



# THOMIANA

## NEWSLETTER

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

*My term as President of the STC OBA has come to an end and the OBA will elect a new President and Executive Committee to lead the association into 2011. I wish the new President and his team the very best as they chart their course for the OBA and I am sure you will extend your support and encouragement to the new team.*

*The OBA, is the sum of its parts and the Executive Committee can't do it alone. Please get involved and look out for potential new members, especially young ones who will come in with loads of fresh ideas and tireless enthusiasm.*

*I also want to take this opportunity to urge all those who have not paid their membership dues to do so and to thank everyone of you who have supported the OBA during my two terms as President.*

*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](mailto:editor@stcobaaust.org.au)) and we will try and accommodate them in the next edition.

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# EDITORIAL

Just you wait...

1. What do you get if you cross the Australian cricket team with an OXO cube? *A laughing stock.*
2. Why did the Australian bob-sleigh team ask the Aussie cricketers for a meeting? *They want to know how they went downhill so fast.*
3. What's the difference between Ricky Ponting and a funeral director? *A funeral director doesn't keep losing the ashes.*
4. What do you call an Australian cricketer with a bottle of Champagne? *A waiter.*
5. What did the spectator miss when he went to the toilet? *The entire Australian innings.*

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The emailed jokes at the expense of Australian Cricket continue ad nauseam and nothing short of a 2011 World Cup finals victory will stop the flood.

The jokes only prove that Australia's long reign at the top has come to an end, for now. The Ashes humiliation confirmed what most of us have suspected for several years now; this Australian team will be ordinary without Warne, McGrath, Gilchrist, Hayden and Symonds. Ponting is all that's left of that old clique and his game has been weighed down by his inability to turn an ordinary team into a champion team. Australian cricket fans, however, have seen this happen before. Fortunately, Australia's cricketing pedigree is such that these drops in fortune are indicative of unimaginative leadership and myopic selection policies. Australia's cricket cupboard is not empty, unlike the one in the West Indies.

Not unlike the Australian cricket team, the Thomian OBA in Melbourne is experiencing a changing of the guard. The membership is aging and the calendar of events that was once Melbourne's finest, is growing a bit stale with patronage falling off in more ways than one. Fortunately, Thomian pedigree runs just as deep and true as Australia's cricket and with a little bit of imagination and a lot of will, the OBA will evolve with the times and grow again.

Ponting's stubborn refusal to pull his head out of the sand will cost him his job and his legacy. There are vital lessons in Ponting's troubles for the OBA's executive committee(s) and we must learn or depart (*with apologies to our friends from Reid Ave*). The OBA needs not to reinvent itself, but to evolve.

The OBA in Colombo is structured so that all age groups are equally represented in the Executive Committee and that ensures a vibrant and relevant calendar of events, with something for everyone. In Melbourne, we must take a good look at our calendar, scrap some old events and shape new ones. All that we now hold dear as tradition was once new and relevant. Our OBA must become relevant again or we'd end up like West Indian cricket, with only good stories to tell.

There are hundreds of young Thomians in Melbourne in their 20s, 30s and 40s and we must have less than fifty on our membership rolls. We can safely assume that those Thomians outside the OBA's fold, have similar values, capabilities and skills. Didn't we all drink from the same well?

The email jokers will inevitably have to set their sights elsewhere as the Australian cricket team will rise again. The recent three successive one day victories against the Poms was indicative of the success that is possible. A swallow does not a summer make but the glorious summer of Australian cricket will surely come again.

The OBA's incoming President and Executive Committee have a fair challenge ahead. A long-term plan underpinned by clear strategy and crisp execution are vital to sow the seeds for the OBA's growth. We must plan for our own glorious summer.

Esto Perpetua

Vasee Nesiah

Editor

# THOMIAN NEWS

## Mano Selvanathan wins a prestigious award in India

Mano Selvanathan (STC Class of 55), immediate Past President of the Indo Lanka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Group Director of Carson Cumberbatch PLC, has been honoured by India with the “Pravasi Bharatiya Samman” award. Mano has been honoured for his contribution to the advancement of business and community relations between India and Sri Lanka .

The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman is an award constituted by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, to honour exceptional and meritorious contribution in their chosen field or profession. The award is given by the President of India.

Mano is the first Sri Lankan to be honoured with this prestigious title -- “Pravasi Bharatiya Samman”



## Winston Jacob awarded MBE for his work in Papua New Guinea



On the recommendation of the Governor General of Papua New Guinea, the Queen has granted Winston Jacob an MBE. The MBE is a knighthood (the Imperial Order of the British Empire) that recognizes his contribution to Business Management, the Community and the country (Papua New Guinea). The MBE was invested at Government House on Thursday, October 14th, 2010.

Winston (Papua New Guinea) & Elmo (Canberra) were Thomians - their elder brother Franklyn was a Trinitian and well known Rugby player too. Mrs. Jacob was a teacher at STC Mt. Lavinia for many years. Winston and his wife Selina have lived in Papua New Guinea for many years. Winston's direct email : winstonjacob@datec.net.pg

## Rupert Ferdinands inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame (Victoria)

Rupert Ferdinands, an Old Thomian and OBA member, was inducted into the HALL OF FAME by Tennis Coaches Australia—Victoria, and Tennis Victoria, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to tennis coaching and to the game of tennis in Victoria (Australia). Rupert received this prestigious award at an Awards Night held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in front of a distinguished gathering. Ever since migrating to Australia in 1972, Rupert has been associated with the game of tennis as a player, teacher and administrator. Rupert served on the Board of the Tennis Coaches (Victorian Branch) for over 15 years. He has also served as the Manager of the Training School for Coaches in Victoria, Chairman of the TCAV Examination Panel, and has given lectures at the national level at tennis coaches conferences. Some years ago, the Australian Government, in conjunction with the Sri Lanka Tennis Association, sponsored Rupert to conduct training courses for aspiring Sri Lanka coaches. Just two years ago, Rupert was honoured by the Ministry of Sports, as a National Sporting Hero of Sri Lanka for bringing honour to the country for services rendered to tennis in Sri Lanka.



