009	FERDINANDS, Maurice	2006	KARIYAWASAM, Viren	2011
ABEYWICKREMA, Anil Niranjana	2009	FERDINANDS, Rupert W	2011	KARUNATILAKE, Bandula	2005
AKMEEMANA, Chami	2009	FEREIRA, Jeremy	2009	KARUNATILAKE, Saliya	2010
ALDONS, Roger	2011	FERNANDO, Dayal (DDL)	2010	KATHIRGAMATHAMBY, Sajeevan	2007
ALVIS, Randolph Lawrence	2011	FERNANDO, Deeptha	2007	KELAART, Dennis	2010
AMUKOTUWA, Nimal D.	2005	FERNANDO, Dinesh	2006	KELAART, Ivor C	2011
AMUKOTUWA, Sarathkumar	2012	FERNANDO, L.Melville	2012	KOCH, Garvin	2009
ANTHONISZ, Ashton	2010	FERNANDO, M.Kingsley	2010	KOCH, Godfrey E.L.	2011
ANTHONISZ, Darrell	2010	FERNANDO, Mahes	2011	KOCH, Jeffrey H.	2011
ANTHONISZ, James M.	2010	FERNANDO, Mewan	2005	LA BROOY, Glen Arden	2009
ANTHONISZ, Tyrell	2011	FERNANDO, Nirai	2009	LANDERS, Millon Hope	2009
APONSO, Lalith	2010	GAMANPILA, Anil	2006	LAPPEN, Delwyn	2010
APONSO, Roshan	2010	GANEGAMA, Tilak	2013	LAWRENCE, Michael	2008
APONSO, Suren Digal	2011	GIBSON, R. Maurice E.	2011	LAWTON, Christopher A.	2012
ARIARATNAM, Chris	2013	GOMES, Prem	2006	LAWTON, Christopher J.	2012
ARMITAGE, Andy	2012	GOMES, Yushantha Jayathu	2009	LAWTON, Michael E.	2011
BALTHAZAR, George	2010	GOONAWARDENA, Peneeth Rajiva	2010	LAYMAN, Leon Anthony	2006
BARTHOLOMEUSZ, Hermon M.	2010	GOONERATNE, Dinesh	2008	LEKAMGE, E. D. B.	2010
BENERAGAMA, Gamini Dr.	2010	GOONERATNE, Sena J.	2010	LEWIS, Leon Howard	2010
BROHIER, Richard	2009	GOONERATNE, Upali J. F.	2010	LIYANAGE, Milinda J.	2010
CADER, Fazal	2010	GRIGSON, Roderic	2010	LIYANAGE, Saman	2012
CALDERA, David Lalith	2012	GUNARATNAM, Visahan	2009	LOOS, Granville Allison	2010
CASINADER, Ranji	2010	GUNASEKERA, Yohan Mark	2007	LOOS, Hermon	2004
CHAPMAN, Ivor	2012	GUNewardana, Chanaka	2008	MAARTENSZ, Trevor	2011
CHRISTOFFELSZ, John	2010	GUNewardana, Upali	2008	MAHENDRAN, Shylagen Venayaga	2010
CLAASZ, Anthony Dermot Nigel	2020	HAHEEL, Husain	2010	MALLET, Anthony J. W.	2010
DANIEL, Bertram	2011	HALLOCK, Shantha	2011	MATHER, Dr. Paul Rohan	2013
DANIEL, Dr. Robin	2007	HANIBALSZ, Nowell M.R.	2008	MAZAHIR, Nishad	2007
DANIEL, Godfrey	2011	HASSELMAYER, J.E.Karl	2011	MEARES, Trevor	2010
DANIEL, REV. Baldwin	2010	HEENETIGALA, DR. Nihal	2011	MEEGAMA, Suren Royden	2008
DASSENNAIKE, Nalin	2010	HEENETIGALA, Mahes	2010	MENDIS, Glen	2010
DAVID, Frank	2011	HENRICUS, B. Cholomondley	2011	MENDIS, Niru Duleep	2005
DAVID, Kumar	2011	HENSMAN, Dr. Indran. C	2009	MENDIS, Trevor A.	2011
DE KRETZER, Ronald J. A.	2011	HENSMAN, Kumar	2010	MOLLIGODA, Bandula	2011
DE MEL, Jarit	2010	HENSMAN, Rajan A.	2010	MOLLIGODA, Suriya	2009
DE MEL, Sarath	2010	HERAT, Norman	2011	MORENO, Emilio	2010
DE SILVA, Anura	2010	HERFT, Christopher P.	2007	MORTIMER, Geoffrey L E	2007
DE SILVA, Jeremy	2007	HESSE, Hubert. R.	2010	MORRIS, Reyhan	2007
DE SILVA, Lakshman D.	2010	ILANGAKOON, Amal Michael	2010	MUBARAK, Mohamed Nabil	2010
DE SILVA, Larry	2010	INGRAM, G. C. Douglas	2011	MURRAY, Rodney	2007
DE SILVA, Randy	2009	JACOTINE, Errol	2011	NADARAJAH, Prashanth	2010
DEVAPURA, Jetha	2010	JANSEN, Conrad Gary	2010	NADARAJAH Suresh	2008
DE VOS, Milroy	2010	JANSEN, Shane	2010	NAGARAJAH, Rajievan	2008
DE ZILVA, Adrian	2013	JANSZ, Brian Gordon	2005	NAGARAJAH, C. Romesh	2010
DE ZILVA, Charles	2008	JANSZ, Rod	2010	NANAYAKKARA, Mark	2010
DIAS, Yohan	2006	JASINGHE, Neomal	2010	NESIAH, Vaseeharan	2010
DISSANAYAKE, Loshan Ashantha	2009	JAYASEKERA, Bumpy C'w	2010	NICHOLAS, Christopher	2010
DISSANAYAKE, Sadeesh	2009	JAYASENA, Rajiv	2009	NICOL, Nigel	2010
D'SILVA, H. Derek	2011	JAYASINGHE, Chandra Asoka	2010	NILAWEERA, Tilak	2009
D'SILVA, H.Roger C.	2010	JAYASINGHE, Ranga P	2008	ONDAATJE, Peter P.J.	2013
D'SILVA, Ralph	2009	JAYASURIYA, Sarath	2010	PALMER, Carlo D.	2012
EDWARD, J Roy D	2012	JAYAWARDENA, Asanka	2009	PALMER, Gavin	2012
EMERSON, Richard J	2011	JAYAWICKREME, Eshan Mahesa	2009	PAUL, Dr Amarjit	2009
FERDINANDS, Brian Anthony	2011	JAYETILEKE, Shehan Vinod	2009	PEARS, Michael	2011
FERDINANDS, Donald Anthony	2010	JESUDHASON, Dr Edward	2010	PEIRIS, Duane	2011
FERDINANDS, Ernest H.	2010	JUNAIDEEN Raghaan	2008	PEIRIS, Kirthi K. G.	2011

