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THE ACF COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT – 13 July 2019 at THE CEYLON CENTRE



THE ACF COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT



If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government, but then I repeat myself.

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

MARK TWAIN

AUSTRALIA CEYLON FELLOWSHIP

NOTICE & AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2019

DATE: Sunday, 18th. August 2019

VENUE : Ceylon Centre, 217, Clarke Road, Springvale South, Vic. 3172

TIME: 3.00 pm - Sign Attendance Record after eligibility check

3.30 pm - AGM will commence as soon as there is a quorum of 60 members

1. Chairperson welcomes the Members and declares the meeting open.
2. In Memoriam Prayers
3. Apologies
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 18th. November 2018
5. Matters arising from the minutes
6. Tabling of the Honorary Secretary's, Report for review period
7. Acceptance of the Honorary Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statement for 2018/2019
8. The Election of Office Bearers
9. Appointment of Auditor
10. Committee proposal – Chris Lawton as Life Member
11. Adoption of proposed Amendments to the Constitution
12. Any other Business

President declares the meeting closed, and invites members to dinner.



Ingrid Rulach Honorary Secretary

The ACF's Constitution states that " A person who was not a Financial Member on the 30th. of June immediately preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting shall not be eligible to be present at the Annual General Meeting.

To enable the meeting to progress without delay Members are requested to phone the Secretary and clarify any item they wish to before the meeting.

2019 A C F CALENDAR OF EVENTS

25 August -Father's Day event. Venue ACF Hall

23 October – Trip to Country Victoria

24 November –Seniors Christmas Luncheon

01 December – Christmas Carols

08 December –Children's Christmas Party

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The ACF has enjoyed a very successful year, with the Committee achieving many of the goals, which were set at our AGM held in November 2018. Amongst the goals, which were set, the most important achievement was the completion of the Capital Improvement Project for which the ACF had received funding back in 2014. After obtaining Project Variation Permission from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, we utilized the \$8,000 grant to improve the Ceylon Centre by installing energy efficient lighting, converting the garage into a games room, landscaping the garden and installing a garden shed. These significant improvements have reduced the ACF's energy and garden maintenance costs.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our hard working Committee Members and past Committee members who volunteered many hours of their time to minimize our labor expenses, which meant the grant was used primarily for materials and skilled tradespersons. This assistance by our Committee Members and a couple of ordinary members allowed us to maximize the improvements to our Centre, which would not have been possible using the funds from the grant alone.

As our members are aware, extra social events were held this financial year compared to last year. The purpose of these additional events was to shore up the financial position of the ACF and to make reasonable donations to charitable organizations. This financial year we donated \$400 to the Cancer Council of Australia and \$400 to Cancer Care Sri Lanka.

After submitting the Accountability Reports for the Capital Improvement Grant and the first two instalments of the Senior Support Grant, we have now received the 3rd Instalment of the Senior Support grant, which will be used to benefit the senior members through similar events and functions that were held last year.

I would like to thank the DPC for the provision of these grants and their ongoing support.

I am pleased to advise that we have received extremely positive feedback from our members and guests who have attended all of our functions and events this year. Our aim is to offer even more social and welfare events and activities for all of our members. We would like to provide these additional activities through the use of our

Government grants so we can minimize the cost to our members. Due to positive feedback on activities at the ACF we have been able to increase our membership significantly.

I would like to thank the Committee for all of their hard work, time and effort in achieving these positive outcomes for the Australia Ceylon Fellowship.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our members, who have provided their ongoing support commitment and participation in our events throughout the year.

Dinner will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

Thank you.

JENNY WADUGE, President

SECRETARY's REPORT FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW 01/07/2018 - 30/06/2019.

On behalf of the Australia Ceylon Fellowship I present the annual report for above review period based on the activities and achievements of the Association. With regret the committee accepted 3 resignations in the review period, namely Mr Everton Labrooy, Mrs Hebe Don and Dianne Diaz, I thank each of them for their service, invaluable insights and support of the ACF. All our key events have been well organised and have had a

very favourable impact financially. I thank the members for their attendance at our events and appreciate your support, and hope to see you at our next functions.

Committee of Management- The Committee you elected for the period under review met eleven times at the Ceylon Centre, on a monthly basis except in the month of January 2019. The President Jenny Waduge chaired 10 meetings and Vice President Vice Desmond Kelaart chaired one meeting. The Annual general meeting was held on the 18 November 2018 for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Grants - It is important to recognise the services and activities the committee has organised for our senior members this year. The revenue stream from Government Grant funding assists us to support these initiatives. The Committee will continue to organise outings and day trips which are now a popular event with our seniors with new grant funding received in May 2019. A further grant of \$1253.00 was approved for the Mother's day event 2019, however a decision was made not to use the funds at the time, we now have the option to submit a variation report to utilise the funds for a similar event in 2020. We extend our thanks and gratitude to the DPC for their ongoing support of the Multicultural Senior Citizens organisational support Grant. We thank the Dandenong Council for their ongoing support of the Seniors grant.

Other Important Matters

Three newsletters were produced in the review period, thanks to the sterling effort of our Editor Chris Lawton. The webpage has recently been updated with all the latest news, it is one of the sources of disseminating information to members and I encourage you to visit our webpage-australiaceylonfellowship.org.au.

Preservation of past ACF Records & Papers

With the assistance of committee members we have been able to utilise the new office space to file and archive old and new ACF records. It was an interesting day and time well spent reading and going through old and precious historical records. We have located a couple of valued historical and contractual paperwork which are now framed and displayed.

Thanks and Appreciations

"If you want to see the Sunshine, Learn to Weather the Storms"- As a committee we accomplished many key initiatives and gained recognition for our efforts. Future initiatives have been planned and we hope to improve on our services to the membership and community. I would like to convey my special thanks to Dianne who has been Assistant Secretary for 3 years, to the Senior and Life members of the ACF, who are always willing to support the committee, to the President and Committee for their resilience, positive attitude and willingness to continue with the good work to move the ACF forward.

JINGRID RULACH, Honorary Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT 2018/2019

The Entertainment Committee organized a significant number of Social Events in 2018/2019. Listed below are the events and the dates they were held:

Curry Night	- 21st July 2018	Children's Christmas party	- 2nd December 2018
Father's Day	- 25th August 2018	Senior's Christmas luncheon	- 9th December 2018
Hawaiian night	- 15th September 2018	Valentine's day	- 9th February 2019
Day trip to Country Victoria	- 20th October 2018	Curry Night	- 23rd March 2019
Health and wellbeing seminar	- 28th October 2018	Day trip to Melbourne Central	- 30th April 2019
Xmas Carols at Aged Care Homes	- 1st December 2018	Mother's day	- 5th May 2019

The objective of our Events Program was to provide an opportunity for ACF members to meet with fellow members and enjoy each other's company, especially on important days like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day and the Seniors Xmas Luncheon.

In addition, the Committee organized two outings for the Senior Members of the ACF. These were both day trips, one being a trip to Country Victoria (near The NSW border) whereby we visited a Winery and enjoyed a lovely lunch. The second trip involved a visit to Melbourne Central, where again, a complimentary lunch and afternoon tea was provided.

The Senior Support Grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) funded the five events highlighted above. The A C F thanks the DPC for their continuous support to the ACF.

All functions were well patronized with excellent feedback provided from members & guests. These functions have really assisted the ACF to stabilise its finances and also make reasonable donations to various charities.

All proceeds from the Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle were donated to Cancer Council Victoria and Cancer Care Sri Lanka, with each charity receiving \$400. Total donations of \$800 were made this year.

JENNY WADUGE for The **ENTERTAINMENT TEAM**.

PROPERTY MANAGER's Report -2018-2019

I am pleased to provide a report on the maintenance and improvements to the ACF hall completed in the 2018/2019 financial year. I was able to carry out improvements and maintenance of the ACF hall professionally and with the help and support of the committee. The following improvements made this year include:

- i) Major clean-up of the garage and premises.
- ii) Work on the garage project which had commenced earlier, was completed this year. The garage was converted into a recreational room. Part of the room was partitioned as a locked space to store documents. And a new roller door was installed.
- iii) Led lighting was installed by a professional and we now have a more economical lighting system.
- iv) Office room converted in to a storage room for Tables and chairs etc. Thereby allowing more space for the buffet dining area.
- v) Fly screen and repairs to the kitchen door frame.
- vi) A new shed was installed for storage of bins and garden equipment.

Whilst I have attended to property maintenance issues I wish to acknowledge and thank all the committee members who assisted with obtaining quotes and payment of invoices , and keeping of records for the garage project.

I am very proud of the improvements done in the garden, weeding and replacing with colourful plants. I thank my wife, Patricia (Patsy) for her hard work in maintaining the hall and helping me with my weekly duties at the premises.

Further requests for maintenance and improvement are in the pipeline namely improvements to the men's toilet (which will be completed shortly), kitchen, and a new heating unit.

AUBREY DIRCKZE, *Property Manager*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of June 2019, the Australia-Ceylon Fellowship Inc, had 435 active members of whom 85 were new members of which were 56 are Pensioner's and 29 Ordinary Members. Details of total membership are as follows:

27 Ordinary Single Members	65 Ordinary Couples Members
100 Couples who are on pension	78 Singles who are on pension

I would like to remind members that their attendance at the ACF's various activities – Lunches, Dinners, Outings & Dances, will help and support the A.C.F. greatly.

I take this opportunity to thank all members who have renewed their membership for 2019/2020 and hope the others will do so without delay.

RUBY DIAZ, *Membership Chairperson*.

EDITOR's REPORT

Most members would be aware by now that the rising cost of printing and postage has compelled the ACF, for some years now, to minimise the release of its Newsletter. This state is not likely to improve in the future and we may, in a few years, have to follow other Associations who have resorted to electronic transmission - Webmail, email etc.

This is the third issue for the year and I hope that it will be received favourably as were the previous issues. The ACF Newsletter is published primarily for the benefit of our members who reside in country

and outback areas . To us, who live in metro and local suburbs, some of the news published may seem old and repetitive, but to our members who live in isolated areas the news are original and of great interest. They are members who are unable to join or participate in the ACF's social events and enjoy the service and member benefits of the Fellowship. To our out back brethren the Newsletter is probably the only benefit they get from their membership in the ACF.

I would like to thank : ACF Vice President Desmond Kelaart, ACF Secretary Ingrid Rulach, ACF Treasurer Carleen Fairweather, and the President Jenny Waduge (by invitation) for their valuable advice and contributions. Together, by the impressive positions they hold, they constitute a formidable team !! It certainly was all team effort. Thank you.

On behalf of the ACF, I would also like to thank The Hon'ble Julian Hill, Federal Member for Bruce, and his staff for the assistance given.

CHRIS. J. LAWTON, OAM

WARNING FROM SHELL - USERS OF MOBILE PHONES *MUST READ, EVEN IF YOU DON'T OWN A CAR*

Safety Alert - *If you have children in the car you may not be able to get them out in time.* The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns on the face when fumes ignited when answering a call while refueling the car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car. ***Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes***

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition . ***Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.***

DEMOCRACY - HAS IT OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS WITH SO MANY CORRUPT POLITICIANS ?

Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior: "A democracy is always Temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent Form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a Dictatorship."

Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law in

St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the last Presidential election:

Number of States won by: Obama: 19 Romney: 29

Square miles of land won by: Obama: 580,000 Romney: 2,427,000

Population of counties won by: Obama: 127 million Romney: 143 million

Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by:

Obama: 13.2 Romney: 2.1

A MESSAGE FROM THE N S W CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION -

Aged Care for the Elderly Members of the Sri Lankan Catholic Community

Dear Community Member,

We have identified the elderly among our Sri Lankan Catholic community as a unique group that deserve recognition and support. Some of them are already in Aged Care Facilities and would surely appreciate any positive moves towards making them feel valued. Furthermore we think there are many things we could do to

help them, in consultation and co-operation with their family members, such as the following.

Visits by volunteers ----- Organising social events -----Entertainment
Arranging transport for them to attend or community events and masses.

Initiative 1: Creating a database of information on senior members of our community

With the above in mind, we plan to create a database of information about seniors who are currently resident in Retirement villages , Nursing Homes and Aged Care Facilities.

We will appreciate very much if you could provide the following information at your own discretion:

Name of the Senior member : Aged Care Home: Address of Home: Contact Tel no:

Any other relevant information we that need to be aware of :

Your Consent to provide these details to community members who would like to visit the Senior member:

Your Name : Your Telephone Contact Details : Your relationship to the Senior person.

Initiative 2: To provide useful information to senior members and their family members on available Aged Care Facilities . We have identified that many senior members of our community could be planning to go to Aged Care Facilities in the near future. Over the past couple of years we have gathered information on Aged Care Facilities that we thought would be of interest to them.

Our objectives and motivation on this initiative have been the following:

To provide information (without prejudice) on Aged Care Homes that conduct regular Catholic services (mass, prayer services etc.) close to the population centers of the Sri Lankan Catholic Community members in NSW.

To promote more and more Sri Lankans to reside in such Aged Homes facilitating companionship resulting in a reduction of isolation and loneliness.

