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Do You Know who are the Founder Members?



SEATED - DON DIAS, JAYASINGHA, PAT ABY, NEIL KARAHARTS
STANDING - MAURICE DE SILVA, VERNON FERNANDES,
MAYANA SETUNGA, CHANDRA GODAKANDA, DAWN SENESEKERA,
DICK BOWEN, GANESHANATHAN, MEERAN SAKKUNTHUNGA.

FROM PUBLICATION SECRETARY

It is my pleasure to accept the great opportunity to contribute to the Sri Lanka Society of Queensland as the Publication Secretary for 2014. This is a new challenge to me to continue the tremendous work done by my predecessor Chandra Godakanda Arachchi as I have seen how much commitment and dedication he has made over the past years. We have witnessed the great work done by the Society to support the Sri Lankan community to live happily and peacefully while maintaining the Sri Lankan and Australian cultural and social values. Let us move forward to achieve our first major event the Sri Lankan Cultural Show, for celebrating the Sinhala and Tamil New Year on 26 April 2014. I hope to see you all at the show.

Jayampathy Tennakoon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am happy to be re-elected as part of the 36th Management Committee of Sri Lanka Society of Queensland. I wish all the members and friends a Happy New Year and I hope the Year 2014 will bring you and your family good health, good luck and good fortune.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2013 Committee Members for their contribution and the tremendous work done by them for the Society. Additional thanks to our past Treasurer Pushpa Jayasekera, and Publications Secretary Chandra Godakanda-Arachchi for their support during the year and their offer of on-going assistance to the Society.

I welcome the committee for 2014 and especially the people who are joining this year.

Our first function will be the New Year celebrations on the 26th April 2014. I hope to meet all of you. This is the 36th year that the Society has celebrated the New Year. If you have feedback or ideas for functions, please give me or one of the Committee Members a call.

Hermin Goonetilleke

Happy New Year
Sri Lanka Society of
Qld wishes you
happy and
prosperous new
year



Sinhala Aluth Avurudu Litha 2014

Auspicious Time

THE NEW MOON

The new moon can be seen on Friday the 4th of April and on Thursday the 1st of May

BATHING FOR OLD YEAR

Bathing for old year falls on Saturday the 12th of April

DAWNING OF THE NEW YEAR

New Year will dawn at 7.37am on Monday the 14th of April

PUNYA KALAYA

Punya kalaya begins on Monday the 14th of April at 1.13am and ends at 2.01pm the same day

PREPARING OF MEALS

Preparing meals for the New Year should begin at 10.17am on Monday the 14th of April

TRADING AND FIRST MEAL OF THE NEW YEAR

The tradition of trading and consuming the first meal of the New Year is to be done at 11.05 on Monday the 14th of April

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Anointing the head with oil is set for Wednesday the 16th of April at 11.16am

LEAVING FOR WORK

Leaving for work in the New Year is set for 6.16am on Wednesday the 17th of April

YES THEY DID IT!



**CONGRADULATIONS SRI
LANKA ASIA CUP
CHAMPIONS 2014**

UP COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BRISBANE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
16 March 2014	Meditation Program Ven Kukulpane Sudassi Thero	Ellen Grove
22 March 2014	Prathibha Cultural Show	Mount Gravatt
23 March 2014	Meditation Program Ven Kukulpane Sudassi Thero	Ellen Grove
12 April 2014	Sinhala/Tamil New Year Festival (whole day)	Ellen Grove
13/04/2014	Atasil Programme	Ellen Grove
26/04/2014	Sri Lankan New Year Cultural Concert	Mount Gravatt

MYSTERY KIDNEY DISEASE SPREADS IN SRI LANKA

Disturbing health news from Sri Lanka have attracted attention from all over the world regarding fast increasing Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) particularly in North Central Province. Latest report shows this disease is rapidly spreading to similar community groups in Uva and Eastern Provinces.

The patients appear to be concentrated within poor farming communities with substandard living conditions, polluted drinking water supplies and insufficient health services. Statistics report some 22000 patients have died over the last 20 years and 8000 patients are being treated for CKD (**Dr. Kingsley de Alwis, President, National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka**).