## In Memoriam...



Mr. Ranil Mendis  
Mr. Lochana Somarathna  
Mr. Munesh Thuraisingham  
Mr. Don Rupert Samarasinghe  
Mr. Tissa de Alwis  
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## GUEST FEATURE

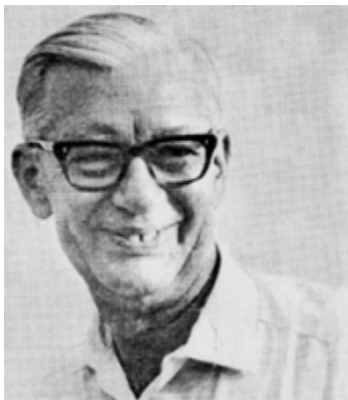
### The Royal College Dream Team by Dinesh Chelvathurai

*Editor's Note: Dinesh is the Editor of FLOREAT, the newsletter of the Royal College OBU in Melbourne. In giving us permission to reproduce this article, Dinesh has thrown down the gauntlet and challenged the Thomians to come up with a team to beat Royal's best. The Thomian XI of all time will be revealed in the next editions of the THOMIANA and the FLOREAT. Till then, the Royalists can keep dreaming!*

After a lengthy process which involved naming an All Time Best XI for every Test playing country, Cricinfo finally unveiled its All Time World XI. This was an exercise which although not an exact science, generated much discussion amongst all armchair selectors who enjoy pitting greats of one generation against champions of another. For the record, the World XI comprised the following:

Jack Hobbs, Len Hutton, Don Bradman, Viv Richards, Sachin Tendulkar, Garry Sobers, Adam Gilchrist, Wasim Akram, Malcolm Marshall, Shane Warne and Dennis Lillee.

Royal College has had its fair share of cricketing heroes and it is almost sacrilegious to even try to make comparisons across eras. However, I thought it would be an interesting exercise to attempt to form a Dream Team spanning the 132 years in which the Royal - Thomian Match has been played and for which records exist. In selecting my team, I have decided that as it is a College Team, emphasis would be placed on achievements whilst at school rather than at National level and hence will not be penalizing those who did not pursue cricket upon leaving school.

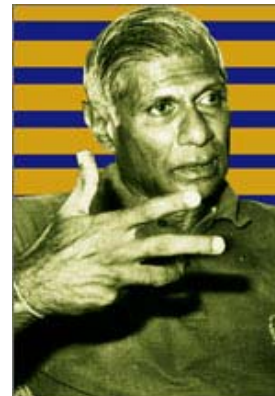


**FC de Saram** who captained Royal in 1931 is an automatic choice to open the batting. He made an aggressive 140 in the Big Match against the Thomians and underlined his potential with a brilliant 128 for Oxford University against an Australian team led by Bill Woodfull which also included Clarrie Grimmett. The Colonel went on to captain Ceylon and was also a long standing coach of Royal. Opening the batting with FC will be **Channa Gunasekera** who captained Royal in 1949 and later went on to represent Ceylon from 1951 – 1958. He and his father CH Gunasekera Snr were the first father and son combination to captain Royal. Channa displayed great sportsmanship in calling

back a Thomian who was run out as the batsman had collided with a fielder while attempting a run. Narrowly missing out is **Jagath Fernando** who captained in 1971 and broke the record for the highest score with a blistering 160 in just 215 minutes with 15 boundaries.

Selecting the middle order proved to be my biggest headache as there were so many greats to select from and unfortunately several had to be left out. Batting at No 3 is **Ranjan Madugalle** who captained Royal in 1978 and in 1979. Ranjan scored 328 runs in the 5 Royal – Thomian matches in which he played including 3 half centuries. He went on to represent and captain Sri Lanka and is currently the leading Match Referee in International Cricket.

**Neil Joseph** who in 1925 had the honour of being the first Royalist to score a century in the Big Match, did so in style reaching his ton in just 60 minutes and still holds the record for the fastest century. He proved that this was no fluke by repeating the feat with 133 in 1926. He also had the honour of dismissing Don Bradman with his first ball on his debut for Ceylon. He is picked to bat at No 4 and is followed by the mercurial **CI (Ivers) Gunasekera** to round up a powerful middle order. C I was one of the most exciting batsmen and made a name for himself when picked to play for a star studded Commonwealth XI against MCC which included Neil Harvey and Keith Miller. C I top scored with a breathtaking 120 and featured in a 250 run partnership with Miller who also made a century. He enhanced his reputation as a big hitter when he mercilessly pounded Australia's Lindsay Kline for 28 runs in an over.



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## GUEST FEATURE (CONT...)-- The Royal College Dream Team

Unfortunate to miss out on a middle order slot were **D B (Barney) Gunasekera** who single handedly beat the Thomians in 1931 with a score of 148 and a match bag of 9/110 and **Pat McCarthy** who captained Royal in 1938 and was selected to play for Ceylon against Don Bradman's Australians whilst still in school, before becoming the first Ceylonese to play Sheffield Shield cricket when he was selected to represent Western Australia. **Vijay Malalasekera** who cracked an unbeaten 112 in 1963 and **Sumithra Warnakulasuriya**, whose 197 in 1980 is still the record for highest score against S Thomas' also failed to make the cut. **Jehan Mubarak** who is one of the few Royalists in the current Sri Lankan squad is also unable to make it into this star studded batting lineup.