To encourage and provide required information to our Sri Lankan Catholic Community members to help, support, pray and visit Sri Lankan Aged members who are residing in such Aged Homes

To enable easier access to the Volunteers of our community and the Chaplain for Sri Lankan Catholics to visit nominated Aged Care Homes to meet Sri Lankan Aged members and conduct regular services . If interested. please contact Flavian: Tel (02) 96261221; Mobile: 0413 484 805

Note: *Aged Care facilities services are regularly getting updated. Hence whatever information we may have gathered, and share with you may not be fully correct or complete. However it may give an overview of information on the current Aged Care facilities that provides a Catholic background which would benefit of our Sri Lankan Catholic Community members. We cannot guarantee the full accuracy of the information we can provide. Also the needs of Aged members would vary from one member to another. The senior members and their family members are strongly advised to get the needed information from such facilities directly, and make their own decisions.*

Best Regards, **Joy Perera.**

On behalf of the Sri Lankan NSW Catholic Association [<mailto:info@slnswcath.com>]

The Mentality of Retaliation Destroys States while the Mentality of Tolerance Builds Nations"

Nelson Mandela, former South African president, wrote a personal awesome story: "After I became President, I asked one day some members of my close protection to stroll with me in the city, have lunch. We sat in one of the downtown restaurants and all of us asked for some sort of food...

The waiter brought us our requests, when I noticed that there was someone sitting in front of my table waiting for food. I then told one of the soldiers: Go and ask that person to join us with his food and eat with us. The soldier went and asked the man so. The man brought up his food and sat by my side as I had asked and began to eat. His hands were trembling constantly until everyone had finished their food and the man went.

The soldier said to me: the man was apparently quite sick. His hands trembled as he ate !!

"No, not at all," said Mandela. "This man was the guard of the prison where I was jailed. Often, after the torture I was subjected to, I used to scream and ask for a little water. The very same man used to come every time and urinate on my head instead"...; so I found him scared, trembling, expecting me to reciprocate now, at least in the same way, either by torturing him or imprisoning him as I am now the President of the State of South Africa... But this is not my character nor part of my ethics. "The mentality of retaliation destroys states while the mentality of tolerance builds nations .



“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”—

Pablo Picasso

2019 SRI LANKAN “FIRST” ACHIEVERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT HONOUR AND FAME FOR SRI LANKA



Dr. Asha de Vos, internationally acclaimed Sri Lankan Marine biologist and ocean educator is the ***first Sri Lankan woman to have her portrait hung at Oxford’s Lincoln College 15th Century Hall.***

Being a marine biologist, ocean educator and pioneer of blue whale research within the Northern Indian Ocean, she is also the first Sri Lankan with a PhD in marine mammal research. **“In 2020** my college, Lincoln, will celebrate 40 years of admitting women.

Asha de Vos completed her undergraduate studies in Marine and environmental studies at University of St. Andrews in Scotland, MSc at the University of Oxford and PhD from the University of Western Australia.



Kumar Sangakkara, the former Sri Lanka Cricket Captain has been appointed ***the first non-British President of Marylebone Cricket Club.***

The ex-wicketkeeper-batsman will begin his one-year tenure in October having been nominated by the incumbent Anthony Wreford. The 41-year-old, is already an honorary life member of MCC and has sat on its influential World Cricket Committee for the past seven years MCC, which owns Lord’s and acts as the guardian of the laws of the game, was founded in 1787 and lists 168 presidents in its history. That number includes one member of the Royal family, 13 knights and six baronets but, until now, nobody from overseas.



Shemara Wikramanayake - The new Managing Director and CEO of Macquarie Bank Ltd. Possibly the highest position held by a Sri Lankan woman in the Corporate sector in Australia.

Ms. Wikramanayake was born in England in 1961 and educated in Britain and Sri Lanka before attending Sydney’s Ascham School for girls. She earned a commerce and law degree from the University of NSW before completing an advanced management program at Harvard University. Ms Wikramanayake joined Macquarie in 1987 and has worked for the group in six countries and across several business lines .

SRI LANKA NEWS**Lanka's first ever satellite launched - RAAVANA 1**

The first ever Sri Lankan satellite, RAAVANA-1 was launched into orbit 400 kilometres above yesterday evening from the International Space Station (ISS).

This was designed and built at the Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan by two Sri Lankan engineers Tharindu Dayaratne and Dulani Chamika from the Arthur C. Clarke Institute, Moratuwa.

Officials from the Sri Lankan Embassy in Japan were at Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) to witness the launch. The satellite was launched into space in April from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore.

'Raavana 1' weighs around 1.05 kg and the lifespan of the satellite is around one and a half years. Its mission is to take pictures of Sri Lanka and its neighbouring countries. *Island June 17, 2019*

SL roads claimed 27,161 lives last 10 years

Road accidents have snuffed out 27,161 lives during the last 10 years, the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation says. Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Arjuna Ranatunga said that he strongly believed the majority of those deaths were due to lack of road discipline.

He also said that annually some 1.5 million road accidents were reported in Sri Lanka.

Veddah Chief invited to contest the Presidential Election !

The Veddah Chief Wannilatho said that some people who had visited him asked him to contest in the coming Presidential elections. Speaking to the media after a religious event organised to mark his 72nd birthday at the Mawaragala Aranya Senansana in Dambana on Friday, the Vedda Chief lamented that the entire country was now at a complete standstill after suicide bombs went off in different places in Colombo and Batticaloa on April 21. He observed that even during the 30-year-long separatist war which was confined to a part of the country, development activities were not stalled and people of many areas did not feel whether there was a war in the country.

Wannilaththo accused the current leaders for passing the buck after the Easter attack and added that it was also disgusting to note the behaviour of the government ministers. He said the entire country felt the same.

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SRI LANKAN PENSIONERS - PENSION INCREASE

More than 500,000 public servants who retired *before December 31, 2015* will benefit. Salary increments for those who retired before 31.12.2015 will range from Rs.2,800 and to Rs.20,000. These pensioners will receive benefits, based on the removal of the anomaly in the pensions of those who retired before the 31 . 12. 2015 This salary anomaly came into being as there were two different circulars for those who retired before December 31, 2015 and others who retired thereafter. Pensions were paid to the public servants who retired before December 31, 2015 under Circular 05/2015 and their counterparts who retired thereafter were paid pensions under Circular 03/2016. The salary revisions are made systematically until 2020 for the pensioners coming under 03/2016 and their basic salary will be increased by 107% in 2020 compared with that of 2016. Accordingly, the salary of a retired KKS Grade I who retired before 31.12.2015 has been increased by Rs. 2800. The salary of a retired Management Assistant Grade I has been increased by Rs. 5,200 under the proposed new pension scheme. The pension of Teacher in Grade one service I will be increased by Rs.9,200 and the salary of a retired Nursing Officer will be increased by Rs.9,200.

Cows from Australia spread deadly bovine diarrhoea here - by Rathindra Kutuwita

A large number of high- yielding milch cows, imported from Australia, in 2017, were suffering from Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD), hitherto not found in Sri Lanka, and officials had failed to stop the spread of the disease, the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing allegations of large scale corruption between January 15, 2015 and December 31, 2018 was informed.

Dr. Hemal Kothalawala, Veterinary Research Officer of the Livestock Ministry informed the Commission that BVD

could be transmitted in several ways. "We still cannot prevent the spreading of the virus because the government failed to take timely action to send the diseased cows back to the supplier.

It was revealed earlier that the government had distributed 3,030 substandard imported Australian cows among 46 investors and dairy farmers had been eligible to receive high-yielding imported pregnant cows in 2017, Amal Suriyage of the Lammermoor Estate in Maskeliya. In 2017, the Ministry of Rural Economic development started to import 20,000 cows from Wellard Rural Exports Pvt. Ltd., Australia. A number of dairy farmers have complained about the quality of the imported cows. Dr. Herath said that the Ministry of Rural Economy had informed the investors that those pregnant cows would produce 20 litres of milk a day on average and had advised some of the investors, who were already raising cows to get rid of the Sri Lankan animals that they had. The investors paid Rs. 200,000 per cow and the government contributed Rs. 265,000. A number of cows had died, while a number of calves aborted or were stillborn, Suriyage said. *June 17, 2019*

Crippled DEHIWELA ZOO limps back to normalcy - by Ifham Nizam

Visitor arrival at the National Zoological Gardens in Dehiwela has increased since the Easter Sunday bomb attacks caused the arrivals to drop to single digits. Deputy Director of the Zoo Anoma Priyadharshini told The Island that arrivals had increased to between 1,000 and 1,500 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as against the usual between 5,000 and 6,000 visitors prior to the terror attacks. She said that usually Monday and Tuesday recorded the lowest visitor arrivals between 1,500 and 2,000 and at present it stood around 500 visitors. She said that plans were afoot to add more exotic species shortly to attract more visitors through the Animal Exchange Programme.

The National Zoo, which has a remarkable collection of exotic and indigenous fauna, is one of the oldest Zoos in Asia. At present there are some 72 species of mammals, 65 species of birds, 31 species of reptiles, 89 species of fish, three families of amphibians and 30 species of butterflies, etc.

The total number of animals varies from 2,500-3,000 due to breeding and free living colonies of birds. The Zoo has become famous among the visitors not only for its collection of local and exotic animals but also for landscaping with lush greenery. The zoo supports and promotes conservation by breeding certain rare and endangered species through proper animal welfare. Annually, over 1.5 million local and foreign tourists visit the Zoo. In addition some 2,000 students and groups of students from schools and universities visit the Zoo for educational purposes.

Japan offers one billion yen to develop strategic Trincomalee port - Dr Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during talks with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe at Temple Trees yesterday, said that Japan considered Sri Lanka a good friend and was committed to strengthening the long standing economic and cultural partnership between the two countries.

Japan would provide a grant of one billion yen to improve the Trincomalee harbour, Izumi revealed adding that it would also assist in modernising the city of Kandy on the lines of Kyoto City, while preserving its historical heritage. The two leaders also discussed plans to develop a Light Rail Transit System for Colombo, the Central Expressway and the Katunayake International Airport.

Japan has provided Official Development Aid to the Colombo Port Development Program since 1980 and cooperated in enlarging and maintaining the historical port.

Controversial SriLankan Airlines CEO submits affidavit to PCoI

An affidavit given by former CEO of SriLankan Airlines, Kapila Chandrasena was submitted to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing irregularities at SriLankan Airlines, SriLankan Catering and Mihini Lanka yesterday. The Attorney General's Department officials assisting the Commission presented seven affidavits yesterday, saying that 35 more will be presented today. The Airlines had incurred heavy losses during Chandrasena's tenure. In 2011/12 financial year, the year he took over, the loss was Rs 19.6 billion. The loss was Rs. 21.7 billion in 2012/13 and it increased to Rs. 32.4 billion in 2013/14.

Sri Lanka's per capita consumption of liquor has zoomed to 95%: WHO

Sri Lanka's per capita consumption of liquor has increased up to a staggering 95 percent, the WHO said in a report. The 2018 Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health of the WHO said the total number of new alcohol users in Sri Lanka had increased up to 10.4 percent by 2016.

According to the report, a majority of new alcohol users have been termed as addicts, adding that every one in three alcohol users are heavy drinkers. The report also revealed that 40 percent have been consuming illicit liquor.



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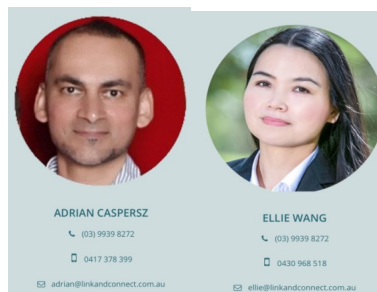
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Cable car system to link N'Elia and Nanu Oya in the offing

The much-anticipated cable car system linking Nuwara Eliya and Nanu Oya is now on the cards in Sri Lanka's salubrious tourist paradise. It will link the racecourse with Nanu Oya railway station and Single Tree hill top with each other. The cable car system will be built on 21 pillars and one cable car would be able to accommodate 10 passengers. At the initial stage, 43 cars will be in operation, government officials said.

According to the cabinet paper submitted by Plantation Industries Minister, Navin Dissanayake, the first cable car project will be launched as a joint venture at a cost of USD 50 million between the local firm Outdoor Engineering Lanka Pvt. Ltd., and Doppelmayr Cable Car Ltd in Australia as a BOI project.

OBITUARIES in ABROAD

by Victor Melder

DE JONG – OUIDA, wife of late Herbert, mother of Rolph, late Jeffery and od Travis and Graham, mother-in-law of Cheryl, Katy, Tamaris and Rehana. Grandmother of Nicola, Natalie, Hamish, Annalease, Griffith, Neliya, Cheyanne and Jaclyn, great grandmother of seven, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 3.5.2019)

KLEYN – IGNATIUS LOYALA, husband of late Pushpom Kleyn (Annie), father of Ann, Belinda, Charles, Delrin, Esther and Fritzroy, father-in-law of Jude, Neville, Shyama, Frank (Italy), Roy and Dilhani, grandfather of Roger, Shani, Remien, Remona & Dexter, Remeena, Rozanna & Ashen, Ryan, Julia & Dinith (Australia), Sharia & Jian, Gayasha, Natasha, Deanna, Jenny (UK) & Mario (UK), Jessica (UK), Jesmine (UK), Fiona, Demien, Kevin, Trevor, Bernedeem and Barbra, great-grandfather of Dion, Sheilly, Shenelle, Diendra and Daranza, in Sri Lanka. - 55/1, Alwis Town, Hendala, Wattala, Sri Lanka (Daily Island, 4.5.2019)

SMITH – DANE, husband of Padminie, father of Patrick. Son of late Elaine Mortier, step brother of late Christopher Mortier-Joseph, in Sri Lanka. – 3/9, Medagodawatte, Thumbowila, Piliyandala.