Scientists believe that CKD could be mainly attributed to drinking water with following properties.

- Hardness (Dissolved Calcium Carbonate)
- High content of fluorides in drinking water;
- use of cheap Aluminium cookware which is easily soluble in fluoride mixed water;
- Regular exposure to certain weed killers such as Glyphosate
- Algal and herbal toxins in the drinking water supply;
- High ionic concentration in groundwater aquifers supplying the wells from which people draw their drinking water;
- Excessive dehydration in the work environment of farmers; and even
- Genetic conditions

Lots of researches and studies are carried out by medical experts to understand the underline cause of this menace in Sri Lanka. So far the most shocking finding is the real reason for the sudden spread of CKD is

“NOT YET UNDERSTOOD”.

EASTER IS AROUND THE CORNER



Easter Sunday is a very important day for Christians, since the resurrection of Christ reflects a central idea in Christianity. Many Christians attend special church services even if they do not attend services regularly during the rest of the year. For non-religious people and followers of other faiths, the four-day Easter weekend is a welcome break and a chance to enjoy a range of sporting and cultural events. Kids await eagerly to collect Easter eggs on Easter Sunday morning. These are egg-shaped and made from chocolate, candy or are decorated hens' or plastic eggs. They are often covered in brightly colored foil or decorated with images of rabbits or chicks.

A number of church services will be available for celebrating Easter particularly on Easter Sunday which falls on 20th April in 2014. There are also a range of local Easter festivals across the country. The Easter weekend is also an important time for sports fixtures and many people spend the day watching these events on television.

**Sri Lanka Society of
Queensland wish you very
happy Easter.**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXHIBITION IN SRI LANKA



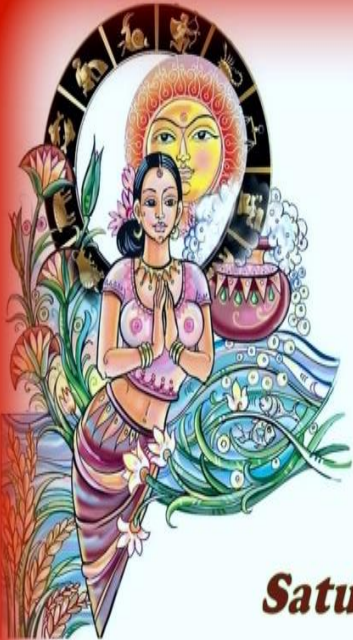
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Matara district Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with CDC Travel and Events (Pvt) Ltd. in Sri Lanka organize the above trade exhibition to be held at Sanath Jayasuriya Stadium, Matara, Sri Lanka from 3rd to 5th May 2014. This mega trade exhibition will bring together a large number of foreign and local companies mainly showcasing products and innovations of the SME sector in the Southern Region of Sri Lanka.

These include the construction, food and beverage, packaging, automobile, information technology, printing and apparel industries, among many industries. Organisers expect this event will attract a massive interest among local and international investors Southern Sri Lanka now has completed a number of massive infrastructure projects such as airport, harbor and southern expressway to support large events of this nature. This event will promote broad range of investment attractions in Southern Sri Lanka which will contribute to economic development by job creation, tourisms, manufacturing and transport services.



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Sri Lankan New Year Cultural Concert 2014

Cultural concert, buffet style dinner & 'rasa kavili'
*followed by the scintillating music of **DJ RnR***

Saturday 26th April 2014, 5:30pm - 11:30pm

Where:

Clairvaux Mackillop College

Klumpp Road

Upper Mount Gravatt

UBD Ref: 201B8

Ticket prices:

Members: \$40

Non Members: \$50

Students & Pensioners: \$35

Children (6 to 12 yrs): \$15

Children (3 to 6 yrs): \$10

For tickets contact:

Hermin Goonetilleka 33969061

Gothami Meepe 33410102

Ronnie Anandappa 38183903

Dress: Traditional or smart casual

Soft-drinks available for purchase



This event is sponsored by The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs & The Brisbane City Council



2014 Committee Members

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