



MORA-WA NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM PRESIDNET - MORA-WA

Dear Members,

Having completed a very successful year, now we have reached the end of MORA-WA 2013/14 session with lots of good memories. First of all I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to my committee and their families for their unconditional support to make this year a great success. I also extend my sincere thanks to our senior members who helped in numerous ways during this journey. I cannot forget a group of our friends who were always with us to help, encourage and to strengthen us during hard times.

There are so many reasons to call this year a successful year. Most importantly we have performed five major events within this year;

1. Mandurah family Fun Day – Importance of this event was it was held away from Perth where most of our new comers are settled due to migration restrictions. So considering their convenience we went to them rather than make them to come to Perth, and this was much appreciated by them.
2. Annual Sporting Event with Mora – Pera friendly cricket match. We had a huge support from Peradeniya Association, and the friendship was further developed.
3. Professional Development Information session – A very fruitful event for the newly arrived members.
4. Run a food stall at SLSBS food fair, and we earned and donated \$1,500.00 to SLSBS as a charity work for Perth Sri Lankan community.
5. Mora Hits Night – A grand level musical show for absolutely free of charge, open to everyone.

In addition to the above events, we continuously provided the general membership with useful information on employment opportunities, career development, scholarships, networking etc. etc.

Our committee members always brought up fantastic

innovative ideas when it comes to organizing community events. “Professional Development Information session”, “Mora Hits Night” are just a couple of examples. By delivering this kind of attractive events to the community we have convinced that “Mora-WA” is not just another traditional organization, but always trying to offer something remarkable.

Through these events we have been able to spread the name “Mora-WA” a step further ahead within the community, while bringing our association’s financial situation up to a stronger position.

How did we raise the funds?

It’s a well-known fact that all our events held so far were free of charge and open to everyone in the community. Then how did we survive? How did we earn money?

As an association we have very clearly identified our financial requirements from the beginning. We had our objectives and goals well set and based on our year plan we didn’t have to run after big financial targets for this year. We have been very successful to recover our costs and to earn some money to the association fund by selling delicious, quality food at a reasonable low price by running food stalls parallel to our events. In most cases the some costs and the labour were borne by the committee itself. We also received some donations as well as some income from displaying advertisements within our events.

I hope the future committee will come up with better ideas for fund raising and set their objectives and goals to take our association a step further ahead with their own yearly plan. I very kindly request you all to give your every assistance, participation to the in-coming committee as well.

Finally I would like to convey my best wishes for the future of Mora-WA, and will give my fullest support for the betterment of the association.

♣ **Donald Sibera; President, MORA-WA**

Food Fair – A Charity Event in Kenwick Temple

MORA – WA has actively engaged in charity work giving its helping hand to Sri Lankan Community by way of voluntarily preparing food and selling them in the food fair organised by Sri Lanka Sinhala Buddhist Sangamaya (SLSBS). This was one of the first events from Committee 2 of MORA - WA and was held on 22nd March 2013 in Kenwick Temple, Western Australia. The funds raised from this event were donated to SLSBS for its future development work.

Professional Development Information Session – A Career Guidance Seminar

The next event organised by MORA–WA was a three hour free and open information session to those who were new migrant professionals still settling in Perth who require professional guidance and advice from matured and experienced professionals in our Perth engineering community. The seminar was organised by the sub-committee leader Chathura Karunaratne where over forty new migrant professionals were participated and benefited from the information and career guidance provided by our facilitators Eng. Tissa Wijesinghe and Dr Senaka Welideniya.

The seminar was held on Saturday 29th March 2013, at Bentley Community Hall, Bentley WA 6102.



Picture above facilitators Tissa Wijesinghe and Senaka Welideniya, and below the participants of career guidance information seminar.

Mora Vs Pera Outdoor Annual Sporting Event

The second annual sporting event between Mora and Pera Alumni was held on 6th April 2014 at Rushton Park, Kelmscott in Perth. The Large gathering of families from both Alumni in WA were actively participated and were a full fun social event that showed up our true spirit of sportiness. MORA – WA committee headed by President Donald Sibera and Subcommittee lead Nimal Gunathilake organised this activity. It was a busy day for the families of key committee members who prepared fresh meals for the lunch and helped raising the MORA – WA funds. The day was end with a free Barbecue offered to all families and further strengthening our bonds as a community group.



Picture above, MORA – WA women Cricket team is discussing the game strategy to challenge Pera women cricket team



Picture, The Master Chefs from MORA – WA Kitchen who are the wives and friends of our committee members volunteered to prepare an excellent and tasteful Sri Lankan Lunch on the Annual Sports day.



Alumni Association of University of Moratuwa Western Australia

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE SECOND (2nd) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 17th AUGUST, 2014

Dear Member

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of University of Moratuwa, Western Australia for 2013/14 will be held on Sunday 17th August, 2014 from 2.00 pm to 6pm at Centenary Park Pavilion, Wilson.

Agenda:

1. Welcome address by the president
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of quorum
4. Minutes of the first (1st) AGM held on 14/09/2013
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Appointment of the pro-term Chairman
8. Election of office bearers for the financial year 2014/15
9. Appointment of honorary auditor
10. Incoming president's address
11. Any other business and adjournment

MORA – WA Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday 17th August from 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Centenary Park Pavilion, Wilson



Picture, Gratitude from Organising committee of Mora Hits Night to Art Director from Perth Sri Lankan Community who volunteered to support the event.

Photos from MORA Hits Night

The last event of the MORA- WA 2nd committee was a free Mega Music Night that attracted the attention from audience and artists at Maddington Community Hall on 7th June 2014. The evening was colourful with variety of Sri Lankan and latest popular English songs and dance from artists not only from MORA – WA but from Perth Sri Lankan community groups.

As usual MORA – WA committee offered fresh and warm food at cost and helped to raise the MORA –WA funds and cover the cost of entertainment facilities and instrument hire.

This Hits night was organised by subcommittee lead and Vice President Gratian Jayaweera, well supported by our Sri Lankan community. MORA –WA organising committee show up their gratitude by rewarding with gifts to those who contributed in various ways to make this even a success.



Picture, MORA – WA President, Vice President, former President and social secretary are waiting for a recipient to offer gift in the Mora Hits Night.



Picture, Two young and vibrant female Performers from Sri Lankan community entertaining the audience by dancing to a popular Si Lankan song.



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*Above: Families entertaining the Bailsa session and dancing at peak.
MORA – WA President's welcome address below.*

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Above: Dancing with PartnersBelow the music performing group in action.