There are plenty of big names vying for the allrounder berths as many of the stars were more than handy in their minor suit at schoolboy level before going on to concentrate on their stronger suit later on in their careers. However Royal has been blessed with an abundance of riches in this category especially in the area of spinning allrounders.

**Asitha Jayaweera** who captained Royal in 1970 and in 1972 was one of the best schoolboy captains and it was no surprise that he was selected to lead the Combined Schools team which included two future Sri Lankan skippers in Bandula Warnapura and Duleep Mendis in a 3 Test Series against a strong Australian schoolboy team which included Graham Yallop and Ray Bright. Unfortunately, Jayaweera chose to pursue a career as a Chartered Surveyor in the UK and Sri Lanka Cricket's loss was UK's gain. There was also **Rochana Jayawardena** who dominated the 1983 Big Match and helped Royal to a comfortable 10 wicket victory with fine allround performance comprising 145\* with the bat and a match haul of 9/73 with his off spinners. Rochana went on to capture 23 wickets in his 3 matches against the Thomians at an average of 12.61. **Lorenz Pereira** who captained Royal in 1958 was another contender with half centuries in 1957 and 1959 coupled with 5 wickets in an innings in 1957.

However, despite strong competition from both Asitha Jayaweera, Rochana Jayawardena and Lorenz Pereira, the spinning allrounder's berth goes to **Gamini Goonasekera** who as a 16 year old was the first Royalist to make his first XI debut in the Big Match in 1947 and justified his selection with 4/46 in the second innings as Royal cruised to a



9 wicket win. He followed this up with a haul of 10/90 in 1948 and finished up with a half century in the following year. Goonasekera went on to captain a Cambridge University team which included Ted Dexter and was the first Asian – not qualified to play for England - to play for the exclusive Gentlemen of England XI. Goonasekera went on to captain Ceylon and also played first class cricket for Nottinghamshire and for New South Wales.

**Sargo Jayawickrema** is a unanimous choice for the other fast bowling allrounder. Sargo captained Royal in 1930 and went on to lead the country. His 130 at the age of 20 against a strong Indian Test team in 1932 was the first century scored for Ceylon in an international match and in addition to his prowess as a batsman, he was also a hostile medium pace bowler. Sargo also started a family tradition in jubilee matches having played in the 50<sup>th</sup> match in 1929. This was followed by his nephew Ranjith de Silva who played in the 75<sup>th</sup>, grand nephew Rajeeva Wijetunge who played in the 100<sup>th</sup> and great grand nephew Dimitri Siriwardene who played in the 125<sup>th</sup>. Mahesha Rodrigo and Rajeev de Silva who represented Royal were also nephews of Sargo. In racing parlance, Sargo was a fine sire indeed and his blood stock and cricketing pedigree unmatched.

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**GUEST FEATURE (CONT...)-- The Royal College Dream Team**

Mahesha Rodrigo (Pic by Ravindra Dharmatilaka)

The wicket keeper's slot goes to **Mahesha Rodrigo** who captained Royal in both Cricket and Rugby in 1946 and also went on to represent the country as a wicket keeper batsman. The highlight of his career was an unbeaten 135\* against the West Indies carrying his bat through the innings. The other contenders were **Rohan Jayasekera**, a stylish wicketkeeper batsman who played one Test for Sri Lanka before subsequently representing Canada and **Nigel Fernando** who scored a century in 1991 and in 1989 at the age of 16 years and 11 months was the youngest player to captain Royal.



**Ashantha De Mel** who recently had the honour of being selected by a Cricinfo panel for the All Time Sri Lankan Test XI is a certainty for one of the fast bowling slots. Ashantha played for Royal in the Centenary Match in 1979 and was also a hard hitting batsman. He was described as the most complete, most aggressive, best right-arm fast bowler Sri Lanka has produced since achieving Test status. Opening the bowling with Ashantha de Mel is **CH Gunasekera Snr** who captained Royal in 1912 and who had the unique distinction of capturing 5 wickets in an innings in each of his 3 Royal Thomian matches. He single handedly guided the Ceylonese to a 6 wicket

win over the Europeans in 1930 with a match bag of 13/80 and top scoring with 37 in the 1<sup>st</sup> innings and an unbeaten 77 in the second. C H Gunasekera went on to captain Ceylon and also represent Middlesex. These two get the nod over **Darrell Liewersz** who captained Royal in 1962 before going on to represent Ceylon as well as **Sathi Coomaraswami** who also represented both Royal and Ceylon.



**Daya Sahabandu** who played for Royal from 1958 – 1960 gets the nod as the specialist spinner even though he was often used as a dual-purpose bowler who could open the bowling with his left arm seamers. Sahabandu was once described by Tom Graveney as the best left arm spinner he had faced in his career and was also only the third Asian to take 1,000 wickets in domestic cricket behind Pakistan's Intikhab Alam and India's Bishen Singh Bedi. Sahabandu beat the challenge of **Jayantha Amarasinghe**, another left arm spinner who played two Tests for Sri Lanka and off spinner **RL de Kretser** who had a 7 wicket match haul in 1937 and went on to play for Ceylon.

So who should captain this galaxy of stars? No fewer than 8 of them captained Royal and 5 of them went one step further in captaining the country. In addition to having a cricketing brain and tactical nous, he also has to be a leader of men and using these criteria, Sargo Jayawickrema will lead the Royalists with Ranjan Madugalle as his deputy.

