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The 2018/19 Burgher Association Australia Donations Pledge



The Burgher Association Australia Incorporated (BAA) is passionate about supporting the community and is proud to be helping make a difference in the area of health and wellbeing. It is our goal to empower wellbeing and healthy lifestyles across Australia and Sri Lanka. The BAA is pleased to have considered charitable contributions, donations and sponsorships to children's education in Sri Lanka and other charitable donations/sponsorship based in Australia

The BAA has just announced following their November 2018 Committee Meeting that for the current year donations and sponsorships will be granted to the following.

- **Sponsorship of education to children via the Dutch Burgher Union of Sri Lanka for up to 21 Children doing year 11 and 12 studies**
- **Donation to Deaf/Blind Australia**
- **Donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation Australian Aboriginal Fund**

The General Committee will continue to assess carefully all incoming requests for assistance from the various Charities during the course of the committee year with a view to target better the resources made available for the purpose.





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Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie VOC: The First Multinational

Dutch expansion to Asia started out as a series of long-distance expeditions financed by several trading companies which were especially set up in various ports in the Dutch Republic, with the goal of trading for pepper and spices at their Asian source. However, their intense rivalry between these companies brought about a steep fall in the price of spices when these were sold in Holland. In 1601 the raadspensionaris (advocate) of the Dutch States General, Johan van Oldebarnevelt, launched the revolutionary idea of merging all existing companies into one United East India Company (Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie), or the VOC. On March 20, 1602 this enterprise was inaugurated as a joint-stock company with a founding capital of 6.5 million Dutch guilders and granted the monopoly on the trade 'East of the Cape of Good Hope'.

The VOC was governed by 17 directors, the so-called Heren Zeventien ('the Seventeen Gentlemen'), who represented the directors of the participating chambers of Amsterdam, Hoorn, Enkhuizen, Rotterdam, Delft and Zeeland. The Company was authorised to make treaties with Asian princes in the name of the Dutch Republic, establish forts and garrisons, appoint governors and preserve law and order in the overseas territories. It was the young Jan Pieterszoon Coen above all who provided both the initial planning and execution of strategies that shaped the trading network of the VOC. The VOC set new standards in the organisation and management of overseas trade between Europe and Asia and is thought by many to be the world's first-ever multi-national company - its personnel eventually included officers from a wide variety of countries and its trading network stretched across most of Asia, from Persia Gulf to the Pacific. However, the Company was not solely a trading venture - it was also designed to play a role in the Dutch struggle against the Spanish crown. The States General of the Dutch Republic provided the Company's ships with the guns and ammunition needed to attack the Spanish and Portuguese colonies in Asia. The VOC made a vital contribution by successfully bringing to an end the war of independence (1568-1648) against the Spanish crown.

The Company progressively strung together a vast chain of trade factories and territorial possessions. After the Napoleonic wars, what came to be known as the colonial empire of the Netherlands East Indies, arose out of the ashes of the Company's former possessions in the Indonesian Archipelago. It is so imprinted in Indonesian memory, that in colloquial speech, colonial times are often referred to as zaman kompeni - the age of the Company. VOC strategy began with the building of strategic strongholds overlooking all strategic shipping routes. It then policed and taxed the traffic passing by, and sought - by treaty or naval force - the monopoly on the purchase and sale of specific local goods, such as tin, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. From the beginning, the Dutch made a relentless effort to control spice-producing Maluku, and then to force the Spaniards and Portuguese out of key positions elsewhere in Asia.

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A monopoly of nutmeg was more or less achieved with the conquest of Banda in 1621, and of cloves with the Ambon wars of the 1650s, though 'leaks' were not fully stopped up until the subjugation of Makasar in 1667.

When Melaka fell to the Dutch after a long siege in 1641, the VOC continued its vigorous offensive against Portuguese strongholds elsewhere in Asia. Ceylon and a string of harbours along the Malabar coast were conquered in the 20 years that followed. By 1690 the VOC was at the peak of its power in Asia, with a huge Asian trading network connecting 22 factories from Persia in the west to Japan in the east. Its payroll would mushroom to 24,879 European employees by 1753. Company servants were by no means all Dutchmen. It has been calculated that around 1770, no less than 80 per cent of all soldiers and 50 per cent of all sailors originated from outside the Dutch Republic which, at that time, had a population of less than two million people. Half of all personnel were stationed on the VOC's two prize possessions, Java and Ceylon.