GREBE – BELLA, wife of late Sam, mother of Jeremy, mother-in-law of Roshika, grandmother of Dimitri, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 17.5.2019)

DE WAAS – MARGIE, wife of late Raymond De Waas, mother of Sandya, Sarto and Sriyantha, mother-in-law of Nimal, Lumina and Dujeeva, grandmother of Shivantha, Rochelle, Harshaka, Imali, Hanisha and Kavisha, great grandmother of Ethan. Daughter of late Christopher and Annie, sister of Rev. Fr. Joe Paul, Rev. Sr. Rose and rev. Fr. Damian, and sister of late Patricia, Therese, Eddie, Aloy and Rev. Sr. Clement, in Sri Lanka, aged 84 years. – ‘Rosa Mystica’, Weboda Road, Bolawalana, Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 18.5.2019)

FONSEKA – BARBARA MIGNON (nee Ferdinands), wife of the late Wilton Fonseka, mother of Tamara, Rochelle, Suzie, David, Sandra and Nathalie, mother-in-law of Neville Davidson, Ryan Jaliel, Wilhelm Wijesekara, Ingrid Gibson and Jeremy Benedict and Lalith Akmeemana, grandmother of Salomie, Tina, Rosalie, Jodasche, Tracy, Trudy, Amanda, Vanessa, Deanne and Wendell, great grandmother of Sarah, Stacey, Ethan, Hannah, Dwayne, Kyra, Kimaya, Kavish, Kalena and Aiden. Daughter of the late Anna Myrtle and Oswald Arthur Ferdinands, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 22.5.2019)

BRUNTON – RODNEY NEVILLE, husband of Wimaladevi, father of Hermoine and Suzyanne, grandfather of Savinda, Sohan and Shannon, great grandfather. Kylie. Son of late Joseph and Mary Brunton, brother of Celine, Doris, Sandy, late Noeline and Clement, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 23.5.2019)

KOELMEYER – NOELINE MARY, wife of Elmo, mother of Rodney, Desmond, Elvis and Romain, mother-in-law of Eleanor, Raywathy, Wendy and Tyrone, grandmother of Jacqueline, Richie, Reeve, Natasha, Tashya, Liza, Crystal, Klenn, Liam. Sister of Mignonne, Anita, late Benjamin, Olga and Milroy, sister-in-law of Kalyanaratne, Bendedict, Emil, Jacinta and late Ilene, in Sri Lanka. – 38A, Christ the King Avenue, Mahabage, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 23.5.2019).

GERREYN – STELMOND, husband of the late Blossom, father of Lorraine Lawson, Cedric, Patrick (UK) and Susie Ranchhod (Aust), on May 20, 2019. HIS BROTHER, GERREYN – HENRY, husband of the late Audrey, father of Tania and Owain (UK) and the late Trisha, on May 21, 2019. (Daily News, 24.5.2019)

GUNASEKARA – YVONNE, (nee Rebera), wife of late Trevor, mother of Debbie and Warren, mother-in-law of Sajith Sumanasiri, grandmother of Pehan and Vehan. Sister of late Allan, Stanley (Aust) and late Daphne, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 24.5.2019)

THOMAS – PAULINE. Wife of the late Mr. J. Thomas, mother of Gabriel, Noel, Mary Anne, Leo, Felix, Julius and Tania, mother-in-law of Mercy, Wijee, Dilani, Brenda, Angeline, Ravi and Godfrey, in Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer, 26.5.2019)

ALOYSIUS – DR DENNIS JESUTHASAN, husband of the late Chrisse (nee Perera), father of Rohini, Ranjini, Raneem, Prof. Rohan and Ruvani, father-in-law of John Garrett, Anil Fernando and Campion Fernando, grandfather of Angelo, Romano, late Roshika, Ashan, Cherani, Rashini, Tiyan and Ravin. Brother of Lucy Page and of the late Cyril Gardiner, Mangalam St George, Pushpam Savundranayagam, Joe, Dr Hubert and Peter, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 27.5.2019)

DWIGHT - CHRISTOBEL SELVANAYAKI (retired Teacher) - St. Thomas Preparatory School, Colombo 3, loving daughter of late Theodore and Lily Dwight, fond brother of Richard, Luther, late Kirupai and of Kanage and Emily, sister-in-law of Elizabeth, Wimala, Yvonne and late Chandra, loving aunt of Sean, late Angelo, Presanna and Probodha. Cortege leaves A.F. Raymonds Funeral Parlour on the 8th of July, 2019 after the Service at 3.30 p.m. for Cremation at the General Cemetery, Borella (New Crematorium)

OBITUARIES in AUSTRALIA

by Victor Melder

DE ZYLVA, MAURICE, in Melbourne, on May 2, 2019. (Contributed)

HINGERT – JEAN, wife of late Edgar, mother of Shane and Shama, Nigel and Melanie, grandmother of Ryan, Dyan, Clire and Jason, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 29.5.2019)

DELAMOTTE – GORDON SEARBY, husband of Val (dec), father, grandfather and great grandfather, in NSW. (Central Coast Express, NSW, 16.5.2019)

BARTHOLOMEUSZ – EVELYN ROSE, (July 11, 1926 – May 13, 2019), wife of the late Risien, mother of Chiron, Dylan and Delyse, mother-in-law of Anne-Marie, Kelly and Frances, grandmother of Derena and Matt, Ramon and Kate, Lorenz, Nelson, Elana, Brandon, great grandmother of Jake, Olivia and Henry. Sister of Beryl and the late Mary, in Adelaide. (The Adelaide Advertiser, 18.05.2019)

MACK – CHRIS, (27.03.1949 – 17.05.2019), husband of Ruth, father of Craig, Margaret and Ken, father-in-law of Dean, grandfather of Harry, Joel, Logan, Toby and Cohen. Brother of Roberta (dec) and Lindy, in Canberra. (The Canberra Times, 22.5.2019)

DANISTER – MRS TILAKA, mother of Isha Perera (nee Kariyawasam), mother-in-law of Claude Perera, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

BALASINGAM – PATHMASIRI, husband of Ann Raji, father of Nithiya Shri, Kaaviyansiri and Samudra Sri. Son of Velupillai Balasingam and late Maheswari Balasingam, son-in-law of Rajeswaran and late Amalasothy (Rani). Brother of late Mangalasiri and Nimalsiri, brother-in-law of Aravinthan (Melb), Sumangala (UK) and Yasodai Sivapriya (Syd), in Melbourne on May 24, 2019. (Daily News 29.5.2019)

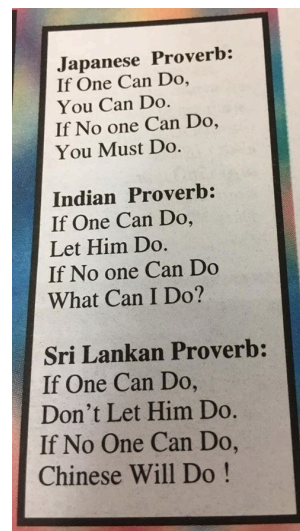
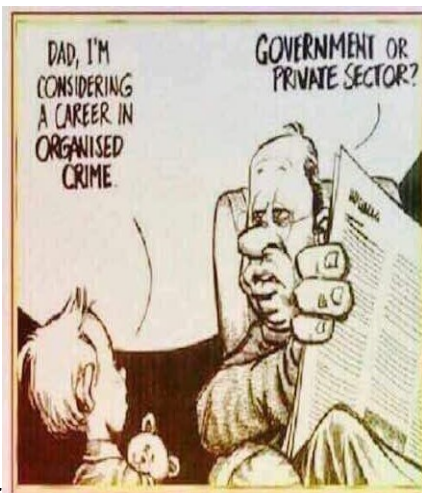
BOTTONI – GERALD, 31. 05. 1948 – 05 . 06 . 2019 , husband of Cathy, father of Rebecca and Tamara , son of Iris (nee Goodchild) and George Bottoni , brother of Dennis (dec.), Tony (dec.) and Rohan, in Melbourne.

VANDER POORTEN, Bronwyn ...Precious daughter of Hals and Betty, adored mother of Harry and Ben, and beloved sister of Nicky and Fiona, passed away peacefully on 10/6/2019, after a short illness. 64, Gardiner Road, Waterford, Qld. 4133.

RAYMOND - UNA BERYL, 28.1.1929 - 16.6.2019 Loved wife of Mervyn (dec), loving mother of Roger, Cheryl and Cedric, grandmother of 8, great grandmother of 3. Now in God's care. Western Australian 20. 06.19

HERFT, Karl Ignatius Mario, passed away peacefully on 26th June 2019. Beloved husband to June Herft, much loved father to Kylie Strong and Jason Herft, loving father-in-law to Godfrey Strong and Danielle Herft. Devoted grandfather to Joaquin, Dion, Joshua, Samuel, Grace, Hope and Elijah. Son of Sam and Ensie Herft (deceased), brother of Elaine Barbut (deceased), Frank Herft and Anna Delf. Brother-in-law to Kenneth Barbut (deceased), Doris Herft and David Delf. Gone to rest in the arms of Jesus. Forever in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

MOLLIGODA, ERICA WENDY, 03. 02. 1944 - 10. 07. 2019, – beloved wife of Bandulal and mother of Suriya .



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India is world's second biggest English-speaking country after USA ! by **S VENKAT NARAYAN**, An estimated 129 million Indians speak English. This makes India the world's second biggest English-speaking country after the United States (283 million), according to a large, nationally representative sample survey conducted by Lok Foundation and Oxford University, administered by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) earlier this year.

The United Kingdom (UK), where English originated over 3,000 years ago, ranks a lowly sixth with 60 million English-speakers after Nigeria (114 million), Pakistan (17 to 81 million), and the Philippines (60 million).

The 2011 Census of India showed English is the primary language —mother tongue— of 256,000 people, the second language of 83 million people, and the third language of another 46 million people, making it the second-most widely spoken language after Hindi (which includes more than 50 so-called dialects like Bhojpuri *which is spoken by more than 50 million Indians*). As

Many as 528 million Indians speak Hindi as a first language. It is both the most widely spoken first as well as second language in India, while English is just the 44th most widely spoken first language even though it is the second-most widely spoken second language.

It is also the only language which more speakers use as their second language than first language, pointing to its growing value in work environments and its role as a bridge language. Speaking English has strong religious and caste dimensions. More than 15% of Christians speak English, as against 6% of Hindus and 4% of Muslims.

Is this the end of the civilisation, as we know it? By Dr Upul Wijayawardhana



Thirty years ago, a thirty-three years old British scientist working at the CERN laboratories in Switzerland, sent his boss a document titled "Information Management: A Proposal", suggesting a system with which physicists at the centre could share "general information about accelerators and experiments". It did not get any further, as the boss jotted down a note on top: "Vague but exciting ...". Undeterred, he wrote the code for the protocol, named it the World Wide Web and launched it in 1990. Rest is history, as they say!

Tim Berners-Lee's great invention revolutionised the way we communicate and share information. He allowed us to do so freely and wanted it to be shared by all. Had he patented it, **he would have been the richest man in the world.** . One of most touching moments of the unforgettable opening ceremony of the London Olympics, in 2012, was the recognition of this fact, when the Olympic Stadium lighted up with

the message "This is for

everyone. Billions who benefit by his invention do not know his name. **Most in the USA think he is an American!** Views expressed by Sir Tim Berners-Lee on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of his achievement, unfortunately, did not get the publicity it deserved because of overshadowing by a terrorist act which, paradoxically, made use of his creation. The far-right extremist who mercilessly gunned down innocent worshippers at a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand had the audacity to beam to the whole world his atrocities with a camera mounted on his head.

Sir Tim established "The World Wide Web Foundation", in 2009, to ensure his vision is achieved and the mission statement states "To deliver digital equality, we aim to change government and business policies for the better. We believe that everyone has the right to access the internet and use it freely and fully — and these principles underpin all our work. In recent years, we have influenced policies in over a dozen countries, helping to unlock the benefits of the web for hundreds of millions of people."

We often use the terms 'Internet' and 'World Wide Web' loosely, sometimes assuming they are the same. They are different, Internet being the global network of computer networks whereas the Web is the collection of information accessed via the Internet; infrastructure is the Internet on which the service, Web, operates. Rather than developing an entirely new service, Sir Tim "bootstrapped" the Web to the pre-existing service for assigning internet addresses, the Domain Name System, which he now regrets, considering that DNS has changed from a benevolently managed system to a market-driven system.

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MEMBERS: \$225.00 PLUS \$200.00 Bond for Friday or Saturday Night

NON-MEMBERS/ORGANIZATIONS: \$275.00 PLUS \$200.00 Bond for Friday or Saturday Night.