So the Royal College Dream Team reads as follows:

**FC de Saram**  
**Channa Gunasekera**  
**Ranjan Madugalle**  
**Neil Joseph**  
**C Ivers Gunasekera**  
**Sargo Jayawickrema (Capt)**  
**Gamini Goonaseena**  
**Mahesh Rodrigo**  
**CH Gunasekera Snr**  
**Ashantha de Mel**  
**Daya Sahabandu**



Selecting teams, especially across generations, is an indulgent pastime and the beauty of such an exercise is that there is no right or wrong answer. Each one of us is entitled to our own opinion and invariably generational biases tend to creep in. However, whatever combination we come up with, I think we could safely say that no school on this planet would be able to produce a team that could take on this group of giants.

***Coming Soon***

*in the next edition(s) of the  
 THOMIANA and FLOREAT*

*The Thomian XI that puts an end to Royal dreams...*

## Some recollections of an old Thomian

- Devanesan Nesiah (at STC, 1946-53)

I first entered STC Mt Lavinia as a ten year old in January 1946 into the LIV (Lower Fourth). My father was a teacher there but my mother and siblings remained in our ancestral house in Jaffna. The transition for me was not just from one school in Jaffna to another in Colombo; for the first time, I was away from my mother and siblings. Happily, the class teacher was the gentle and kindly Abraham Kovoor, a teacher of Biology. Much later he would develop a reputation as an outspoken rationalist and atheist.



I discovered subsequently that Kovoor was from a deeply Christian family from Kerala and, prior to moving to STC, had served as teacher at Central College, Jaffna. In that Methodist institution headed by an expatriate missionary, Kovoor had been assigned the task of teaching Christianity as well as Botany and Zoology. His students regularly got good examination results. The Principal was initially very pleased with the services of Kovoor, particularly with his teaching of Christianity. However, in due course, he discovered that many of the students of Kovoor, despite securing distinctions in Christianity, had acquired what the Principal regarded as heretical religious beliefs. In consequence Kovoor had been taken off teaching Christianity and, soon afterwards, moved out of Jaffna Central to STC Mt Lavinia.

After a spell at STC, Kovoor moved to Thurstan College and thereafter became a leading member of the Rationalist Association. He gained fame in the eyes of some (mostly secular rationalists) and notoriety in the eyes of others (mostly among the devoutly religious) on account of ventures he frequently embarked on to expose several manifestations of what he condemned as superstitious beliefs and practices. I have always considered myself to be of Christian faith but found myself mostly on Kovoor's side on virtually every one of the many controversies that such ventures generated. My regard for him grew.

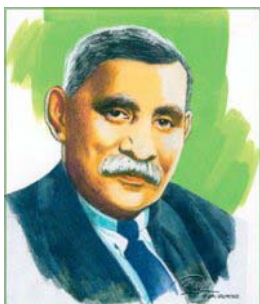
I returned to Jaffna in 1946 but moved back to Colombo and STC in April 1949 to the Physics and Mathematics stream of the LVI (Lower Sixth). I had been in the Arts stream at St John's, Jaffna and had missed Physics and Applied Mathematics - hence the change of stream on moving back to STC. At STC, Physics, Applied Mathematics and Chemistry were new to me and I was way behind the rest of the class in these subjects. It did not take long for me to bridge that gap in respect of Physics and Mathematics but, despite the valiant efforts of the loveable Chemistry teacher Harold Jansz, I never succeeded in developing any expertise in that subject. However, I enjoyed Pure and Applied Mathematics, taught in the College Forms by the incomparable Bowyer Yin, and Physics, very well taught by SJ Anandanayagam. These three, among the many dedicated teachers who helped to sustain Thomian traditions, are no more. The first to pass away was Harold Jansz, then Anandanayagam and, very recently, Bowyer Yin.

The Warden during my school days was Canon De Saram who was much respected not only by everyone within the school but also by parents, old boys and many others outside. He took over as Warden at a very young age and quickly established a reputation as a great school principal and among the foremost of a long line of Wardens of STC. My father taught at STC in Warden De Saram's time and though they were very different in many respects, they held each other in high regard. On my father's salary as a teacher my brother Lanka and I could not have had our education at STC if not for the substantial reduction in the school fees charged to us. Perhaps other sons of teachers at STC too had similar privileges? After my father left STC to teach in the newly established Education Faculty of the University of Ceylon, Warden De Saram had instructed the bursar that my brother and I should continue to enjoy the privilege of reduced school fees that sons of STC teachers were entitled to.

STC has long been known for the all-round education it imparted and for the exceptional and diverse range of the extra-curricular activities it offered. In many different fields, Thomians gained national and even international stature. In almost every sport played at STC, Thomians were very well represented in the national team. A disproportionate share of those entering the elite professions were from STC.

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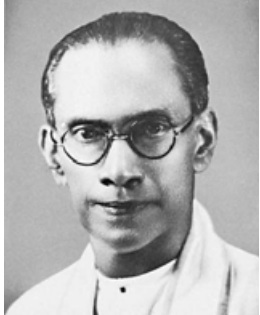
### Some recollections of an Old Thomian (cont...)



Even in politics, many of the leading figures on all sides were Thomians. STC was a very privileged school and Thomians were deeply privileged in many ways. All this could not continue indefinitely. Changes were inevitable and these came irresistibly, often disconcertingly, beginning soon after Independence.



To state that radical changes were both needed and inevitable is not to concede that every change that occurred was desirable. Some changes need to be promoted, others to be opposed and yet others to be reined in to avoid excess and misdirection. As to be expected, Thomians have been in lead positions in many such initiatives in the early post-independence decades and subsequently.



Some changes flowed from needed reforms such as the introduction of free education and of the mother tongue as the medium of instruction in schools. Many new government schools were established and existing ones were upgraded. These led to opportunities for upward mobility being progressively spread to the students of very many more schools and to the youth of virtually every region of our island. The impact on the elite schools such as STC was often painful and difficult but from a broad national perspective such developments were both necessary and welcome.