However, Dutch hegemony at sea in Asia was successfully challenged by the English East India Company which, unlike the monopolistic VOC, left room in its Asian operations for private entrepreneurs. Corruption and lax management also led to the ruin of the VOC at the end of the 18th century. Virtually bankrupt, the VOC was nationalised in 1795. When its charter was revoked in 1799 its debt amounted to 219 million guilders - mostly due to losses suffered during the fourth Anglo-Dutch War (1780-1784). Almost all home-bound shipping was seized by the English navy and the VOC were no longer able to repay the costs of fitting out the outward-bound fleets.

A venerable institution which had annually contributed some ten per cent of the total Dutch national income, it was now overburdened by debts and came to an ignominious end.



AUSTRALIA'S TOP TEN COUNTRIES FOR PERMANENT MIGRANTS 2000-2016

- 1) India - 291,916
- 2) China - 247,202
- 3) England - 221,187
- 4) Philippines - 116,992
- 5) South Africa - 91,579
- 6) Vietnam - 54,523
- 7) Sri Lanka - 52,895
- 8) Malaysia - 52,677
- 9) South Korea - 46,037
- 10) Iraq - 45,816

Source: 2016 Census



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Voluntary Outreach Club
Presents

New Year's Eve Ball 2018

Box Hill Town Hall

1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128

7.30pm to 1.00am

Music By:

"Something Sweet"
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Trivia for you

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

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Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements



The Burgher Association Flag



The newly commissioned BAA Flag held by the Secretary, Harvey Foenander and, the Editor/ Designer Neville Davidson prior to being hoisted.



Burgher Association (Australia)
35B Houghton Road, Clayton VIC 3168



The Burgher Association of Australia Centre is available for private hire (**Dances, Birthday parties, Anniversaries etc**). The BAA Centre is located within a short walk from Clayton railway station. The hall is licensed to hold 150 people. Tables and chairs for this number of attendees are provided. There is usually plenty of parking across the road and a few spaces on the property. Disabled access via ramps is available to both the front and rear doors and a disabled parking space is available. There is also a 'horseshoe' driveway permitting the dropping off of attendees under cover.

Commercial kitchen facilities are available including stainless steel splash walls, a commercial glass washer, dishwasher, stove, oven, hot water boiler, large freezer, refrigerator and a bain-marie. There also is an alfresco area at the back that can be used for making the famous Sri Lankan Hoppers, BBQs or other activity that requires a shielded outdoor space. There are multiple reverse-cycle heating and cooling units servicing the main hall and kitchen. There are separate male, female and disabled toilets. More pictures are available on our website <http://burgherassocn.org.au/baa-centre/>

How to make a booking: Call Breeda Foenander on 0423 844 101 to enquire whether the date, you wish to hire the hall for is available. If you are a member of the BAA, the price of hiring the Centre costs \$350 per day; Non-members \$400 per day. Minimum booking is 5 hours \$300. Hours of operation Friday/Saturday 11AM to 12 Midnight, other days 10AM to 10PM. All bookings require a bond of \$250 that is refunded if the centre is handed back to management clean and undamaged. (~~\$1000 for age 21+ and under~~). A payment of \$100.00 will be deducted from the Security Fee deposit for cleaning of the premises, for the next day's Events. **Hiring Agreement**. NB: To book the hall, payment has to be made via the BAA Bank Account – details available on request. Depending on whether you are a member or non-member the full fee plus the deposit of \$250 must be paid to secure the date booked.



Fear-Monger, War Criminal, Racist

Winston Churchill: The Imperial Monster

By MICHAEL DICKINSON

In January 2015 Britain commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill. Millions of people worldwide watched his state funeral on television in 1965, and thousands of people lined the streets of London to pay their last respects as his cortege slowly passed. But I somehow doubt that President Obama will be adding his own warm words of remembrance for the iconic British wartime leader.