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VICTORIAN MEMBERS (CONTINUED)					
PEIRIS, Mangala	2005	SIRITUNGA, Mahendra Vishwajith	2004	MASEFIELD, Graham R. L. NSW	2010
PEIRIS, Nadija Kalhara	2006	SMITH, Adam A. A.	2008	PERERA, Nimal J. NSW	2004
PEREIRA, Ernieley O.	2009	SMITH, Norman Allan	2011	RUPEISINGHE, Roshan NSW	2011
PEREIRA, Morley	2010	SOMASUNDERAM, Marty	2009	SENARATNE, Lalith NSW	2007
PERERA, Dr. Chandra	2010	SRI BAWAN, M.	2010	SWAN, William L. NSW	2012
PERERA, Dr. Mahendra H.	2011	ST. JOHN, Ajit. Gavin	2012	VANDERSMAGT, Vernon NSW	2009
PERERA, Naveen Tharindu	2008	ST. JOHN, David	2010	VELUPILLAI, A. R. Lakshman NSW	2010
PERERA, S. M. Shehan R.	2010	STORK, Lynwood	2010	VIDAYASAGARAN R. (Harani) NSW	2007
PONNIAH, Jeya	2012	SUNDARANATHAN, Mahinthan	2007	SHU Jimmy NT	2009
PRABHA, David	2009	SURIARACHI, Gamini A.W.	2008	AMARATUNGA, Rohith QLD	2008
PREMKUMAR, Sanjay	2010	THAJUDEEN, Asfan	2009	BAINES, Trevor QLD	2009
RAJADURAI, Joe	2009	THIEDEMAN Michael	2010	BRAINERD, Leslie QLD	2010
RAHIM, Shihan	2009	THIEDEMAN Roger	2006	COORAY, Hiran QLD	2010
RASARATNAM, Mahendra	2010	THIEDEMAN, Shane	2021	GARTH, David QLD	2011
RASIAH, John	2007	THIRUNEELA, Mauran	2007	GUNAWARDANA, Uditha W. QLD	2011
RATNAYAKE, Ravi	2009	VALLIPURAM, Dr. Skantha K.	2009	HAMEED, Ahmed Shezad QLD	2007
RAUFF, Mazhar M.	2009	VAN TWEST, Harold	2010	HERFT, Spencer. G. QLD	2010
REID, Barney D.	2011	VANDERWERT, Cedric	2014	JAYASUNDERA, Arthur QLD	2010
REID, Claud E.	2010	VARNEY, Allan	2011	MALONEY, Leonard P. QLD	2009
REID, Dr. Barclay G.(Buddy)	2010	VARNEY, Ashley	2011	MISSO, REV. KAROL QLD	2010
REID, Johann Howard	2010	VARNEY, Christopher	2011	WEINMAN, Beaufort A. QLD	2010
REID, Ronnie	2010	VARNEY, David	2013	LECAMWASAM, Dr D.S. SA	2010
RICHARDS, Marcus	2010	VELUPILLAI, Gerrard	2009	PONNIAH, S.G.Ranjan SA	2010
ROBERTS, Anthony Gerald	2010	YYTILINGAM, Raj	2010	ARNOLD, George Arthur Richard VA	2012
ROBERTS, G. Ryan	2011	WAMBEEK, P.E. Keith	2010	DE KAUWE, Dr. Vevil VA	2013
ROBERTS, Richard	2010	WANIGATUNGA, Jayantha	2010	FAIRWEATHER, Maurice D. VA	2010
ROCKWOOD, David C.	2010	WARNAKULASURIYA, Dinesh	2016	INGRAM, Dennis VA	2010
RODIE, John	2010	WAZIL, Adhnan	2006	JAYASEKERA, Mohan D. VA	2013
RODRIGO, Nimal Ravindra	2004	WEERAKOON, Peter E.	2012	MAKALANDA, Kavan VA	2007
RODRIGO, Pramuditha Akalanka	2006	WEERASINGHE, Odath S.	2010	MAY, Walter VA	2012
RODRIGO, Ranmal	2014	WEERASIRI, Dr Tilak	2013	MENDIS, Dr. Ariyaman Mahanama VA	2011