DAYS OTHER THAN FRIDAY OR SATURDAY

MEMBERS: \$150.00 PLUS Bond of \$200.00 (For 4 Hours)

NON-MEMBERS & ORGANIZATIONS: \$175.00 PLUS BOND of \$200.00 (For 4 Hours)

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AUSTRALIA -CEYLON FELLOWSHIP INC
STATEMENT OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019
 ABN:65 891 573 559 Reg.No: A00133245

INCOME		2019	2018
Membership Fees	(Note 1)	\$ 3,637.50	\$ 2,235.00
Donations Received		\$ 100.00	\$ 81.00
Hall Hire		\$ 5,020.00	\$ 7,425.00
Insurance Refund	(Note 8)	\$ 8,177.27	\$ 1,481.01
Bank Interest		\$ 335.04	\$ 351.05
Grants	(Note 7)	\$ 5,127.38	\$ -
Senior's Crown Trip		\$ -	\$ 200.00
Fundraising- Hawaiian Night	(Note 3)	\$ 819.10	\$ 1,529.20
Fundraising- Valentine's Day	(Note 3)	\$ 959.20	\$ 1,585.90
Fundraising- Mother's Day	(Note 3)	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 1,291.60
Fundraising- Father's Day	(Note 3)	\$ 1,010.25	\$ 871.46
Fundraising- Curry Night 21/07/18	(Note 3)	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,355.00
Fundraising- Curry Night 23/03/19	(Note 3)	\$ 1,533.55	\$ 1,002.50
Fundraising- Hopper Night		\$ -	\$ 910.00
Fundraising- Senior's X'mas Party	(Note 3)	-\$ 138.90	\$ 819.00
Fundraising - 60th Anniversary Ball		\$ -	\$ 1,154.50
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 355.70	\$ 368.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 29,278.09	\$ 22,660.22
EXPENDITURE			
Bank Charges		\$ 67.14	\$ 32.00
Audit Fees	(Note 11)	\$ -	\$ -
Consumer Affairs Victoria		\$ 57.80	\$ 56.90
Insurance		\$ 2,211.00	\$ 2,199.61
Grant Expenses	(Note 7)	\$ 5,127.38	\$ -
Printing & Stationery		\$ 87.89	\$ -
Gas		\$ 1,656.86	\$ 1,503.66
Electricity		\$ 994.26	\$ 1,404.18
Rates & Taxes		\$ 3,661.50	\$ 3,252.00
Newsletter(Including Postage)		\$ 1,208.00	\$ 1,522.00
Water		\$ 853.75	\$ 914.05
Administration Expenses -Postage		\$ 820.00	\$ -
Donations-	(Note 10)	\$ 800.00	\$ -
A.G.M. Expenses		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
A.C.F. Website		\$ 528.00	\$ -
Hall Maintenance		\$ 96.00	\$ 211.40
Garden Maintenance		\$ 167.00	\$ 800.00
Hall Cleaning		\$ 1,491.00	\$ 863.64
Repair to Fence		\$ -	\$ 1,972.58
Miscellaneous Expenses	(Note 9)	\$ 1,013.28	\$ 344.90
Bad Debts		\$ -	\$ 1,900.00
A.C.F. Meeting Room Modification	(Note 6)	\$ 7,955.05	\$ -
Depreciation	(Note 4)	\$ 1,859.80	\$ 1,311.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 31,655.71	\$ 18,287.97
TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS		-\$ 2,377.62	\$ 4,372.25

AUSTRALIA CEYLON FELLOWSHIP INC
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2019

		2019	2018
Member's Funds			
Freehold Revaluation B/F		\$ 480,505.00	\$ 480,505.00
Retained Earnings		\$ 83,242.44	\$ 78,870.19
Profit/Loss		-\$ 2,377.62	\$ 4,372.25
Total Members Funds		\$ 561,369.82	\$ 563,747.44
 <u>Above Funds represented by:</u>			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account		\$ 10,795.79	\$ 8,359.74
Term Deposit	(Note 2)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,823.15
Debtors		\$ -	\$ 1,975.00
Total Current Assets		\$ 30,795.79	\$ 27,157.89
 Fixed Assets			
Freehold Property at value		\$ 520,000.00	\$ 520,000.00
Furniture & Fittings	(Note 4)	\$ 1,865.85	\$ 2,073.15
Hall Upgrade	(Note 4)	\$ 8,159.90	\$ 9,066.60
Refurbishment Building	(Note 4)	\$ 1,209.03	\$ 1,343.43
Kitchen Upgrade	(Note 4)	\$ 5,301.87	\$ 5,913.27
Total Fixed Assets		\$ 536,536.65	\$ 538,396.45
 Total Assets		 \$ 567,332.44	 \$ 565,554.34
 Liabilities (Less)			
Prepaid Membership	(Note 1)	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,075.00
Prepaid Hall Bond	(Note 5)	\$ 600.00	\$ 620.00
Accrued Account Payable - to Australia Post		\$ 620.00	\$ 111.90
Support Grants (unused)	(Note 7)	\$ 612.62	\$ -
D.P.C. Grant (unused)		\$ 2,870.00	\$ -
Total Liabilities		\$ 5,962.62	\$ 1,806.90
 Net Assets		 \$ 561,369.82	 \$ 563,747.44

AUSTRALIA CEYLON FELLOWSHIP INC

Notes accompanying Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June 2019

Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial reports are special purpose financial reports prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The Committee has determined that the entity is not a reporting entity. The financial reports have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or current market values except for non-current assets. Income Tax - The entity is accepted as being exempt from Income Tax.

Note 1 - Membership Fees

Current Year-2018/2019	\$ 4,897.50
Pre-payments	\$ 1,260.00
Total(Current Year)	\$ 3,637.50

Note 2 - Term Deposit

Opening Balance as at 01/07/18	\$ 16,823.15
Transfer from Cheque Account 21/03/19	\$ 3,176.85
Total	\$ 20,000.00

Note 3 - Fund Raising

	Income	Expenditure	Profit
Hawaiian Night	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 1,505.90	\$ 819.10
Valentine's Day	\$ 3,326.00	\$ 2,366.80	\$ 959.20
Mother's Day	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 2,258.00	\$ 1,302.00
Senior's X'Mas Party(Grant \$1000.00 received 08/01/19)	\$ 2,830.55	\$ 2,969.45	-\$ 138.90
Father's Day	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 1,664.75	\$ 1,010.25
Curry Night- 23/03/19	\$ 3,380.00	\$ 1,846.45	\$ 1,533.55
Curry Night- 21/07/18	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,040.00
Total	\$ 20,796.55	\$ 14,271.35	\$ 6,525.20

Note 4 - Fixed Assets & Depreciation

	TOTAL COST	DEPRECIATION	BALANCE
Furniture & Fittings	\$23,520.50	\$21,654.65	\$1,865.85
Hall Upgrade	\$15,736.00	\$7,576.10	\$8,159.90
Refurbishment Building	\$10,957.00	\$9,747.97	\$1,209.03
Kitchen Upgrade	\$15,329.00	\$10,027.13	\$5,301.87
Total	\$65,542.50	\$49,005.85	\$16,536.65

Written down balance as at end of 2017/2018	\$18,396.45
Written down balance as at end of 2018/2019	\$16,536.65
Amount changed to Depreciation 2018/2019	\$1,859.80

Note 5 - Hall Bond

Deposit for Bond Received	\$ 5,400.00
Bond Payments during the year	\$ 4,800.00
Prepaid Bond-2019/2020	\$ 600.00

Note 6 - Grant Meeting Room Project

Total Grant received in 2014	\$ 8,000.00
Funds spent by ACF in 2018-2019	\$ 7,955.05
Funds spent by ACF in prior years	\$ 1,133.00
Total spent against \$8000.00 Grant	\$ 9,088.05
Funds spent in excess of Grant Received	\$ 1,088.05
Accountability Report submitted 31/03/19	

Note 7 - Senior's Support Grant

Total Grant received (03/08/18)	\$ 5,740.00
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Senior's Trip to Crown 30/04/19	\$ 726.00	
Senior's & Children's Christmas Party 2/12/18	\$ 546.26	
Christmas Carols in Elderly Homes 1/12/18	\$ 175.00	
Health & Wellbeing Lunch 28/10/18	\$ 1,873.70	
Day Trip to Mulwala 20/10/18	\$ 1,806.42	
Total Funds spent in 2018/2019	\$ 5,127.38	
Balance to spend	\$ 612.62	
	\$ 5,740.00	\$ 5,740.00

Note 8 - Insurance Refund

G.I.O. Insurance refund 30/07/18	\$ 674.01
G.I.O. Insurance refund 17/08/18	\$ 6,144.08
G.I.O. Insurance refund 27/08/18	\$ 1,359.18
Total Refund	\$ 8,177.27

Note 9 - Miscellaneous Expenses

Flowers & expense for R. Fernando	\$ 250.00
Meals for Working Bee - Garden	\$ 35.60
Meals for Working Bee - Office	\$ 42.00
Purchase of Table Cloths	\$ 108.00
Purchase of Vases	\$ 98.78
Purchase of Flowers	\$ 95.90
General Exp	\$ 3.10
Purchase of Wreath -Werkmiester	\$ 139.90
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 130.00
Safe Custody	\$ 55.00
Membership Ethics Affairs (ECCV)	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 1,013.28

Note 10 - Donations

Breast Cancer	\$ 200.00
Prostate Cancer	\$ 200.00
Sri Lanka Cancer	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 800.00

Note 11 - Audit fees

Audit Services in the past two financial years donated by Mr Tony Schrader, Past President of the ACF

To All Members of the Australia Ceylon Fellowship Inc

Please find attached the proposed amendments to the ACF Constitution (pursuant to the notice issued on the 15 July 2019) and as per the request from several members please note below the current rules and the proposed amendments to those rules. A courteous reminder to please bring this letter and the notice of the 15 July 2019 to the AGM to be held on the 18 August 2019.

Proposed Amendments

Rule 30 (3 c) of the Current ACF Constitution states- Nominations for all positions in Rule 52 and 53, shall be in writing and signed by the Nominee, Proposer and Seconder who should all be financial members. Nominations should reach the Secretary by 31 July.

- The Amendment to- Rule 30 (3 c) - Nominations for all positions in Rule 52 and 53, shall be in writing and signed by the Nominee, Proposer and Seconder who should all be financial members. Nominations should reach the Secretary by **30 June**.

Rule 36 (2) of the Current ACF Constitution states- The quorum at General Meetings is the presence (physically) of 60 (sixty) Financial members entitled to vote.

- The Amendment to- Rule 36 (2)-
The quorum for a general meeting is the presence
(Physically) of (FORTY) Financial members entitled to vote.

Rule 36 (4) of the Current ACF Constitution states – If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time to which a general meeting has been adjourned under subrule (3)(b), the members present at the meeting (if not fewer than 3) may proceed with the business of the meeting as if a quorum were present.

- The Amendment to - Rule 36 (4) - Delete entire rule.

Rule 53 of the Current ACF Constitution states- Election of Ordinary members.

- The Amendment to- **Rule 53**- Election of Executive Committee Members.

The above (4) amendments are proposed by Chris Lawton and Seconded: Carleen Fairweather.

- ❖ **Amendment to the Constitution as per the Notice of the 15 July 2019. Submitted and Proposed by Doyne Caspersz. Seconded: Marlene Caspersz.**

01/08/2019

AUSTRALIA-CEYLON FELLOWSHIP INC.



Incorporation No. A0013324S

ABN 65 891 573 559

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2017-2018 HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE CEYLON CENTRE.

The meeting commenced at 3.54 pm-with 62 members present.

1) **WELCOME ADDRESS:** The President declared the meeting open and welcomed the membership to the Annual General Meeting.

The President stated that today's proceedings will be recorded, the AGM minutes will comprise of proposals that are discussed and passed and specific comments requested by a member to be minuted.

2) The President called on Rev John Blaze to say a prayer and the In memoriam.

3) **APOLOGIES:** Anton and Kay Da Costa, George and Yolande Fernando, Ryle Moldrich, Annette Blaze, Yvonne Koolmeyer, Grace Van Houten, Audrey and Gladwin Gooneratne, Dianne Gatehouse. Prince and Srimane Machado, Derek Symons, Adrian, Symons, Rosemary Jayatileke.

4) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the 3 June 2018 was received Proposed: Pauline Moldrich Seconded: Ralph Moldrich. The President enquired if there were any amendments to the AGM minutes. The Secretary apologised for the incorrect spelling of name of member Diana Gatehouse. The minutes of the AGM 3 June 2018 was duly adopted Proposed: Rev John Blaze Seconded: Pauline Moldrich.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES- Pauline Moldrich addressed the chair about item 11. "There was a suggestion raised at the last AGM that the committee would propose amendments to the Constitution which is not occurring here today therefore the question now is "will the new committee propose amendments to the constitution in the future?" The President response was that it would be the first agenda item when the new committee meets. Ralph Moldrich reminded the Chairperson that at the last AGM we had an unfortunate experience where we had to request for a new member to leave the premises. Ralph stated that our constitution needs to be looked at due to conflicting rules in our constitution. Reference is made to Rule 30 (b), however Rule 11(2) states that "a person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13 is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date the committee approves the person's membership". Further Section 61 of the Reform ACT is specific that a member has the right to be present and participate. Ralph Moldrich requested that the minutes

show that we apologise to Mr Everton Labrooy for asking him to leave. Seconded by Keith Ockersz. Patricia Daviot advised that we had to follow Rule 30 (b) of the ACF Constitution. The President asked the question does the ACT overrule our Constitution. Ron Waduge stated that if a ruling is missing from our Constitution then we must follow the ACT. Doyne Caspersz addressed the membership "what has transpired here just now is a recognition, without a doubt whatsoever that highlights the idiosyncrasies of the current Constitution and sadly there have been no proposed amendments today. However , we have just decided that there will be a special agenda for the forthcoming committee to look at the changes that our necessary to bring about something that is rational, applicable and practical to assist in the administration of our Organisation".