There have also been other less desirable factors involved. In the previous decades a large proportion of the student population of STC participated in sports and other extra-curricular activities. This was widely accepted by the students, teachers, parents and the wider community as an important part of Thomian education. In fact many parents of non-Thomian background sought to put their sons into STC because they wanted them to benefit from such education. Even in terms of securing good career prospects, excellence in sports and other extra-curricular activities and also leadership skills gained at STC (e.g. as prefects) went a long way. Much of this has changed. Increasingly there has been excessive and often

exclusive emphasis on success in examinations. This has resulted in reduced participation in extra-curricular activities, eroding the full potential of Thomian education.

There are other critical factors too. A cherished tradition of all-round excellence at STC has run in many families, handed down from father to son through successive generations. Many from such families have emigrated, reducing the pool from which the STC attracted students seeking an all-round education of the highest quality. The brain drain in the early post-independence years was predominantly Burgher, then disproportionately Tamil for several years and, in recent decades, inclusive of all communities. There is a class factor too. Very many of those emigrating are from the English speaking professional middle classes. It is from these classes that many boys sought and gained admission to STC. In consequence of the continuing brain drain, the nature of the intake to STC has been changing - capacity to pay high school fees is now an even larger factor than in earlier decades.

Despite many such problems, STC has unfailingly maintained a high standard of excellence - second to none in several respects. Almost any institution can succeed if and when conditions are sufficiently favourable. The quality of an institution is to be judged less by what it achieves under favourable conditions and more by what it achieves under an adverse environment. A great institution continues to be successful despite the most formidable obstacles, even when the playing field is tilted against it. STC has excelled and is continuing to excel under such conditions.

A definitive feature of STC has been the support of the Old Boys - the rallying of Thomians, young and old, round the College Flag. The sustained backing of the Old Boys is a critical requirement for the progress of the school through good times and bad. On the presumption that the spirit and activities of the Australian branch of the OBA is representative of those of other branches, we have no reason to doubt that the Thomian flag will be held high

*esto perpetua*

## Esto Perpetua -- from Mt Lavinia to Idaho



S. Thomas' College was established, in Ceylon, by Bishop Chapman in 1851. Forty years later, the motto *Esto Perpetua* was incorporated in the Great Seal of the State of Idaho designed by Emma Edwards Green in 1890/91 and adopted by the first Idaho State Legislature on March 14, 1891. The words '*Esto Perpetua*' have also been stamped on US legal tender -- the Idaho Quarter Dollar



The words, "Esto Perpetua" are traced back to the Venetian theologian and mathematician Pietro Sarpi (1522-1623), also known as Frau Paolo. The day before his death he had dictated three replies to questions on affairs of state, and his last words were "Esto perpetua" reportedly in reference to his beloved Venice and translated as "Mayest thou endure forever!"

The motto, *Esto Perpetua* was also adopted by the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, a farm organization constituted in Washington, D.C. on December 4, 1867. The words also appear in the closing words of Jefferson Davis' History of the Confederacy (1881). It's thought that the motto's use on the Great Seal of Idaho may have been inspired by one of these sources.

When Emma Edwards Green described the motto on the seal, she translated it as "It is perpetuated" or "It is forever".

James H. Hawley, Editor of the 1920 History of Idaho: The Gem of the Mountains, records:

*"Miss Emma Edwards of Boise, now Mrs. Emma Edwards-Greene, who designed the State seal, says that the words Esto Perpetual 'breathe the prayer that the bounty and blessing of this land may forever benefit its people.'"*



The Idaho Historical Society bestows the "Esto Perpetua Awards" on individuals or organizations for "for outstanding accomplishments in preserving Idaho's heritage".

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## NOTICE

The new (2011) Executive Committee of the STC OBA (Australia Branch) will be elected at the association's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 12 February 2011 at the Mount Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley. Registration desk opens at 6.30am and the AGM will commence at 7.00pm. Dinner and fellowship will follow. All members and well-wishers welcome. Dinner cost will be \$10 per person. BYO beer, wine and spirits.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
**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 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2010
5. Matters arising from these minutes
6. Adoption of the Honorary Secretary's Report for 2010
7. Adoption of the Honorary Treasurer's report & Accounts for 2010
8. Outgoing President's Address
9. Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee:
  - a ) President    b ) Three Vice Presidents    c ) Honorary Secretary
  - d ) Honorary Treasurer    e ) Hon. Asst. Secretary
  - f ) Hon.Asst. Treasurer    g ) Seven Executive Committee Members
10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
11. 2011 President's Address
12. 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 )
13. The President declares the meeting closed
14. All stand and sing the College Song

A social will take place immediately after the meeting. All members and their partners are cordially invited. A delicious Sri Lankan dinner with dessert will be made available at the rate of \$10 per person. A limited bar available. B. Y. O. Spirits.

*Chris. J. Lawton*  
*Honorary Secretary*

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 12. 02. 2011 ELECTION of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### NOMINATION FORM

*we*

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

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

*being current financial member 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 Old Boys' Association,  
Australia Branch Inc.*

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

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

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

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

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## S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia crashed to a close in the first part of 1942.

by Douglas Arndt



I was in the Lower Sixth at the time. I was probably the youngest in the class because I started school on my fourth birthday, on 9th January 1931, in Miss Aggie Bay's Baby class. With me were Michael de Saram, Aubrey Wise and Spencer Esmund Satharasinghe. Later as we went through school, we were joined by C.D.L.Fernando, G.P.S.Fernando, C.W, H.A.Gunatilleke and L.P.G.Wickremesinghe, L.W.A.Fernando, Henry Mendis and many others, how the names and faces come to mind! When I got to the Lower Sixth I somehow found that a group of much older students were in the same class, stalwarts of

great renown, such as Vernon Prins, Cotelingam, Baskie Saravanamuttu, Cumaraswamy, Markie Flamer-Caldera and Ivor Ferdinands. Towards the end of the first term, about a week or two before Easter, the whole school was suddenly summoned to assembly about midmorning. There a visibly upset Warden de Saram told us that the school had been commandeered by the authorities for use as a services hospital, that school would close immediately, that day-scholars would go home as soon as assembly was over, that boarders could stay till arrangements could be made for their return home, that he could tell us nothing about whether school would reopen or when or even whether it would ever reopen. We went back to our forms, picked up our books and went home.

