



Peradeniya University Alumni Association
New South Wales Chapter

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Greetings to all Peradeniya Alumnus.

This News Letter covers the Annual General Meeting held on 28 August 2010, the Hantane Nite function which followed the meeting and our plans for the current year leading up to the next AGM in 2011.

The outgoing President Mr Janaka Seneviratne gave an overview of the events held in the preceding year. Events covered included the Hunter Valley excursion in February '10, Bondi to Coogee walk in April '10 and guest speakers Dr Wijeyesundera on nutrition and Dr Lalani on Chiropractic Care in May '10. We collected \$ 3000 for the Library Fund, which was personally handed over to the Vice Chancellor in Peradeniya by Mr Nihal Balasuriya from our Committee. We also arranged scholarships for two undergraduates of the Arts Faculty in Peradeniya and provided assistance for new migrants to Australia who were Peradeniya Alumnus. The Treasurer's report showed a net surplus of \$ 4419, of which \$2007 was deposited with the parent body of our association in Peradeniya, with instructions for interest generated from the fund to be utilized for scholarship awards in future.

It was a watershed in the affairs of our Association with several Committee members relinquishing their positions after a period of three years since inception. They included President Janaka Seneviratne, Secretary Palitha Siriwardene, Treasurer, Earlson Forbes, Assistant Public Officer, Sanath Abeywardene, Earnest MacIntyre and Thilkaka Mampitiarachi. Their notable contributions to growth of our Association was acknowledged by the incoming President and appreciation expressed by the outgoing President.

The new Committee consists of, Wasantha Wickremenayake, President, Lal Rankothge, Vice President, Lakshman Randeniya, Secretary, Nihal Balasuriya, Treasurer, Prem Jayatilleke, Public Officer, Srikantha Nadarajah, Editor, Janaka Seneviratne , immediate past President and committee members- Malini Arumugam, Raja Yogan, Lakshmi Waniganayake, Satya Rajapakse, Neil Horadagoda and Staples Guneratne.

The President, Wasantha Wickremenayake, outlined plans for the current year, including the annual week end excursion in the Hunter Valley from 1st to 3rd April 2011, an evening function with guest speakers, an out door event for families such as a walk in a suitable location. Year will be finished with Hantana Night 2011.

Hantane Night, the annual function of our Association, was held at the Greyhound Sports Club in Yagoona, NSW on 28 August 2010. Chief guests were Mr Philip Ruddock MP, former Attorney General and the Minister for Immigration and Mr Dayasiri Fernando, Consul General for Sri Lanka in NSW. Several cultural events were performed, including Ediriweera Sarathchandra's Gal Lena Bindala from the play Sinhabahu by Daya Gonsallorale, Song of Migration by the Sydney Kolam Maduwa (sponsored by Earnest MAcIntyre), a Tamil dance performed by two young girls, and songs in Tamil and Sinhala by Raja Yogan and Sarath Wijayapala.

Philip Ruddock's speech about his reminiscences of the university days was well received. He also awarded a token of recognition by our association to Professor Kasipathy Kailasapathy, an alumni of the Peradeniya University for winning the prestigious international award on nutrition, Danisco International Dairy Science Award, for 2010.

News From Other Chapters

1. Western Australian Chapter

Western Australian Chapter held their 2010 Alumni Night on Saturday 2nd October at the Bill Cole Function Centre, Riverton, Leisureplex, WA. It was well attended by Alumni, friends and well-wishers and the participants had a very enjoyable evening.

2. Victorian Chapter

The Victorian Chapter held its annual weekend outing on October 8,9,10 week end and was held at RACV, Inverloch Holiday resort. The participants had a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend with lots of singing and dancing.

Upcoming Events (NSW Chapter)

1. Hunter Valley Week end Outing

The Hunter Valley weekend outing will be held during the weekend of 1,2,3 April 2011. We have already made a tentative booking for this weekend and more details regarding other arrangements will be emailed to the general membership in the coming months.

Pl keep these dates free, marked in your diaries for a memorable weekend.

If you come across any event of significance, associated with Peradeniya University or Alumnus, please forward to the committee for Publication in this newsletter.