After all, his own paternal grandfather, Hussein Onyango Obama, was one of 150,000 rebellious Kikuyu "blackamoors" forced into detention camps during Churchill's post-war premiership, when the British government began its brutal campaign to suppress the alleged "Mau Mau" uprising in Kenya, in order to protect the privileges of the white settler population at the expense of the indigenous people. About 11,000 Kenyans were killed and 81,000 detained during the British government's campaign to protect its imperialist heritage. Suspected Mau Mau insurgents were subject to electric shock, whippings, burning and mutilation in order to crush the local drive for independence. Obama's grandfather was imprisoned without trial for two years and tortured for resisting Churchill's empire. He never truly recovered from the ordeal.

Africa was quite a playground for young Winston. Born into the privileged British elite in 1847, educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, brought up believing the simple story that the superior white man was conquering the primitive, dark-skinned natives, and bringing them the benefits of civilisation, he set off as soon as he could to take his part in "a lot of jolly little wars against barbarous peoples," whose violence was explained by a "strong aboriginal propensity to kill". In Sudan, he bragged that he personally shot at least three "savages". In South Africa, where "it was great fun galloping about," he defended British built concentration camps for white Boers, saying they produced "the minimum of suffering". The death toll was almost 28,000. When at least 115,000 black Africans were likewise swept into British camps, where 14,000 died, he wrote only of his "irritation that Kaffirs should be allowed to fire on white men". (On his attitude to other races, Churchill's doctor, Lord Moran, once said: "Winston thinks only of the colour of their skin." Churchill found himself in other British dominions besides Africa. As a young officer in the Swat valley, now part of Pakistan, Churchill one day experienced a fleeting revelation. The local population, he wrote in a letter, was fighting back because of "the presence of British troops in lands the local people considered their own," – just as Britain would if she were invaded.

This idle thought was soon dismissed however, and he gladly took part in raids that laid waste to whole valleys, destroying houses and burning crops, believing the "natives" to be helpless children who will "willingly, naturally, gratefully include themselves within the golden circle of an ancient crown". But rebels had to be crushed with extreme force. As

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Colonial Secretary in the 1920s, Churchill unleashed the notorious Black and Tan thugs on Ireland's Catholic civilians, making a hypocritical mockery of his comment: "Indeed, it is evident that Christianity, however degraded and distorted by cruelty and intolerance, must always exert a modifying influence on men's passions, and protect them from the more violent forms of fanatical fever, as we are protected from smallpox by vaccination." His fear-mongering views on Islam sound strangely familiar: "But the Mahommedan religion increases, instead of lessening, the fury of intolerance. It was originally propagated by the sword, and ever since, its votaries have been subject, above the people of all other creeds, to this form of madness." "On the subject of India," said the British Secretary of State to India: "Winston is not quite sane... I didn't see much difference between his outlook and Hitler's."

When Mahatma Gandhi launched his campaign of peaceful resistance against British rule in India, Churchill raged that Gandhi: "ought to be lain bound hand and foot at the gates of Delhi, and then trampled on by an enormous elephant with the new Viceroy seated on its back. Gandhi-ism and everything it stands for will have to be grappled with and crushed." In 1931 he sneered: "It is alarming and also nauseating to see Mr. Gandhi, a seditious Middle Temple lawyer of the type well-known in the East, now posing as a fakir, striding half naked up the steps of the Viceregal palace to parley on equal terms with the representative of the King-Emperor." As Gandhi's support increased, Churchill announced: "I hate Indians. They are a beastly people with a beastly religion."

In 1943 a famine broke out in Bengal, caused by the imperial policies of the British. In reply to the Secretary of State for India's telegram requesting food stock to relieve the famine, Churchill wittily replied: "If food is scarce, why isn't Gandhi dead yet?"

Up to 3 million people starved to death. Asked in 1944 to explain his refusal to send food aid, Churchill jeered: "Relief would do no good. Indians breed like rabbits and will outstrip any available food supply." Just after World War I, approximately one quarter of the world's land and population fell within the spheres of British influence. The Empire had increased in size with the addition of territories taken from its vanquished enemies. As British Colonial Secretary, Churchill's power in the Middle East was immense. He "created Jordan with a stroke of a pen one Sunday afternoon", allegedly drawing the expansive boundary map after a generous lunch. The huge zigzag in Jordan's eastern border with Saudi Arabia has been called "Winston's Hiccup" or "Churchill's Sneeze".