The next few days were confusion. There was discussion about private tuition for myself and my brothers, talk of attending other schools, in the end nothing definite was done. Easter arrived, and with my family we walked the mile from our house in Station Road, Mt. Lavinia, to the College Chapel for service. This was taken by Warden de Saram and was commendably short. At 7.30 or 8.00 a.m. I was hurrying along Hotel Road on my way home to change and go down to the beach for a swim. As I was passing the Y.M.C.A. tennis courts on Hotel Road the Bofors and the heavy anti-aircraft batteries on the mound started firing. I looked up and saw an aeroplane, of a type new to me, a low gull-winged monoplane with a fixed undercarriage with wheel spats and a long "glasshouse" canopy, fly past, quite low, with puffs of anti-aircraft fire bursting behind it. I looked for a target drogue it may have been towing, but could see none. As I looked anti-aircraft fire exploded close to it and below, the wing dipped, the plane banked till it appeared to be flying back towards us, and it dived down almost vertically and disappeared behind the trees. As I stood looking, a lady came out of the railway workers' lines on the opposite side of the road to the tennis courts and said in Sinhalese "Baby you will be killed. Come into shelter." So the two of us stood under the 50 year old tile roof of the lines to shelter from bombs and bullets and anti-aircraft fire. (Incidentally these railway workers' lines still exist with the same round Calicut tile roof, and probably the same cement paint on its walls applied 120 years ago).



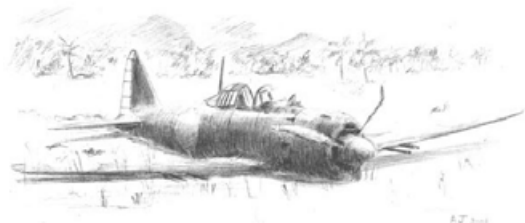
As we stood there a group of soldiers from the mound came running down Hotel Road. When one is fifteen, one does not think, one does, so I too ran behind them towards the school. There we saw the plane which they had shot down, crashed nose down, buried in the ground 100 yards seaward of the old second form building, just beyond the barrel drain, fiercely burning. We approached, but the machine-gun ammunition was exploding, so we were sent away. I crept under the apron of the fives court for shelter and watched. Away in the North, towards Colombo,



I saw a strange aeroplane flying towards the sea. As I watched a Hurricane dived down on it, and I saw the faint puff of smoke as it fired. The first plane looped and came down above and behind the Hurricane. I saw the puff of smoke as it fired, and the Hurricane just kept on diving and disappeared. I believe this was the Hurricane that went down in the sea off Fraser Avenue. The whole incident was over in less than 10 seconds. From our stories about Biggles and the First Great War, one had the impression that a dogfight went on for 15 or 20 minutes, but it evidently is not so.

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## S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia crashed to a close in the first part of 1942.(cont...)



The next day we were down again. The plane was buried nose down some 8 to 10 feet in the ground 30 or 40 feet to seaward of the barrel drain near the second standard classrooms. The crew of two could be seen in the shattered cockpit, broken and burnt. The barrel drain had been damaged and a gruesome touch was a large part of burned flesh in the drain. I souvenired a complete inner tube from the wreck and we Mount Lavinia boys had catapult rubber for the duration of the war. The remains of the aeroplane crew was buried in the area in front of the second standard classrooms, Warden de Saram saying some

prayers with some of us boys as mourners. After the war the remains were exhumed and conveyed to Japan for reburial.

It was only after Easter that most of us schoolboys realised that there was a war on. There was an exodus from Colombo and Mount Lavinia, with more than half the houses empty of inhabitants. We boys who remained were well off; we were kings. We could roam through the empty streets, there were plenty of empty blocks of ground for us to play and few adults to control us. Warden de Saram and the other teachers must have done an amazing job of organisation, because about the middle of the year we day scholars were told that we would be educated at St. Paul's Milagiriya, where the girls of that school would attend school from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with their teachers, while we would use the same classrooms and have our own teachers and attend from 1.00 to 5.30 p.m. Boarders would be taught at Getambe on the Peradeniya road near Kandy, and at Gurutalawa. In 1943, difficulties with science teaching meant that science students in the Upper Sixth had to attend Getambe at a reduced boarding fee, so I transferred to Getambe for a year. Sadly a year or two after I returned to St. Paul's Milagiriya, floods washed away not only the three houses which were the boarding, but also much of the land on which they stood. When I left school at the end of 1945 to attend Colombo University S. Thomas' College still was at St. Paul's Milagiriya, and I never went back to the old school as a student. My brother George I believe went for a period to the Church of England Girls' School at Hotel Road, Mt. Lavinia, under the same shared arrangements as we had at Milagiriya, but my knowledge of that is very hazy.

So even though S. Thomas' College crashed it revived and survived, and went on to greater heights.