5) TABLING OF THE HON SECRETARY REPORT FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD 2017/2018. The President asked if some would like to accept the Hon Secretary report. Pauline Moldrich sought permission from the chair to address the meeting and stated that –"A Secretary rarely gets thanked for the role they play in an organisation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary Ingrid Rulach for the tremendous work she has done under sometimes tiring circumstances, she has to deal with an unbelievable load of correspondence and phone calls between the ACF members, Special Administrative Committee, and also liaison with the Dept of Consumer affairs on various matters. In her report she has also very kindly covered Membership, Social events and Editorial which I thought would have been covered by the respective Chairpersons. And lastly her other assignment she took over was the implementation of the webpage which was talked about some years ago but never completed. So all in all Ingrid I would like to congratulate you on an excellent job, well done". The Secretary thanked Pauline Moldrich for her kind words. The Honorary Secretary report was adopted on a motion with no amendments Proposed Desmond Kelaart Seconded Ralp Moldrich.

6) HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2017/2018- The Honorary Treasurers report was accepted proposed Pauline Moldrich Seconded Pauline Kelaart. The Treasurer Carleen Fairweather advised the membership that in the last financial year ending 30 June 2017 we had incurred a loss of -\$14013.06 and this year we have made a profit of \$4372.25. Carleen said she would like to thank everyone including the committee who participated in our functions, helped us, and for giving us a helping hand with our grant projects. The variation to the \$8000.00 grant was been accepted we had to spend an additional \$900.00 to complete the renovations and improvements and welcomed everyone to take a look at what had been accomplished i.e. a new and clean games room, and additional room for storage of chairs and tables hence providing extra space for the buffet and dining areas and improvements to the garden. A special thanks to the Property Manager and the team for all the work completed. Carleen stated that for the first time after many years we now have sub committees that looking after certain aspects of the organisation to assist with moving the ACF forward. We have received further grants from the DPC that had been withheld. Namely the Senior citizens multicultural grant of \$5740.00, these funds will be utilised for a day trip to the country, a special lunch with key note speakers Dr Quintus De Zylwa and Professor Dr Channa Wijesinghe And other upcoming events for the seniors are planned for the year ahead. Carleen further stated

that the current bank balance is \$30699.00 inclusive of the term deposit of \$ 16823.00 and duplicate insurance refunds totalling amount of \$ 8177.00. The Treasurer expressed her thanks to Doyne Caspersz for initiating the process to recoup the GIO funds and the follow up work done by Ingrid Rulach. Carleen then enquired if the membership had any questions regarding the finances. Pauline Moldrich made an enquiry about the \$5740.00 grant and sought clarification that the funds will be accounted for in the 2018/2019 financial year, therefore was not relevant to the current financial year? Carleen confirmed the statement was correct however she wanted to advise the membership of the above today. Pauline Moldrich sought further clarification regarding the term deposit of \$ 16823.00 and enquired if as at the 30/06/2018 the term deposit balance included the previous grant funds of \$8000.00. The Treasurer's initial response was that the Grant funds were always in the current account. However on further discussion it was ascertained that the \$8000.00 was part of the fixed term deposit. Pauline Moldrich proposed that a separate account should be opened for grants funding to enable membership to understand the accounting and to ensure a more simplistic and streamlined approach to grant fund reporting. The President stated that we had attempted to open a separate ACF Grant funds account however we were unable to provide some necessary documents to the bank to accomplish this however we will look further into this matter and open 2 separate bank accounts for Grants and Hall hire. Ainsley Corteling suggested that we could look into having subsidiary accounts to the main account for grants etc. Ron reminded the membership that each bank account opened will incur bank fees. Sylvia Ephraim's enquired if the proceeds for the mother's day raffle was donated to the Olivia Newton John Foundation as in previous years as they was no record of any donations made in the 2017/2018 report. Carleen advised that in September 2018 a donation of \$200.00 was made to the Breast Cancer council of Victoria and \$200.00 to the Prostate Cancer and funds of \$400.00 has been set aside to be donated to Cancer care Sri Lanka awaiting confirmation of bank details. Sylvia also enquired as to why the 60th Anniversary ticket has a donation of \$60.00 and not the ticket price. The President replied that all Not for Profit Organisations have their ticket cost as a donation. Doyne Caspersz proposed that ACF should register the organisation as NFOP with the ATO as soon as practical. The Presidents response was that she has a sub committee comprising of 5 committee members who will look into this matter in the New Year. The Secretary sought permission from the Chair to have the Ass Secretary speak about the Grants application process. Diane Diaz informed the membership that she is now employed with the Dept of Social Services Grant hub and that it is very important when applying for a grant that the application written is a convincing statement that addresses all of the selection criteria giving specific details of budgeting and genuine reasons as to how and why the grant will assist the Organisation. There will be a new round of Grant Offers in February 2019 and recommends that ACF should take up the offers when presented. Keith proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor for his assistance Seconded Pauline kelaart.

7) ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018/2019.

The President read the Nomination for President-Jenny Waduge Proposed: by Keith Ockersz Seconded: by Dianne Diaz. As there were no other nominations-Jenny Waduge was duly elected as the new President.

Jenny read out the following nominations for the year 2018/2019.

Vice President – Desmond kelaart -Proposed: Dianne Diaz Seconded: Paddy Waduge

Vice President- Hebe Don -Proposed: Ingrid Rulach Seconded: Jenny Waduge

Secretary-Ingrid Rulach- Proposed: Aubrey Dirckze Seconded: Patricia Dirckze

Assistant Secretary –Diane Diaz Proposed Paddy Waduge Seconded: Gerard De Silva

Treasurer- Carleen Fairweather- Proposed: Jenny Waduge Seconded: Paddy Waduge

Assistant Treasurer- Vacant

Editor- Chris Lawton Proposed: Carleen Fairweather Seconded: Jenny Waduge

Property Manager- Aubrey Dirckze- Proposed: Desmond Kelaart Seconded: Ingrid Rulach

Committee Members-

Rev John Blaze- Proposed: Ingrid Rulach Seconded Aubrey Dirckze

Paddy Waduge- Proposed: Dianne Diaz Seconded: Keith Ockersz

Gerard De Silva- Proposed: Therese Taylor Seconded: Ruby Diaz

Therese Taylor- Proposed: Dianne Diaz Seconded: Ruby Diaz

Patricia Dirckze- Proposed: Desmond Kelaart Seconded: Ingrid Rulach

Ruby Diaz- Proposed: Therese Taylor Seconded: Dianne Diaz

Pauline kelaart- Proposed: Ingrid Rulach Seconded: Jenny Waduge.

Keith Okersz- Proposed: Ingrid Rulach Seconded: Jenny Waduge

Paulinus Smith- Proposed: Patricia Dirckze Seconded: Aubrey Dirckze

Ian Varney- Proposed: Paddy Waduge Seconded: Paulinus Smith

Clifford Berenger- Proposed: Patricia Dirckze Seconded: Aubrey Dirckze

Committee member –Vacant

All the above nominees' applications were duly accepted.

The President enquired if we could have nominations from the floor to fill the two vacancies of Ass Treasurer and a committee member. Pauline Moldrich nominated Paul Van langenberg. Paul declined the nomination. Patsy proposed Barbara De Silva as committee member. Barbara's nomination accepted: seconded: Aubrey Dirckze.

The President congratulated the new incoming committee.

8) AUDITOR- The President proposed the name of Tony Schrader as Auditor. Tony was unanimously accepted as the Auditor by the membership

9) Any Other Business: - Gordon Cooray enquired if the Committee was willing to look at other charitable organisations In Sri Lanka that the ACF could assist. The President stated that she will be visiting the country soon and it will be one of her primary duties to source other worthy charitable organisations that we could possibly assist i.e.: Elderly citizens home etc. Pauline Moldrich proposed that we appoint a chairperson for each of the sub committees also confirming that Executive office bearer enjoys the right to attend all subcommittee meetings. The President replied that that she would like to see one committee member chair and be responsible for a fundraising event so everyone on the subcommittee gets an equal chance. Paul Van Langenberg advised that the entire committee should work as a team on fundraising events rather than having one person co-ordinating an event as this would create competition and lead to lack of overall support. Pauline concurred and stated the correct process is that the chairperson of the

subcommittee reports to the committee the proposals whether its finance, admin or entertainment, the committee then must either accept or reject the proposal on its merits. General consensus was the chairperson of subcommittees would report its proposals and must seek approval from the committee at the next committee meeting. Chris Lawton requested permission to address the meeting and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Wilhelm Morgan who was a long serving President of the ACF, acknowledging his contribution and service to the ACF. The membership unanimously agreed.

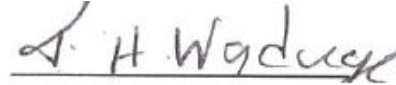
- **10) President speech** - The President, Jenny Waduge thanked members for their attendance and commitment to the ACF. Jenny also thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication and for achieving the tasks that we set out to complete.

1. Grant money to be accounted for.
2. Increase in membership- 17 Pensioners and 16 ordinary members.
3. Renovations to the garage as outlined by the Treasurer Carleen
4. Donations to the Cancer Councils.

The Meeting closed at 5.00 pm. The President invited members to dinner and fellowship.



Ingrid Rulach
Honorary Secretary



Jenny Waduge
President

Thank you to Hon Julian Hill Member for Bruce for his assistance and **support.**

We, Marlene and Doyne Caspersz, in our capacity as eligible financial Members of the Australia-Ceylon Fellowship Incorporated, propose the following comprehensive alteration of the current constitution for acceptance at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 18th August 2019. These proposed changes are very similar, except for clause 25 (4) (iv) to the changes proposed unanimously by the Special Administrative Committee of Rev. John Blaze and Messrs Keith Bennett, Doyne Caspersz, Gordon Cooray and Keith Ockersz, which unfortunately escaped the attention of the previous Annual General Meeting due to unavoidable circumstances that prevailed at that Annual General Meeting. The changes in the context of the present constitution are highlighted in so far that these are inclusions/variations to what prevails presently. Besides, 25 (4) (iv) mentioned above, all other clauses which are different to what is contained in the current rules have also been highlighted

Marlene Caspersz.

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Marlene Caspersz
Dated 18th June 2019

Doyne Caspersz

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Doyne Caspersz
Dated 18th June 2019

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Incorporated Association is Australia-Ceylon Fellowship Incorporated which was founded in December 1957 by the following Eleven (11) persons who were Mr Benjamin BLAZE, Mrs Dorrit BLAZE, Rev John BLAZE, Major Richard PAULUSZ, Mrs Viola PAULUSZ, Mr Gerard PAULUSZ, Mr Peter PAULUSZ, Mr Hugh ALDONS, Mrs lone ALDONS, Mr Halroyd KEEGEL and Mr Keith STODDEN and established at a general meeting of interested persons in February 1958

EMBLEM

The emblem of the Fellowship shall be an elephant and a kangaroo against a background of Coconut trees, as shown above

2. PURPOSES

- (1) To assist in the migration of Sri Lankans to Australia in accordance with Australian national policy and laws.
- (2) To provide help when possible to Sri Lankan migrants to Australia who are in distress including help for migrants to integrate into the Australian community
- (3) To instigate social interaction through events for members of the Sri Lankan community, their families, and residents of other communities to meet and promote fellowship and enhance the richness of tolerance and cohesion of Multiculturalism in Australian Society.
- (4) To arrange fund raising to help worthy causes and charities in Australia and overseas whilst continuing to qualify as a Tax-exempt entity

3. INTERPRETATIONS

- (1) In these Rules unless the contrary is expressly provided:

- (a) "ACT" means Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012; (Victoria) as may be amended from time to time
- (b) "Association" means Australia-Ceylon Fellowship Incorporated
- (c) "Advisory Board of" means the Board of persons who will be the final authority for any reference when a matter described in these Rules required their consideration/approval.
- (d) "Ceylon" is the former name of the country now known as Sri Lanka

- (e) "Executive Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Association as per Rule 25 (2)
 - (f) "Financial member" at any date means a member who has paid all moneys due and payable by that person as a member including the annual subscription for the year in which that date occurs;
 - (g) "Financial Year" means the year beginning on the 1st day of July of a year and ending on the 30th day of June of the following year
 - (h) "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rules 14 and 15
 - (i) "Member" means a member of the Fellowship in any category
 - (j) "Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee" means a member of the Executive Committee who is not an office bearer of the Executive Committee under Rule 25;
 - (k) "Registrar" means the Registrar of Incorporated Associations in Victoria
 - (l) "Senior Members" are members who are 65 or more years of age
 - (m) "Spouse" means as defined in the Federal Marriage Act 1961 and includes de facto relationships as defined in the Federal Law Act
 - (n) "Sub-Committee" means a committee appointed by the Executive Committee of Management as per Rule 26
 - (o) "The Regulations" means the regulations under the Act.
- (2) In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of an Association is a reference to a person who holds such office under the Rules as Secretary of the Association who
- (a) Inter alia must fulfill the obligations of especially, that of Section 74 of the Act, as well as the lodgment of all necessary documents as required under the Act, whilst also performing and being responsible for the duties specified in Rule 28 and elsewhere in these Rules
 - (b) The Committee of Management must fulfill the obligations as specified in Section 73 of the Act.
- (3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1984 as amended from time to time or its successor.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

Any Australian citizen or person who is of Ceylonese/Sri Lanka descent and has permanent Australian residency permission is eligible to become a member of the Fellowship

- (1) A person applying for Ordinary or Concessional Membership shall
 - (a) make an application in the form set out in Appendix 1 of these Rules
 - (b) be proposed and seconded by two financial members; and
 - (c) shall send or deliver the application form to the Honorary Secretary with the appropriate fees which are the annual subscriptions of \$20.00 for Ordinary members or \$15.00 for Concessional members plus any government charges and/or taxes (if any) for each year commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June of the following year, or any part of that year; or such other amounts as the members in general meeting determine from time to time.
- (2) The Honorary Secretary shall table at a Committee of Management meeting all applications for membership received by him/her since the last Committee of Management meeting and up to the time of commencement of the next meeting.
- (3) Upon an application being referred to the Committee of Management, they shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination. An application for membership can only be rejected if three fourths of the members of the Committee of Management present at a meeting with a quorum reject the application. The Committee of Management on behalf of the Association shall within 2 weeks direct the Secretary to notify the nominee of the decision of the Committee of Management and if the decision was to reject the application the proposer and seconder may request that a general meeting be called so that the members can then vote on the application
- (4) Every Ordinary Member and Concessional Member who is a Financial Member (whether or not paying for membership of part of a couple) or a Life Member is entitled to nominate an eligible person under these rules to be a member on the Advisory Board and/or any office on the Executive Committee, to propose or second a proposal for membership, or vote at meetings of members subject to Rules 14(5)

(7), (8) or 15(5) as it applies to Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings. Only an Ordinary, Concessional or Life Member may be a Member of the Board of Reference or Executive Committee of Management but not hold office on both, the **Board of Reference** and Executive Committee of Management

(5) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his/her membership of the Association: -

(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another;

(b) terminates upon the cessation of his/her membership whether by death, resignation or not being financial after the expiry of six months from the financial year that has just ended or otherwise as determined in these rules

5. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be Five (5) categories of membership but no further Life or Honorary Members will be appointed from the from the date of acceptance by the Special General Meeting. Membership may be transferred from one current category to another by notification to the Committee of Management because of changed circumstances and consequent eligibility to another category or ineligibility to continue in a category

(1) Ordinary Members

These members shall be persons who are over the age of 18 years. The spouse of a member shall, on application, be entitled to membership without payment of further subscriptions. All documents shall be sent jointly to such a couple.