He is the man who invented Iraq, another arbitrary patch of desert, which was awarded to a throneless Hashemite prince; Faisal, whose brother Abdullah was given control of Jordan. Sons of King Hussein, Faisal and Abdullah had been war buddies of Churchill's pal, the famous "T.E. Lawrence of Arabia". But the lines drawn in the sand by British imperialism, locking together conflicting peoples behind arbitrary borders were far from stable, and large numbers of Jordanians, Iraqis, Kurds and Palestinians were denied anything resembling real democracy. In 1920 Churchill advocated the use of chemical weapons on the "uncooperative Arabs" involved in the Iraqi revolution against British rule.

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"I do not understand the squeamishness about the use of gas," he declared. "I am strongly in favour of using poison gas against uncivilized tribes. It would spread a lively terror."

As Colonial Secretary, it was Churchill who offered the Jews their free ticket to the 'Promised Land' of 'Israel', although he thought they should not "take it for granted that the local population will be cleared out to suit their convenience." He dismissed the Palestinians already living in the country as "barbaric hordes who ate little but camel dung."

Addressing the Peel Commission (1937) on why Britain was justified in deciding the fate of Palestine, Churchill clearly displayed his white supremacist ideology to justify one of the most brutal genocides and mass displacements of people in history, based on his belief that "the Aryan stock is bound to triumph": "I do not agree that the dog in a manger has the final right to the manger even though he may have lain there for a very long time. I do not admit that right. I do not admit for instance, that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America or the black people of Australia. I do not admit that a wrong has been done to these people by the fact that a stronger race, a higher-grade race, a more worldly-wise race to put it that way, has come in and taken their place." In fact, many of the views Churchill held were virtually Nazi.

Apart from his support of hierarchical racism, as Home Minister he had advocated euthanasia and sterilisation of the handicapped.

In 1927, after a visit to Rome, he applauded the budding fascist dictator, Mussolini:

"What a man! I have lost my heart! ... Fascism has rendered a service to the entire world... If I were Italian, I am sure I would have been with you entirely from the beginning of your victorious struggle against the bestial appetites and passion of Leninism."

("The Bestial Appetites and Passions of Leninism", eh? Where can I get a copy?) But years later, in his written account of the Second World War (Vol. 111), fickle-hearted Winston applauded the downfall of his erstwhile hero: "Hitler's fate was sealed. Mussolini's fate was sealed. As for the Japanese, they would be ground to powder." Britain's American allies saw to that in Hiroshima and Nagasaki when they dropped their atomic bombs and killed hundreds of thousands of Japanese citizens.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Churchill had ordered the saturation bombing of Dresden, where, on February 13 1945, more than 500,000 German civilians and refugees, mostly women and children, were slaughtered in one day by the British Royal Air Force (RAF) and the United States Army Air Force (USAAF), who dropped over 700,000 phosphorus bombs on the city.

Prime Minister Churchill had said earlier: "I do not want suggestions as to how we can disable the economy and the machinery of war, what I want are suggestions as to how we can roast the German refugees on their escape from Breslau."

In Dresden he got his wish. Those who perished in the centre of the city could not be traced, as the temperature in the area reached 1600 degree Centigrade. Dresden's citizens barely had time to reach their shelters and many who sought refuge underground suffocated as oxygen was pulled from the air to feed the flames. Others perished in a blast of white heat strong enough to melt human flesh. Instead of being charged with being

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responsible for ordering one of the most horrific war crimes of recent history, in which up to half a million people died screaming in his firestorms, Churchill emerged from the war as a hero. An unwavering supporter of the British monarchy throughout his life, he was made a knight of the Order of the Garter, Britain's highest order of knighthoods, by Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

"The monarchy is so extraordinarily useful. When Britain wins a battle she shouts, 'God save the Queen'; when she loses, she votes down the prime minister," he once said. Shortly after the Second World War was won, however, Churchill's Conservative government was voted down by a Britain tired of battle, austerity, and hungry for change. "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it," said Churchill, and to a certain extent he succeeded. He had a habit of dictating in the nude to his male secretaries and conscripted people were massacred; 'Winnie' became Britain's great national icon, with his trade-mark cigar and V-sign, remembered for leading Britain through her finest hour (we won't mention his eccentric habit of pacing about the office in the nude while dictating to secretaries!) The fat cigar clamped in his mouth a symbol of cocky British defiance, Churchill was genial courageous Big Brother figure, revered by the media. His stirring wartime speech: "We shall fight them on the beaches! We shall never surrender!" makes no mention of "We shall bomb them in their cities! We shall make them suffer!"