*Note from the Author: I do hope that you realise that after 70 years my memory may be at fault over details, and there may be mistakes in my story. Douglas Arndt*

## We'll always remember...

A special choral CD has been released to commemorate Rev Canon Roy Yin's contribution to S. Thomas' College. The proceeds from this historic, unique recording will benefit the College and the CD could very well prove to become a collectors' item for those who cherish the Thomian Choral tradition. This recording includes the College Song, "Esto Perpetua" – probably the first ever recording of it – along with Father Yin's nostalgic Theme Song, "The School by the Sea", plus 21 other tracks of beautiful popular hymns and two well known Christmas carols which were regularly sung in the chapel at STC. The total running time is 76'49" and the CD will be accompanied by a booklet insert with comprehensive details including the words of all the hymns and carols recorded on the CD and photographs. To order copies of the CD, please contact Roger Aldons [abaco@access-downunder.com.au].

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02	BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR	Father In Heaven Who Lovest All	13	The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden
03	EPIPHANY:	As With Gladness Men Of Old	14	Ye Holy Angels Bright
04	LENT:	Forty Days And Forty Nights	15	For All The Saints, Who From Their Labours Rest
05		Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!	16	The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended
06	PASSIONTIDE:	There Is A Green Hill Far Away	17	Holy Father, God Of Might
07	ANNUNCIATION:	Shall We Not Love Thee, Mother Dear	18	Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending
08	ASCENSION:	Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise	19	Lord, Thou Hast Brought Us To Our Journey's End
09	HOLY TRINITY:	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!	20	Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God
10	CORPUS CHRISTI:	Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer	21	Unto Us Is Born A Son
11	TRANSFIGURATION:	O Worship The King All Glorious Above	22	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
			23	"Esto Perpetua"
				Total Running Time

# THOMIANA - Photo Gallery

**'Carnival Nite' Dinner Dance -- 20th of November 2010**



**STC Carnival Nite - featuring REDEMPTION  
the HOTTEST NEW DANCE BAND in Melbourne**

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols -- 4th of December 2010**



# THOMIANA - Photo Gallery

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols -- 4th of December 2010**



**Appreciation****Pramukh Weerakoon**

The Thomian fraternity was present in strength at the Mt. Lavinia Cemetery to pay their last respects to Pramukh Weerakoon. The S. Thomas' College Warden, Sub-Warden, Headmaster, staff, students, as well as the 1st X1 cricket team, the prefects, and fellow schoolboy sportsmen, were all there to say farewell and observe the Thomian last rites.

Most of the schoolboys were in tears, and many struggled to control their emotions. The Weerakoon family stood composed and dignified in the face of this heartbreaking time in their lives. As close friends of the Weerakoon family, my family and I too grieve over the loss of this wonderful young man.

Pramukh bravely fought his losing battle with cancer without shedding a tear, worrying his family, or seeking sympathy. The Thomian grit prevailed. Despite his illness, he studied hard and passed his GCE Ordinary Level with flying colours – a great achievement.

Pramukh was a good and obedient student, a loyal Thomian and a committed junior cricketer. He was confident of returning from hospital to represent S. Thomas' in cricket.

He never missed a school match. A Thomian cricketer of national fame told me he once saw Pramukh watching a cricket match all by himself. Pramukh introduced himself, and said he was committed to playing for S. Thomas', despite his illness. That is the rare calibre of the boy we have lost.

Pramukh would join his father, my dear friend Sarath Weerakoon who played cricket for Royal College in the 1970s, for walks on the beach. Pramukh's mother, Niranjalee, is a niece of (Dr.) U. R. P. Goonetilleke, who played cricket for S. Thomas' in the 1950s.

Pramukh comes from a family that boasts several generations of Thomians, and is closely connected to the Thalgodapitiyas of Trinity College, Kandy. The Weerakoon family will feel this tremendous loss for a lifetime and beyond.

Sarath and Niranjalee gave Pramukh the very best in life, including holidays abroad. When Pramukh fell ill, they left no stone unturned in their efforts to give him the best medical attention available in Singapore.

Pramukh's maternal uncle, Ranil Goonetilleke, Treasurer of the S. Thomas' Old Boys' Association, was often in Singapore, despite his busy schedule, to be with Pramukh and his parents. We will remember Pramukh with the greatest love and affection.

Many will wish to meet Pramukh in Samsara. However, the merit Pramukh gathered in this life will help him attain the Supreme Bliss of Nirvana. My heartfelt sympathies go to Sarath and the Weerakoon family. May they be given the strength to accept a loss that words cannot describe. Farewell, son.

You were exceptional.

“Esto Perpetua.”

R. P. M. Hettiarachchi



### A tale from the old school

By Gamini Weerakoon (<http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2011/01/religion-cricket-from-sublime-to.html>)

We end this commentary with an old school yarn related by a dear departed friend, Premalal Gunasekera, one of the most outstanding cricket captains of S. Thomas' College who led his team to victory after 20 consecutive draws in the Battle of the Blues. Gunasekera, an excellent raconteur related this story at the Old Thomians' Swimming Club. The story dates back to a few days before a Royal-Thomian encounter, a few years after Premalal left school.

'Pappa' an eccentric school master, an old Thomian himself — alas now no more — had assured the cricket captain of the school: 'Don't worry, I will win this Royal-Thomian for you. Only thing is that you must cooperate with me a few minutes before the match commences.' 'Pappa' was far from being a cricketer, despite his profound interest in the game and the captain had not remembered this pledge of his teacher.

A few minutes before the match commenced and tension was running high, Pappa appeared at the Thomian dressing room and called for the captain. With him was an individual who certainly did not look a cricketer, dressed in 'wawul' suit (the term used at that time for the long overflowing national dress). On Pappa's instructions this individual had pulled out a lime from his deep pocket and muttered a few words over the lime held in his hand. He had then, with a penknife, sliced the lime into two, then put them back together and given it to the captain with the advice: 'Put this in your pocket and whenever you want Royal in difficulties, simply press the lime inside your pocket. Relief will come your way' and then departed with Pappa. The captain by then had lost the toss and was fielding and Royal's openers were at the crease. The Thomian pace attack was on and the captain feeling the lime in his pocket decided to test its potency. As the pace bowler delivered a ball the captain squeezed the lime. And low and behold the Royalist snicked it and was confidently caught in the slips to the joy of the jubilant Thomians. Then came the last ball of the first over and as it was delivered, the captain gave the lime another squeeze and to his amazement he saw the middle stump cart-wheeling!

