



MORA-WA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MORA-WA

Dear All,

It's my pleasure for having to present few words regarding 2013/14 session of our association. On behalf of MORA-WA Executive Committee, I warmly welcome you all and wish you a very enjoyable & successful year with us.

First of all I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the former committee who have done a great job completing primary organizational requirements and setting plans for obtaining some essential statutory requirements that are of prime importance at these early stages. As the newly appointed committee we will continue with these plans and set our targets to complete them within 2013/14. While we are progressing with these objectives we also planned a few entertainment events spread throughout the year, in most cases they are free and open to members' families and friends.

Improve and promoting of members network is the primary objective in this year, and it will be a continuous process throughout the year. Many areas have been identified to provide every possible assistance to the members through this enhanced network. Conduct of Information Sessions, Forwarding potential employment opportunities, Providing references for employments where possible etc. are few of these key areas. Parallel to these member assistance programs, we will be involved in several Charity activities giving a helping hand to the community and local organisations.

Finally as the current president, with the help of my committee, I'll take every effort to establish a respectable organisational culture within which the common interests are protected, professional communication is appreciated and everyone is treated with a respectful manner. My belief is When the above culture is established the progress of the association is obvious.

Donald Sibera; President, MORA-WA



Picture from first family outdoor social event organised by new MORA-WA committee in Mandurah later last year: most attracted and hardy event of the day, Tug of War, Western Australia

UPCOMING EVENT- Free Career Guidance Seminar- Saturday March 29th

❖ The next event organised by MORA-WA is in the pipeline specially targeting new migrants to Perth who are yet to settle. This will be an open information session to those who still require professional guidance and advice from matured and experienced professionals. The seminar will be facilitated by local experts and limited to registered audience only. The subcommittee of this seminar will sooner call expression of interest from interested parties for formal registration.

The seminar has two sessions each will run 1 ½ hours from 9.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturday 29th March at Bentley Community Hall, Nyamup Way, Bentley WA 6102.

The two major topics will be covered are;

- Integration into Australian multicultural society and Psychological challenges including;
 - ✚ Australian History Vs Sri Lanka History.
 - ✚ Australian Culture and integration into Australian society as immigrants.
 - ✚ Expectations of Australian society from

OFFICE BEARERS – MORA WA ALUMNI 2013/14 COMMITTEE



Seated L/R: Gratian Jayaweera (Vice President), Madhavi Atapattu (Secretary), Donald Sibera (President), Nandika Mirihana, and Tilak Jayantha Maha Marakkkalage (Treasurer).

Standing L/R: Senaka Welideniya (Ex Officio) Nimal Gunathilaka, Rajeewa Silva, Ravindra Wickramage, Padminda Biyagama, Hemantha Rajamanthri, and Chathura Karunaratne.

Photos from Family Outdoor Social & Sporting Event in Mandurah

Over 100 families of our Alumni in WA actively participated at our first one day out door social and sporting event organised by new MORA –WA committee headed by President Donald Sibera. The committee were delighted by the enthusiasm shown by MORA families and friends as this was both full of activities and memories stemming from social and fund raising activities. The day was a creative and much needed event for all of us to further strengthen our bonds as a community group



- migrants and our role in the new society.
- How to write winning CV, covering letter and prepare to face interview with confident including;
 - ✚ How to build your confidence.
 - ✚ Common mistakes in CV writing and facing with an interview.

NEXT EVENT PLAN

- ❖ Charity Work, Event 1: Help clean a public park / reserve (helping hand to WA)
- ❖ Charity Work, Event 2: Help fund raiser to Sri Lanka Sinhala Buddhist Sangamaya (SLSBS) (helping hand to SL community)
Above charity work events will be held in February 2014.
- ❖ Sporting Event, another free & open event to everyone to enjoy friendly Cricket/Elle matches. This is planned to be held on 6/04/2014 at Rushton Park, Kelmscott.
- ❖ Paduru Partiya to be held on 7/06/2014 for which the Organizing Committee has already commenced their preparatory work to make this a wonderful event.
- ❖ End of Term Dinner Dance.



Picture Left: Kids Musical Chair competition, a girl who is determined to win, is in full attention listening to music

Picture Right: A scene of Much narrowed and full of opportunities to exploit from kids musical chair competition



A scene from Kids Musical Chair competition, all are waiting for the next turn of music play



Founding Secretary of MORA- WA Hemantha Rajamanthi is awarding a gift to kids who won the most popular game of the day " Egg Catching Cross Fit Relay "



A thrilled moment from kids musical chair competition



MORA-WA founding President Senaka Welideniya and current President Donald Sibera in a chat with founders UOM Alumni.



President MORA- WA Donald Sibera is paying his gratitude to the team who volunteered to lead the kitchen to prepare meals for the fund raising activity.



Picture above: A happy winner, running with the gift to share with his team.