Churchill's brutality and brutishness have been ignored, but he never reckoned on the invention of the internet, or its power to allow authors to question his view of history and expose the cruelty and racism of the man. When George W Bush moved out of the White House, he left a bust of Winston Churchill in the Oval office. He'd used it to inspire him on his 'war against terrorism'. Barack Obama had it removed. I wonder if he found the bust offensive? Was it out of respect for the pain and distress his Kenyan grandfather, Hussein Onyango Obama, suffered on Churchill's orders?

Removing a bust is a fairly simple matter, but toppling a statue is quite another. In Westminster Square in front of Parliament in London there are several statues of deceased politicians and dignitaries, one of which I find particularly distasteful. Hands clasped behind back, the jodhpur-clad figure striding purposely forward is that of Jan Christian Smuts, racist forefather of the Apartheid system in South Africa. As for Churchill, who, as Home Secretary, said: 'I propose that 100,000 degenerate Britons should be forcibly sterilized and others put in labour camps to halt the decline of the British race.'

His hulking toadyish statue stands tall on a granite plinth, clutching a walking stick, his unblinking bulldog gaze on the Houses of Parliament where he reigned twice as a Conservative Prime Minister. If I were Prime Minister of Great Britain, one of the first things on my list would be the removal of memorials to fascist-minded racist imperialists. The statues of Smuts and Churchill in Parliament Square would be the first to come down.

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I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.



WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**



Whilst consolidating our cultural and ethnic ties with the Community Response grants Team of the City of Greater Dandenong (city of opportunity) and also strengthening our community focus and commitment, the Burgher Association Australia Inc wishes to thank you, its loyal members for your valued contributions over the past years.

In view thereof, the President and the General Committee of The Burgher Association Australia Inc cordially invites you to partake in a Hopper Luncheon Celebrations as our guest (the guest count is next to your name on the label to the bulletin)

Where: Burgher Association Community House
358 Houghton Road
Clayton Vic.3168

Date: 17th February 2019

Numbers are strictly limited due to availability of space, please call to confirm ASAP

Time: 12pm

RSVP: no later than 31st December 2018

Yours faithfully

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Conrad Ephraims here for his Golden Wedding Anniversary

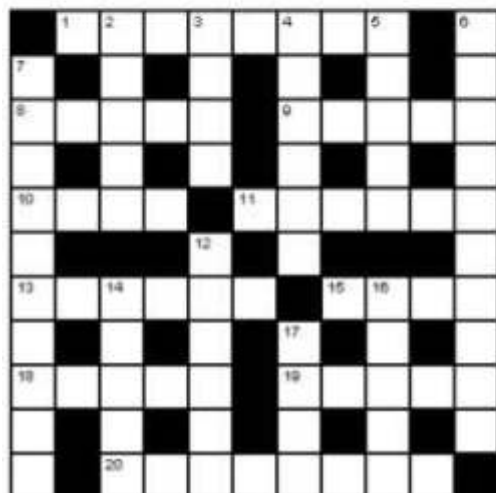
by Ken de Joodt

In Colombo last week, from Brisbane Australia, was a former Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Havelocks Rugby football captain Conrad Ephraims, with his pretty wife Julia, on a brief holiday to meet family and friends. More importantly, they were also here to celebrate their 50th "Golden Wedding Anniversary" (on July 28), to 'renew' their marriage vows, taken in 1962, at the same Church - St. Paul's Milagiriya. A return to the country of their birth, Sri Lanka - which they love and miss so much, compels their minds to go back in time, almost from the moment they set foot on the "old home soil"! Reminiscing with delight, the highlights of the past, whether it be school, club or country, their faces can't hold back- the traces of joy!