The Thomian captain was now convinced he had a match winner in his pocket. In the second over he squeezed it again and once again a miracle occurred: The ball was snicked into the safe hands of the wicket keeper. The next batsman took his stance and as he faced his first ball, the captain squeezed the lime but much to his disappointment the batsman took two steps forward and cracked the ball through the covers to the boundary. Undaunted the captain resorted to the squeezed lime tactic but this black magic defying Royalist kept pummeling the ball to all corners of the field and over the ropes.

The Thomian captain kept on squeezing the lime but this new daredevil kept thrashing the ball and before tea time had scored a century! The distraught captain led his team to the pavilion hoping that the huge patch that had appeared on his trousers caused by the lime juice would not be seen! Old school masters as the poet Oliver Goldsmith said, 'though vanquished could argue still'. The defiant Pappa had told the captain: 'I did my best. I got you three wickets in two overs. If you fellows couldn't get the others out what could I do?'

These are examples of the glorious uncertainties of cricket and black magic. But if black magic in cricket or any sport is institutionalised by the authorities, involving great religions as well, it makes a mockery of religion and cricket a mumbo-jumbo. The idea of a cricket ball being wrapped in 'pirith nool' and placed in the venue of the World Cup match at Sooriyawewa, named the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium, appears to be the product of an infantile political mind with political influence.

*Editor's Note: Many thanks to Morley Pereira for sending us this clipping for publication. This article is an extract from a longer commentary by Old Thomian Gamini Weerakoon, previously published in The Sunday Leader and in the Sri Lanka Guardian. The THOMIANA doesn't usually reproduce previously published articles without the author's permission but this story was too good to pass-up, especially with the Royal-Thomian drawing near. For the full article go to <http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2011/01/religion-cricket-from-sublime-to.html>*

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VICTORIAN MEMBERS					
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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	LA'WRENCE, Michael	2008
APONSO, Suren Dijas	2011	GIBSON, R. Maurice E.	2011	LA'WTON, Christopher A.	2012
ARIARATNAM, Chris	2013	GOMES, Prem	2006	LA'WTON, Christopher J.	2012
ARMITAGE, Andy	2012	GOMES, Yushantha Jayathu	2009	LA'WTON, 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 <b>Allison</b>	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
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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, Rajeevan	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 <b>Asoka</b>	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, Kirithi K. G.	2011

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PEIRIS, Mangala	2005	SIRITUNGA, Mahendra Vishwajith	2004	MASEFIELD, Graham R. L. <b>NSW</b>	2010
PEIRIS, Nadija Kalhara	2006	SMITH, Adam A. A.	2008	PERERA, Nimal J. <b>NSW</b>	2004
PEREIRA, Ernieley O.	2009	SMITH, Norman Allan	2011	RUPEISINGHE, Roshan <b>NSW</b>	2011
PEREIRA, Morley	2010	SOMASUNDERAM, Marty	2009	SENARATNE, Lalith <b>NSW</b>	2007
PERERA, Dr. Chandra	2010	SRI BAWAN, M.	2010	SWAN, William L. <b>NSW</b>	2012
PERERA, Dr. Mahendra H.	2011	ST. JOHN, Ajit. Gavin	2012	VANDERSMAGT, Vernon <b>NSW</b>	2009
PERERA, Naveen Tharindu	2008	ST. JOHN, David	2010	VELUPILLAI, A. R. Lakshman <b>NSW</b>	2010
PERERA, S. M. <b>Shehan R.</b>	2010	STORK, Lynwood	2010	VIDAYASAGARAN R. (Haran) <b>NSW</b>	2007
PONNIAH, Jega	2012	SUNDARANATHAN, Mahinthan	2007	SHU Jimmy <b>NT</b>	2009
PRABHA, David	2009	SURIARACHI, Gamini A.W.	2008	AMARATUNGA, Rohith <b>QLD</b>	2008
PREMKUMAR, Sanjay	2010	THAJUDEEN, Asfan	2009	BAINES, Trevor <b>QLD</b>	2009
RAJADURAI, Joe	2009	THIEDEMAN Michael	2010	BRAINERD, Leslie <b>QLD</b>	2010
RAHIM, Shihan	2009	THIEDEMAN Roger	2006	COORAY, Hiran <b>QLD</b>	2010
RASARATNAM, Mahendra	2010	THIEDEMAN, Shane	2021	GARTH, David <b>QLD</b>	2011
RASIAH, John	2007	THIRUNEELA, Mauran	2007	GUNAWARDANA, Uditha W. <b>QLD</b>	2011
RATNAYAKE, Ravi	2009	VALLIPURAM, Dr. Skantha K.	2009	HAMEED, Ahmed Shezad <b>QLD</b>	2007
RAUFF, Mazhar M.	2009	VAN TWEST, Harold	2010	HERFT, Spencer. G. <b>QLD</b>	2010
REID, Barney D.	2011	VANDERWERT, Cedric	2014	JAYASUNDERA, Arthur <b>QLD</b>	2010
REID, Claud E.	2010	VARNEY, Allan	2011	MALONEY, Leonard P. <b>QLD</b>	2009
REID, Dr. Barclay G. (Buddy)	2010	VARNEY, Ashley	2011	MISSO, REV. KAROL <b>QLD</b>	2010
REID, Johann Howard	2010	VARNEY, Christopher	2011	WEINMAN, Beaufort A. <b>QLD</b>	2010
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