(2) Concessional Members

(i) These members shall be persons who are over the age of 18 years whose concessional membership ceases from the beginning of the next financial year if the person/s no longer receive/s a Government Social Pension and/or benefit such as a Health Care Card, or

(ii) where one of a couple is 65 years of age or over. This concessional membership attributed to a person over 18 years of age but less than 65 years of age ceases from the beginning of the next financial year if the person/s no longer receive/s a Government Social Pension and/or benefit such as a Health Care Card.

In each of the instances at (i) and (ii) above a single person or a husband and wife may, on application and on payment of the appropriate subscriptions to be enrolled as Ordinary Membership members.

Life Members

Members on whom life membership has already been by the Association conferred on the recommendation of the Committee of Management by the votes of not less than three-fourths of members voting at a General Meeting. They are entitled to all the rights and privileges of a financial member. Whilst those who have received this category of membership will retain this membership and the associated privileges referred to above. No such memberships will be available from the date these changes are accepted by the membership and subsequently approved by the Registrar. The spouse of a Life Member shall continue to enjoy these privileges on the death of the Life Member, unless the civil status of the spouse changes or the spouse desires a change. All Life members and their spouses who enjoy these privileges will be expected to honour their privileged positions by upholding an exemplary code of behaviour, more so than expected from any other category of membership and any **prima facie** deviation to this expected behaviour as well as committing an offence as described in Rule 7(1)(c) i and ii will instigate an investigation by the Committee of Management and a recommendation made by the Board of Governance to the Membership in General Meeting from permanent removal of Life membership including other penalties described in Rule 7(1)(a), (b) & (c) and its associated privileges to the Life Member or the Life Member Couple or the surviving spouse of a deceased Life Member. The process in Rule 7 must be followed to allow natural justice to prevail in any such instance.

(3) Junior Members

Junior Membership shall be available to the children and/or the grandchildren under the age of 25 of Ordinary Members who are full time students. Parents or Grandparents will need to submit the name/s of children/grandchildren with their respective dates of Birth and confirmation that the child nominated is a full-time student. No fees are payable for this type of Membership and any application in the future by a Junior Member for Ordinary Membership the usual Entry Fee (if any) at the time shall be waived. The Junior Membership granted to student children will lapse automatically if the Financial Ordinary Membership of the parent or grandparent on which the Junior Membership was granted lapses. A Junior Member shall not be

entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special General meeting or be a member of the Executive Committee of Management/Board of Reference or nominate persons for positions on the Executive Committee of Management/Board of Reference.

(5) Honorary Members

Persons on whom the Committee of Management had conferred honorary membership. Such membership already bestowed shall continue indefinitely until the Committee of Management at its discretion determines to withdraw such membership from a grantee in consultation with and approval of the Board of Reference. An Honorary member shall not be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special General meeting or be a member of the Committee of Management/Board of Reference or nominate persons for positions on the Committee of Management/Board of Reference. Honorary Members do not have to pay membership subscriptions and are not financial members. Honorary Members wishing to become an Ordinary or Concessional member must apply as described in Rule 4.2. This category of Membership will cease to be offered as described in Rule 5 (3) above in respect of the cessation of the offer of Life Membership

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6. (1) A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by him/her to the Association may resign from the Association by first giving one month's notice, in writing, to the Secretary of his/her intention to resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member.

(2) Upon the expiration of a notice given under sub-clause (1), the Secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.

7. (1) Subject to these rules, the Management Committee with the concurrence of the Board of Reference may by resolution -

(a) Expel a member from the Association;

(b) Suspend a member from membership of the Association for a specified period;

(c) Or, fine a member in accordance with the Regulations if the Management Committee and Board of Reference are of the opinion that the member has: -

(i) refused or neglected to comply with these rules; or

(ii) been guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

(2) A resolution of Management Committee under sub-clause (1) of Rule 7. Above

(a) does not take effect unless the Executive Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than twenty-eight (28) days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause (3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and

(b) where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this clause it does not take effect unless the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause

(3) Where the Executive Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing -

(a) setting out the resolution of the Executive Committee that had received the concurrence of the Board of Governance and the grounds on which it is based;

(b) stating that the member may address the Management Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than twenty-eight (28) days after service of the notice;

(c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting;

(d) informing the member that he/she may do one or more of the following-

i. Attend that Management Committee meeting;

ii. Give the Management Committee, before the date of that meeting, a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution.

iii. Not later than twenty-four (24) hours before the date of the Management Committee meeting lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he/she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution or at this Management Committee meeting verbally

advise this Management Committee meeting, that he/she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution and confirm this verbal intention in writing to reach the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the said Management Committee meeting.

(4) At a meeting of the Management Committee held in accordance with sub-clause (2), the said Committee with the assent of the Advisory Board

- (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
- (b) shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
- (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution

(5) Where the Secretary receives a notice under sub-clause (3), he/she shall notify the Executive Committee and the said Committee shall convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within Forty (40) days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.

(6) At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-clause (5) above

- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
- (b) the usual quorum must be present within half an hour of the scheduled time of the special general meeting and if not, the resolution is revoked
- (c) the Executive Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
- (d) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
- (e) the members present shall vote by secret ballot, on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

(7) If at the general meeting -

- (a) two thirds of the members vote in person in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
- (b) in any other case, the resolution is revoked

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

8. (1) A member of the Association who is entitled to vote has the right to: -

- (a) receive notice of general meetings and of proposed special resolutions in the manner and time prescribed by these Rules; and
- (b) submit items of business for consideration at an appropriate general meeting; and
- (c) attend and be heard at general meetings; and
- (d) vote at a general meeting; and
- (e) have access to the minutes of general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided below in sub clause (3) hereunder and
- (f) inspect the register of members.

(2) All financial members as per Rules 3 (f), 14 (7) and 15 (5) in these rules are entitled to vote unless the rights of a member are suspended for any reason as per Rule 7 (1) (b).

(3) Members may on request inspect free of charge the: -

- (a) register of members as per Rule 9
- (b) minutes of General and Management Committee Management meetings;

(4) The Management Committee with the approval of the Board of Reference may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the Association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association which may include relevant financial records, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Association and any other records.

- (5) The personal information of a person recorded in the register of members is restricted and can only be made available with certified agreement of the particular member/s or through the processes of the law and if released it is an offence to make improper use of information about a person obtained from the Register of Members
- (6) The rules of an Incorporated Association as per Section 46 of the Act constitute the terms of a contract between the Incorporated Association and its members. Accordingly, members are advised that our Association's Rules should be read in conjunction with the Model Rules in the Regulations of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012, and if any matter is not covered in these rules of the Association and is covered in the Model Rules, then that section of the Model Rules shall be accepted as part of these rules for dealing with that matter. However, the Association rules will apply in all other instances that comply with the current law at the time and will not be over-ridden by the Model Rules when it deals with the same subject matter in a different manner.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

9. The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of all Members:

- (a) In which shall be entered the full name, address, category of membership and date the Member last joined the Fellowship;
- (b) which may be maintained in electronic form;
- (c) which shall be available for inspection by Members, by appointment with the Secretary at the registered address of the Association subject to Rule 8(4)

Within 5 business days of a request made by a person to the Secretary of a copy of the register for the purpose of requisitioning a meeting under clause 15 (3) the Secretary shall provide that person with a certified paper copy of the register without charge with written instructions to the applicant/s about fulfilling the conditions of Rule 8(5)

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

10. (1) The grievance procedure applies to disputes under these Rules between: -

- (a) a member and another member;
- (b) a member and the Committee;
- (c) a member and the Association.

(2) A member must not initiate a grievance procedure in relation to a matter that is the subject of a disciplinary procedure until the disciplinary procedure has been completed.

(3) The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days of the dispute coming to the attention of each party.

(4) If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between them within the time required by sub rule (3) above, the parties must within 10 days

- (a) notify the Executive Committee of the dispute; and
- (b) agree to or request the appointment of a mediator; and
- (c) attempt in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.

(5) The mediator must be: -

- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
- (b) in the absence of agreement—

- (i) if the dispute is between a member and another member—a person appointed by the Executive Committee; or
- (ii) if the dispute is between a member and the Executive Committee or the Association—a person appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria.

(6) A mediator appointed by the Executive Committee may be a member or former member of the Association but in any case, must not be a person who: -

- (a) has a personal interest in the dispute; or
- (b) is biased in favour of or against any party.

(7) The mediator to the dispute, in conducting the mediation, must—

- (a) give each party every opportunity to be heard; and
- (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and,
- (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties throughout the mediation process.

(8) The mediator must not determine the dispute.

(9) If the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DIVISIVENESS

11. The Executive Committee, on receipt of an allegation, or material alleging or bringing to the attention of the Executive Committee the possibility, that a member of the Executive Committee/Board of Reference in the capacity of a member of the Executive Committee/Advisory Board or while purporting to represent the Association, or while identifying himself or herself with the Association has done anything which is prohibited under, or would enable a complaint to be made under, the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act (that thing being an “Inappropriate Act”):

- (a) must meet within 5 business days (“the Initial Meeting”) to determine, after affording the Executive Committee/Advisory Board member the opportunity to be heard, whether that allegation or material prima facie supports the allegation or possibility;
- (b) if at the Initial Meeting the Management Committee decides that the allegation or material prima facie supports a conclusion that the member did an Inappropriate Act it shall:
 - (i) suspend that person as a member of the Management Committee/ Board of Reference for the period until the course of action determined under sub-clause (c) is completed;
 - (ii) meet again within 28 days to determine (after making further enquiries) whether to act in relation to that member under Rule 8 or refer the matter to the members of the Association under Rule 13 (2) or to take no further action;
- (c) if at the Initial Meeting the Executive Committee decides that the allegation or material does not prima facie support a conclusion that the member did an Inappropriate Act it must meet again within 28 days to determine (after making further enquiries) whether to take action in relation to that member under Rule 8 or refer the matter to the members of the Association under Rule 12 or to take no further action

REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/ BOARD OF REFERENCE MEMBER

12. (1) After obtaining the approval of the Advisory Board a properly constituted Management Committee Meeting with at least Twelve Members being present may by accepting a resolution remove any member of the Management / Advisory Board for any activity of indiscipline and/or behaviour prejudicial to the Association before the expiration of his/her term of office and appoint another member in his/her instead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the Management Committee/ Advisory Board member so removed. Any such decision must be conveyed by the Secretary by post or electronically within 3 business days to the former Management Committee/ Advisory Board member

(2) Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause (1) makes representations in writing to the Advisory, within a period not exceeding 30 days from date of that Management Committee meeting and requests confirmation in writing that he/she requires to appeal against this decision, the Secretary should inform the Management Committee and process this appeal by advising the appellant and activating the appeal as per **Rule 7** (3); (4); (5); (6) and (7).