RODRIGUE, Darrell	2010	WEINMAN, Rev. Ravanel	2011	SCHOKMAN, David Norman VA	2011
ROWLAND, Ed	2009	WICKRAMASURIYA, Dushan	2009	VIRASINGHE, Indra A.K. VA	2016
ROWLANDS, Adlai Perc	2006	WICKREMARATNA, Vidura	2008		
RUWANPURA, Helaka	2009	WIJAYASURIYA, Prasada	2013	OVERSEAS MEMBERS	
SAMARAJIWA, Manish Neuran	2010	WIJESINHA, Dr. Sanjiva	2010	CHELLIAH, Lohendran	2008
SARAVANAMUTTU, Arasu	2010	WIJESUNDERA, Chamila	2008	COSWATTE, Renuke Jagath Bandara	2006
SARAVANAMUTTU, Ari	2010	WIJESURIYA, Jehan	2006	DE ALWIS, Anil Denham	2010
SARAVANAMUTTU, Tiru	2007	WIJERATNE, Peter	2005	DE SOYSA, Sunil	2010
SCHARENGUIVEL, Keith	2009	WIKRAMANAYAKE, Nimal	2010	EPHRAUMS, Lance.H.D.	2011
SCHOORMAN, Peter	2010	ZIMSEN, J. A.Terrence	2013	HILLMAN, Jeremy	2009
SELVADURAI, Johann	2007			JAYASINGHE, C. Asoka	2006
SELVADURAI, Sehan Nehru	2010	INTERSTATE MEMBERS		KANAGASABAI, Satkuna Ana	2015
SELVARAJAH, Mano	2010	ALDONS, Malcolm Eric ACT	2010	MUNASINGHE, P.L.	2006
SELVARATNAM, Lakshman	2010	ARSAKULASURIYA, Aruna ACT	2006	PEREIRA EDWARD. V	2005
SELVARATNAM, Dr. Peter	2011	DIAS ABEYSINGHE, Rohan ACT	2010	PIERIS, P. Ian	2009
SENARATNE, Godfrey	2010	GRIGSON, Francis Frederick ACT	2009	SARAVANAMUTTU, Rajan	2010
SENARATNE, Sarath	2011	JACOB, Elmo ACT	2011	SATURNINUS, Peter	2004
SENEVIRATNE, Lalindra Arjuna	2010	REBERA, Basil ACT	2011	SCHOKMAN, Larry	2023
SENEVIRATNE, Chanaka	2009	WICKRAMASURIYA, Revan Philip ACT	2005	THOMAS, Bertram W.F.	2005
SENEVIRATNE, Eardley Kevin	2006	ARNOLD, Dr. Douglas V. NSW	2014	TIRIMANNE, Ranjan	2012
SENEVIRATNE, Earle	2011	BARTHOLOMEUSZ, David NSW	2009	TISSERA, George Vernon	2009
SENEVIRATNE, Mani	2011	BERENGER, Milroy NSW	2011	WEERASINGHE, Abhaya	2011
SENEVIRATNE, Niranjan	2007	CHAPMAN, Dr. J.Ben NSW	2009	WIJERATNE, W. D. Neil	2013
SILVA, Kristian	2010	D'SILVA, Stefan NSW	2010	WIJESINHA, Shirley Patrick	2022
SILVA, Michael	2010	FLAMER-CALDERA, Maxim NSW	2017		
SILVA, P. Jayampathy O.	2010	GERLACH, Maxwell NSW	2010		
SIRIMANE, Anura	2008	GOONATILAKA, Tissa NSW	2010		
		HENSMAN Mohan NSW	2007		

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E-mail:	Mobile:		E-mail:			
College Branch Attended:	From:		To:			

Signature of Applicant: Date:

I, a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of Proposer: Date:

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Signature of Seconder: Date:

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