TERMINATION OF OFFICE

13. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Management Committee or of an ordinary member of the Management Committee/ Advisory Board becomes vacant if the officer or member:

- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code
- (c) resigns office by notice in writing given to the Secretary; or
- (d) is absent for three consecutive meetings without acceptable reason or leave of absence

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14. (1) The Association shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on or before the 31st day of October each year for the yearly period that commenced on 1st July of the previous calendar year and ended on 30th June of the current calendar year.
- (3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be to: -
- (a) Confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) Receive from the Management Committee reports concerning management of the Association during the last preceding financial year
 - (c) Elect Officers and Ordinary members of the Association's Management Committee;
 - (d) Elect Members to the Advisory Board
 - (e) Receive and consider the audited Financial statement by a person who is not a member of the Management Committee/ Board of Reference submitted by the Association in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
 - (f) Elect an auditor for the ensuing year; after receiving 3 recommendations from the Management Committee but not necessarily appointing a person from the 3 recommendations
 - (g) Discuss any other business about which prior notice has been given to all eligible members except matters that must be decided upon at a Special General Meeting such as appeal by a Member against decision to terminate his/her/their membership as per section 7 (3) (d) iii and decision to sell/mortgage any real estate owned by the Association as per 29 (ii)
- (4) Members shall be given not less than 21 days of notice of any Annual General Meeting by the Secretary on behalf of the Association. The notice shall include the business to be transacted at the meeting including a copy of the audited final balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year which had received the approval of the Management Committee/ Board of Board of Reference. The receipt of notices is as defined in **Rule 16 (4) and 16 (5)** of these rules.
- (iii) All eligible members entitled to vote and actively participate will be invited by a Notice after 30th May but no later than 30th June each year to submit a written resolution/s to alter the rules if they so desire. The same Notice will advise members of the name of the Returning Officer and also invite eligible members to nominate for positions to the Committee of Management by the proper completion of the Nomination form as per Appendix 2 which will state the address for receipt of proposed Resolutions and Nominations, a copy of which will accompany the notice referred to above. The final date for receipt of Resolutions by the Returning Officer appointed as per **Rule 25 (3) & (4)(ii)** will be before the close of business on 31st August each year and will similarly apply to the Executive Committee of Management. The completed Nominations will also be sent to reach the Returning Officer by the close of Business on 31st July each year. These documents when received by the Returning Officer will be retained in their sealed status till publicly opened on the third business day after 15th August of each year for establishing validity as per Rule 25 (4) The Notice referred to above will provide all of this aforementioned information including requesting members to be present at the appointed day and time if they so wish and evidence the validation process
- (6) No business of which due notice has not been given shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting except with the consent of not less than 75% of the members present and voting.
- (7) A person who was not a financial member on the 30th June immediately preceding the date of the Annual General meeting shall not be eligible to participate at the Annual General Meeting except witness proceedings as an onlooker after receiving assent of the active participants present.
- (8) Only financial members shall, subject to these Rules, be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- (9) The quorum of members for an Annual General Meeting shall be 35

(10) The Honorary Secretary, notwithstanding retirement or non-re-election at the Annual General Meeting, shall continue as the Honorary Secretary until the termination of the Annual General Meeting.

(11) The outgoing or continuing Honorary Secretary shall make available to the Management Committee for ratification the minutes of the Annual General Meeting not later than 30 days following the date of such Annual General Meeting and this shall be distributed to ALL eligible Members within 60 days of the recently concluded Annual General Meeting

(12) Voting will be by secret ballot or show of hands at the discretion of the members present

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

15. (1) All General Meetings other than an Annual General Meeting shall be called Special General Meetings

(2) At the request of the Management Committee or the Board of Advisory Board or at the written request of not less than 35 financial members, clearly stating the purpose, the Honorary Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Fellowship within 30 days of receipt of such request.

(3) In event of a Special General Meeting being requested by financial members is not caused to be held by the Secretary as per sub-section (2) above, follow the procedure in Model Rule 32 (3), 32 (4) and 32 (5) of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 or its successor.

(4) Notice of a Special General Meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting shall be given in writing to all eligible Ordinary, Concessional and Life members by the Secretary, no less than 21 days before the date of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at that meeting except the motion/s for which the meeting was convened

(5) Only financial members are entitled to be present and vote at a Special General Meeting, but a person who was not a member for two calendar months immediately preceding the date of the Special General Meeting shall not be entitled to participate and or vote at the meeting, but can remain as an observer There shall be no voting by proxy

(6) The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be 35 financial members who are eligible under sub-Clause (5) above of these rules.

(7) The Honorary Secretary shall make available the minutes of the Special General Meeting to the Committee of Management meeting for ratification within 30 days of the Special General Meeting and to all financial members within 60 days

NOTICES

16. (1) Notices will be issued to eligible Members as described in Rule 14 (4) for Annual General Meetings and Rule 15 (4) for Special General Meetings

(2) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the address shown in the Register of Members.

(5) Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

17. (1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.

(2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(3) As per Rule 14 (7) for an Annual General Meeting and Rule 15 (5) for a Special General Meeting the number of members referred to therein must be personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) to constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

(4) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved. In any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which

the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and (if at the adjourned meeting) the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present being not less than Twenty (20) shall be a quorum. If this adjournment was due to a lack of quorum included dealing with a Special Resolution the usual quorum must prevail

18. (1) The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice President, shall preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the Association.

(2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson at the meeting.

19. (1) The Chairperson of the general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

(2) Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.

(3) Except as provided in sub-clauses (1) and (2) above, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

20. A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined by a majority of votes by eligible members present

21. (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.

(2) All votes shall be given personally.

(3) In the instance of an equality of voting occurring, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

22. (1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

(2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct

23. There shall be no votes cast by proxy at any general meeting of the Association.

MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION

24. (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Management Committee in consultation with the Advisory Board as deemed in these Rules and also where considered necessary by the majority of the Management Committee and also at the unanimous discretion of the Advisory Board when they consider it necessary in the best interests of the Association to present this view for consideration at Special General Membership meeting for acceptance

(2) The Advisory Board will act together as a unified voice on all matters they undertake as a single voice of 3 elected Members

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Management Committee shall be Ten (10) (unless otherwise stated elsewhere in these Rules, whilst the decision of the Board Governance must have the unqualified unanimous acceptance of all 3 members

(4) The Management Committee: -

(a) shall control and manage the business and the associated affairs of the Association in consultation with the Board of Reference as per item 24 (1) above;

(b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules

to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association and/or in consultation with the Advisory Board

- (c) subject to these rules, the Regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Executive Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association but not including any transaction to sell or mortgage/encumber any real estate properties owned by the Association unless executing a decision adopted by a special resolution to do so by a General Meeting of the membership.
 - (d) The Association may only exercise its powers and use its income and assets (including any surplus) solely for its purposes, but within the restrictions in these Rules, but not including payment of penalties because of offences relating to conflict of interest violations/false declarations and committed under the penalties referred to in Part 14 of the Act unless a properly constituted General Meeting with the normal quorum of 35 eligible members present considered the findings of the process conducted under Rule 13 and where 75% of eligible members voted in favour of payment of any fines from Association Funds.
 - (e) Introduce directives with the concurrence of Advisory Board to be followed by the Executive Committee of Management for the effective administration of the Club to ensure that its aims are achieved with a minimum of cost and unsought consequences
 - (f) shall endeavour to meet every month but at least 11 times each year at such place and such times as the Committee of Management may determine, but the Committee of Management shall first meet within a period of not more than 14 days after being elected, and shall also meet in the month immediately preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting
 - (g) control and manage the business and affairs of the Association but Section 35 of the ACT or its successor is only applicable to those acts and transactions of a contractual nature permitted under these rules between the Association and third parties, where the third party is not acting in the role of a member. The rights of members are supreme in all other matters and any resolution to negate any other act and/or transaction of the Executive Committee of Management on the advice of Board of Reference are permitted to be considered and accepted at a General Meeting of eligible members. Subject to these qualifications the Executive Committee of Management with the approval of the Board of Reference: -
 - i. may exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Fellowship other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by General Meetings of the Fellowship and/or Board of Reference
 - ii may, in the event of a casual vacancy in any position of Officer Bearer of the Fellowship referred to in **Rule 25**, appoint one from among its Committee members to the vacant position, and the member so appointed may continue in that position until the next Annual General Meeting
 - iii may in the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the position of an Ordinary Member of the Committee of Management or Advisory Board a qualified person under these Rules appoint a Financial Member to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
 - iv shall install an administrative financial process that will provide: -
 - i to an auditor the ability to identify each and every transaction including conformity to an established authorisation process but not including petty individual cash receipts but in lieu a total cash amount for a said event
 - ii to ensure that all financial transactions are identifiable, and transparent and to facilitate internal audit scrutiny for undoubted authenticity by the Management Committee at every Monthly Meeting and copies of these documents should also be sent to ALL members of the Board of Reference and this system must accompany the annual financial statement when it is submitted each year to the appointed auditor.
- The above process is to ensure that the entire Management Committee is jointly and severally responsible for the accuracy and evidence produced by the Treasurer to ensure its absolute accuracy

ELECTION AND COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF REFERENCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 25. (1) (a)** The Advisory Board will consist of 3 Members elected at each Annual General Meeting and will act on relevant matters described in these Rules and at other appropriate times at their sole collective discretion. Financial Members may nominate for these positions only if they have at least 10 years of continuous financial membership and are not disqualified nor have been previously disqualified for reasons indicated elsewhere in these Rules.

- (b) This involvement of the Advisory Board described above is to ensure that the culture and purpose of the Association is to safeguard to posterity the Association and prevent any vagaries occurring in the Administration of the Association and to codify these instances in these rules reference is drawn to: -
- Interpretations - 3. (1) (c)
 - Membership – 5 – (5)
 - Termination of Membership – 7 (1) & (4)
 - Rights of Members – 8 (4)
 - Removal of Member of Executive Committee/Board of Reference Member – 12(1)
 - Management of Association – 24 (1) and 24 (4) (a)
 - Management Obligations - 28

(2) The Committee of Management of nine (9) Office-Bearers and eight (8) Committee members of the Fellowship shall be the Committee of Management and they shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting unless they are removed by resolution at a Special General Meeting or the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected is declared invalid by resolution at a Special General Meeting. They may offer themselves for re-election subject to the rules in this Constitution. The following are the Office Bearers of the Fellowship:

- i. President
- ii. Vice President
- iii. Honorary Secretary,
- iv. Honorary Assistant Secretary
- v. Honorary Treasurer
- vi. Honorary Assistant Treasurer/Membership Coordinator
- vii. Honorary Editor,
- viii. Property Manager
- ix. Entertainment and Events Manager

(3) At each Annual General Meeting an Auditor shall be appointed. The Auditor shall be a person who is not a member of the Committee of Management/ Advisory Board.

The Honorary Secretary shall be the Returning Officer unless a conflict of interest arises and in such an event the Committee of Management shall appoint a person who is not on the Executive Committee of Management but can be a Member of the Board of Governance after seeking that person's consent.

(4) For a nomination for any post of Office Bearer or member of the Executive Committee of Management or Advisory Board to be valid at an Annual General Meeting it must be: -

(i) Completed in writing on or after 1st July of the year in which the nominee is seeking election in the manner prescribed in Appendix 2, where the nominee, proposer and seconder are all Financial Members at 30th June of the year prior to the Annual General Meeting being held as well as being Financial Members at the time of completion of Appendix 2. in which the nominee is seeking election, and be,

(ii) Delivered to reach the Returning Officer at the address nominated by the Returning Officer, on or before 31st July of the year in which the nominee is seeking election. In all other circumstances nominations for all positions shall be from the floor of the house.

(iii) All Nominations received by the Returning Officer will be retained in strict confidence and will only be made available on the day after the receipt of nominations close, at a meeting, to establish the validity of nominations received, which will be authenticated by the Returning Officer at this meeting. This day and time must be publicised in the notice sent to members on or before 31st July of each year inviting nominations to the Committee of Management and changes to the rules so that members have an opportunity to participate if they so wish, and the process is made transparent. At the time and day announced to members for opening these sealed nominations and proposed changes to the Constitution/Rules (if any) from the Committee of Management and eligible members will be validated by the Returning Officer. The nominations received will be checked and validated by the Returning Officer, in so far as to their proper completion, received in time and as well as the eligibility of those (Proposer and Nominee) completing these nominations will be authenticated by the Returning Officer with the help of the Treasurer.

(iv) The Advisory Board and the Management Committee who are always required to make sure that the decisions made are exclusively for the benefit and welfare of the Association. In this context the exclusivity of the 3 Advisory Board members demands that there must be no familial relationship amongst any of them. If nominations are received from Financial Members in such relationships for the Advisory Board of their nominations will be declared null and void by the Returning Officer and fresh nominations called from the floor of the meeting if there are insufficient nominations received through the usual process. Familial relationships are those relationships where a person is a child, partner/spouse or parent or related by law to another nominee on to the Advisory Board of. This distinction will not apply to nominees to the various positions on the Management Committee. Those

elected to such positions are expected to make individual decisions in their role as Executive Committee Members in the context that it is exclusively for the benefit and welfare of the Association.

(v) The Returning Officer will authenticate the validity according to the ACT, receipt on time as per the AGM Notice and the eligibility of the Two Proposers supporting the relevant Nomination as well as having complied with other requirements stated elsewhere in these rules. The Secretary will notify any nominees and/or proposers to alter the rules whose nominations or proposal to alter the rules were declared invalid within 3 working days of this declaration and the reason/s for the invalidity. Similarly, invalid nominations to any position and/or nominations received as per (ii) above will be notified by the Returning Officer to the nominee with reasons for the invalidity/special validation at the Annual General Meeting

(5) A candidate may only be nominated for one position of Office Bearer, prior to the Annual General Meeting and cannot renominate to a position that he/she has held for THREE (3) continuous years and an interval of Three continuous (3) years has not occurred since he/she held that position. A member may however nominate for one position of Office Bearer and to a position on the Committee of Management but the nomination to the position to the Committee of Management will lapse automatically on the member being elected to a position as an Office Bearer

(6) If the number of valid nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall, at the Annual General Meeting be declared elected.

(7) If the number of valid nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held and the nominee who receives the majority of votes at the Annual General Meeting shall be declared elected to that post; provided that where there is an equality of voting the election shall be decided by the casting vote of the Chairperson at the time, of the Annual General Meeting.

26. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee of Management may appoint any Sub-Committee deemed necessary to promote the interest, welfare or any special activity of the Association.

(1) A Sub-Committee shall consist of at least five (5) persons, one, but not more than two of whom shall be from the Executive Committee of Management. Remaining members could be drawn from the general membership and only one of them could be a non-member who is specially chosen because of a professional qualification and experience to add value and functionality to the particular charter assigned to the subcommittee and has been ratified unanimously by the Management Committee at an official meeting which had a quorum. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members of every sub-committee and may participate in meetings at their individual discretion.

(2) Sub-Committee members shall have voting rights within the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will be chaired by the Executive Committee member of the Sub Committee who will report to the Management Committee as a matter of routine at every monthly Executive Committee meeting

(3) The quorum for a Sub-Committee meeting shall be three (3) and the Sub-Committee will meet as often as required, but at least once in three months.

(4) Expenditure of a Sub-Committee will be limited to funds approved by the Management Committee based on a budget prepared by the Treasurer in keeping within the perimeters decided by the Management Committee.

(5) The Management Committee shall have the power to approve or veto, lay down policy or direct each Sub-Committee whilst conforming to Rules and appropriate section of the ACT.

(6) Each sub-committee shall submit a report on its activities during the year to the Secretary who will proceed to obtain the concurrence of the Management Committee and then include these under separate Headings as part of the Annual Report which will be distributed to the Membership and then tabled at the appropriate Annual General Meeting for acceptance.

NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION

27. (1) The Association must not distribute any surplus, income or assets directly or indirectly to its members.

(2) Sub rule (1) does not prevent the Association from paying a member—

(a) Reimbursement for expenses properly incurred by the member; or
(this does NOT include for travelling expenses to Association meeting or such similar personal expenses)

(b) for goods or services provided by the member and previously authorised by the Management Committee if this is done in good faith on terms no more favourable than if the member was not a member.

(3) In acting under Sub rule (2) above it must do so bearing in mind that an incorporated Association must not secure pecuniary profit for its members as per Sections 4 and 32 of the Act which details the circumstances under which an incorporated association is not permitted to secure pecuniary profit for its members.

(a) No member of the Committee/Advisory Board shall directly or indirectly supply goods or services to the Association where such goods or services can be satisfactorily obtained elsewhere locally.

(b) Any member of the Committee/Advisory Board who has a financial interest in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the Club shall disclose his/her interest at the first meeting of the Committee /Advisory Board at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration if his/her interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Committee/Advisory Board after the acquisition of his/her interest, if he/she becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into, he/she shall disclose his/her interest at the first meeting after he/she becomes so interested.

(c) No member of the Committee/Advisory Board shall be present during discussions at an Executive Committee /Advisory Board meeting nor vote as a member of the Committee/Advisory Board in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he/she is so interested as referred to above

All members on the Committee of Management /Advisory Board hold their positions in an honorary capacity and are only entitled to a reimbursement of Committee of Management authorized expenses incurred for and on behalf of the Fellowship.

28. MANAGEMENT OBLIGATIONS

The management of the Association will be by the Management Committee in consultation with the /Advisory Board as described in these rules bearing in mind that this type of Management is where generally the powers and responsibilities have been given by the members to a group of persons elected by them to manage the affairs of the Association with only specific instances of personal responsibility to the President, Secretary and the Treasurer. These specific instances are stated in these Rules where appropriate when a matter is to be managed or must receive the personal attention of one of these or a combination of the mentioned holders of Office. In this context the various specific instances for each of these holders in this context are codified below under the Office of each of the three Office holders mentioned

PRESIDENT

- (1) All General meetings and Management Committee meetings will be presided as detailed in Rule 18.
- (2) Casting Vote in event of a 'tie' in votes regarding a resolution/decision – Rule 21 (3)
- (3) Determination choice of process – Rule 22 (1) & (2)
- (4) Casting Vote in event of a 'tie' in votes regarding an election 'tie' – Rule 25 (7)
- (5) Discretionary presence at any Sub-Committee meeting

SECRETARY

- (1) The Secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose, together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings and deal with administrative matters, correspondence and motions as directed and notify all members of meetings.
- (2) The Secretary, notwithstanding retirement or non-re-election at the Annual General Meeting, shall be entitled to continue as the Secretary until the termination of the Annual General Meeting
- (3) The outgoing or continuing Secretary shall make available to the Committee of Management for ratification the minutes of the General Meeting not later than 30 days following the date of any General Meeting and the current Secretary at the time will arrange distribution of these ratified minutes to reach all financial members no later than 60 days after the general meeting was concluded
- (4) The minutes of committee meetings and Notices of the next monthly meeting should be distributed to reach all current committee members at least one (1) week before the commencement of the next scheduled meeting.
- (5) Inter alia fulfil obligations of ACT – Rule 3 (2)
- (6) Table new membership applications and notification to applicant – Rule 4 (3) & (4)
- (7) Membership register recording re cessation of Membership – Rule 6 (2)
- (8) Service of disciplinary Notice on a member and consequent action if necessary – Rule 7(3) & (5)
- (9) Maintain Register of Members – Rule 9

- (10) Conveying decision and any resultant process to member removed from Executive Committee/Advisory Board – Rule 12 (1) & (2)
- (11) Issue of Notices and Role of Returning Officer and related duties Rule 14 (4); (5); (10) & (11)
- (12) Issue Notice etc – Rule 15 (3); ((4); & (7) AND Rule 16 (1) & (3)
- (13) Role of Returning Officer – Rule 25 (3) & ALL FIVE items of 25 (4)
- (14) Annual Report preparation – Rule 26 (6)
- (15) Responsibility for custody of Records – Rule 35

TREASURER

- (1) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association
- (2) shall keep correct accounts and books or secure electronic media showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the Activities of the Association
- (3) The accounts and books referred to above shall be available for inspection by members.
- (4) Responsible for administration and execution of Rules 29; 30; 31 & 32 with requisite authority of Executive Committee
- (5) Present a Monthly document of reconciliation of all financial activities of the previous month for acceptance of the Executive Committee and Board of Governance and then submitted immediately for scrutiny of appointed Auditor.

The above duties described separately above in respect of the Secretary and the Treasurer can be delegated with the authority of Executive Committee, but the Secretary or Treasurer is finally responsible for the successful administration of the delegated function. A classic example to illustrate this aspect is the Membership Register and the Membership fees. The Secretary is responsible that the Membership Register is maintained always to reflect the matters described in these rules and in the ACT and Treasurer is responsible that the recording of membership payments are accurate at all times and the single register appropriately formatted can be used for the maintenance of the matters mentioned under the control of the Secretary and Treasurer. This delegation by the Executive Committee will not negate the responsibilities of the Secretary nor the Treasurer. Similar delegation may take place in respect of the Editor and/or the Property Manager and the same principal applies as stated above.

FINANCE

29. (i) Finance shall be obtained from the subscriptions of members, endowments, grants, public subscription, voluntary contribution, fundraising efforts and other approved means as determined by the Management Committee, in all cases subject to the requirements of any law, including the Fund Raising Appeals Act (Victoria) 1998 or its successor.
- (ii) The sale or mortgage of any real estate owned by the Association is only permissible after the holding of a special General Meeting where the quorum for such meeting will be not less than 90% of the eligible membership and at the time of making decision must receive the assent of at least 90% of the eligible membership. If this stipulated quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed time of the scheduled start time of the meeting the meeting will be dissolved and further general meetings for this purpose will be not be permitted until a minimum of two years have expires from the date of the previous general meeting held for this purpose.
- (ii) Member subscriptions shall fall due and be payable on the first day of July each year to the Honorary Treasurer who shall record receipt of the payment and liaise with the Secretary to ensure that any mail out to members will show on the left extreme of the address label the paid to date without any explanation, what the date reflects.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

30. The funds of the Association shall be lodged in such investments as are authorised by the Law for the time being in force for the investment of funds, or on deposit with a bank.
- (1) The Treasurer shall receive all monies and shall pay all accounts which have been passed for payment by the Committee, shall keep a proper record of all such receipts and payments and shall submit a balanced financial report at each Committee meeting with a copy to the appointed Auditor after it has been approved by the Executive Committee in monthly meeting.
- (2) All payments must be paid after approval of the Executive Committee at a monthly meeting and recorded in the minutes, except for repetitive expenses such as Electricity & Gas, Council Rates and like Annual Financial fees such as the Ethnic Council of Victoria where appropriate authority was provided for the Association to be a member. In the case of an emergency, an expense limited to \$100.00 as an aggregate total per month can be spent for a worthy need by an Executive Committee Member after obtaining the agreement of the Treasurer or Secretary or President and having proof of such authority for presentation and obtaining confirmation of the Executive Committee at the next available monthly meeting

- (3) The Treasurer must ensure that a Budget is prepared for every event conducted for the benefit of the Association for his/her scrutiny and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval at very next monthly Committee Meeting and monthly progress reports submitted through the Treasurer for tabling and approval at next available meeting
- (4) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must have one of the compulsory signatories to cheques on behalf of the Association who shall be the Treasurer, Secretary and President. Each cheque must also have besides signature of one of the compulsory signatories and the signature of one of the remaining two of the compulsory signatories or the signature of a Counter signatory who has been authorised by the Executive Committee in meeting and is amongst the Office Bearers, and then communicated by the Secretary to the appropriate Bank. The Treasurer must ensure that this matter is performed and advice the Secretary appropriately so that he/she can authorise the Bank by letter and update the records of the Association
- (5) The financial year shall be from 1st July of a year to 30th June of the next year

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

31. The assets and income of the Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to its members except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

AUDITING AND PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

32. (1) The Association will be assessed from time to time as per Section 90 of the Act or its successors and must comply with the requirements contained therein
- (2) The audited accounts of a financial year must be despatched to all financial members at least 14 days before the scheduled General Meeting at which the Accounts will be presented for consideration by the membership.
33. (1) The Association at present does not have a Common Seal, but if a Common Seal is available at any time in the future it shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- (2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures by two Office Bearers of the Executive Committee of whom, one must be the Secretary of the Association.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING ALTERATION OF RULES

34. Any proposed alteration to these rules of the Association shall be in accordance with Sections 50 and 64 of the Act or its successors. The specified quorum as per Rule 18(4) will not apply but the usual quorum of 35 eligible members respectively must prevail for Annual and Special general meetings which are considering a special resolution including a special resolution to alter the rules and, in this instance, the usual quorum cannot be varied.

CUSTODY OF RECORDS

35. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his/her custody or under his/her control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

QUORUM

36. No item of business may be conducted at a General Meeting, meeting of an Executive Committee of Management or a Sub Committee unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote, is present at the time when the meeting is considering voting on that item.

WINDING UP OR CANCELLAION

37. Subject to Clause 29. (ii) above, on winding up of the Association by Special Resolution all of the assets of the Association shall be converted to cash and, after payment of all genuine liabilities of and claims against the Association, all remaining cash must be distributed only to an organisation which is a State or Federal Government Hospital in Australia and/or a State or Federal Government registered Charity which pursue their objectives of charity in Australia and which are not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members (as determined by the members by special resolution)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
AUSTRALIA CEYLON FELLOWSHIP INCORPORATED
 REGISTRATION No. A 0013324 S ABN 65 891 573 559

Membership No

ACCEPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETING ON / / 20

For Office Use ONLY

I/We apply to become Member/s in terms of Section 5 of the A.C.F. Inc. Constitution and Include the names of our children/grandchildren whose names appear below and confirm that all of them comply with 5 (4) of the Constitution and they are full time Students and under the Age of 25 where their Birth Date appears alongside their name/s without their Surnames

Name D.O.B Name D.O.B Name D.O.B

Name D.O.B Name D.O.B Name D.O.B

《Please tick (✓) appropriate box》 Mr & Mrs ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐

FULL NAME/s

ADDRESS

P/Code

A/H ☎

B/H ☎

Mobile ☎

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SIGNATURE/s of Applicant/s -

MEMBERSHIP TYPE **《Please tick (✓) appropriate box below》**

Persons who are over the age of 18 years and who receive a Government Social Security Pension and/or benefit such as a Health Care Card OR are one of a couple who is **65** years of age or over may apply for **CONCESSIONAL** membership whilst all other persons over the age of 18 years may apply for **ORDINARY** membership.

ORDINARY ☐ **FEE \$20.00 per Year** **CONCESSIONAL** ☐ **FEE \$15.00 per Year**

Appropriate amount enclosed

PROPOSED By

Signature

SECONDED By

Signature

Dated 20

The RETURNING OFFICER
Australia Ceylon Fellowship Incorporated
Association to provide Postal Address

**Nomination to be an OFFICE BEARER or MEMBER of the Executive
Committee or be a REFERENCE BOARD MEMBER
of the
AUSTRALIA-CEYLON FELLOWSHIP Incorporated**

We, the undersigned Financial Members of the ACF do hereby nominate:

..... (STATE Name of Nominee in BLOCK LETTERS)	for the Position of (STATE POSITION of Nomination)
..... (STATE Name of Proposer in BLOCK LETTERS) (STATE Name of Seconder in BLOCK LETTERS)
..... Signature of Proposer Signature of Seconder
..... Address of Proposer Address of Seconder

Declaration by Nominee:

I,, a member of the ACF Inc., hereby accept the nomination for the position stated above, and agree to serve in that capacity if elected and advise that I will advise the Secretary before the said Annual General Meeting if any of a relative/s as per Rule 26 (4) (iv) are nominating for positions.

..... (ADDRESS of NOMINEE)	
..... Signature of Nominee/...../..... Date