Conrad spoke of their glorious, long past, since migrating to Australia in 1963 - but it was the Havelocks Sports Club and grounds, that he gave priority to, on their list of "Things to do"! Conrad captained the Havelocks in 1959 and 1960, having played for St. Peter's College and then joined the Havelocks to play along with his two brothers, Leslie and Desmond. In 1961, he proved himself to be an invaluable player as a superb, fast flanker in the victorious, joyful team, captained by Dr. Hubert Aloysius, that won the Clifford Cup Trophy in the final minute of the game against Dickoya, through a penalty kicked over by Full back Ken de Joodt. Other members of that memorable team were Nimal Maralande, Dicky Jayatilleke, Frankie David, Maurice de Silva, Quentin Israel, Gamini Weerasinghe, Y. C. Chang, Brian Jacotine, Edward Bartholomeusz, Richard Abraham, Gamini Fernando, L. D. Sumanasekera, Ken de Joodt and Maurice Fairweather. Bentley Barsenbach, a fine forward and referee of that era, organized a simple "get together" at the Havies club, to re-unite some of the team mates and players of the 60's. Y.C.Chang, Geoff Garnier, Ken de Joodt, Mike de Alwis, Carl Fernando, Dr. Harry Rasiah, Anton Benedict, Jeyer Rodriguez and Ana Saranapala -were some who were there to meet and greet a past Captain, on the same grounds, where many a good rugby battle was fought, over 50 years ago.

As Mike de Alwis said, it was great fun playing alongside Conrad Ephraims - and it was even more stimulating in the club-house after the game, knocking the 'shandies' down! Bentley was quick to say" Conrad was a wonderful support to the club's younger players, who set the example on the field, with his powerful tackles that could bring down a bull". In a game against the "all-whites" CH&FC team, Conrad was flung by a huge CH forward but he deftly clung onto the ball and in three spins, he was over the CH goal line to score Havelock's only try in the match. Havelock's genial coach Dr. Larry Foenander was on hand to remark in jest, that was the best try he has ever seen scored! Conrad was "tough as nails" when he got going on the rugby field. It certainly delighted the Havelocks President in 1959-1960 Stanley Livera (who was a great Athlete

and Rugby Referee too), to watch an all-conquering Conrad lead the Havelocks in 1959 to beat the CR & FC for the first time in ten years. Even in these days, a player of this caliber is so rare, one who plays hard in a spirit of true sportsmanship, that can be sighted as an inspiration to the younger players of today. It could be said again "Thank you Conrad, for your fine contribution to rugby in Sri Lanka!"



The Crossword

Across

1. Anteater (8)
8. Common (5)
9. Regions (5)
10. Employed (4)
11. Nearer (6)
13. Sartor (6)
15. Overt (4)
18. Mediterranean fruit (5)
19. Dialect (5)
20. List of technical terms (8)

Down

2. Intense (5)
3. Aromatic herb (4)
4. Capable of being cultivated (6)
5. Retains (5)
6. Epicure (10)
7. Riotous (10)
12. Spanish dance (6)
14. Cake topping (5)
16. Earlier (5)
17. Prejudice (4)

Solution



OBITUARIES

Compiled by Victor Melder

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(OCTOBER 2018)

KELLAR – PATRICIA LENA (20.11.1924 – 26.09.2018), wife of Kingsley (dec), mother of Ruston (dec), Cedric, Karen, Jeff, Michael (dec) and Colleen, mother-in-law of John, Susan and Rain. Grandmother of 9, great grandmother of 10, in Melbourne. (Herald Sun, 1.10.2018)

ALBERT – PATRICK, husband of late Irene, father of Leonie, Aloma (Can), Adrian and Meryll, father-in-law of Jeevan (Can), late Berty Viranti and (intended) Graham (Aust). Grandfather of Jenelle, Ariane, Julie, Jessica and Joshua, in Sri Lanka. – 61/1, Mahamega Watte, Maharagama, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 3.10.2018)

PEREIRA – JOAN, (nee Muller), wife of Joy (dec), mother of Brian and Adrian. Sister of Dr Bede Muller (Syd), in Sri Lanka, on October 4, 2018. (Contributed)

SENEVIRATNE – DR LAKSHMAN, husband of Chula, father and father-in-law of Parakrama & Anoma and Nissanka & Arosha. Grandfather of Uditha, Manish, Sachini and Sushan, in Sydney, on October 3, 2018, aged 90 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 6.10.2018)

DE WITT – ERROL MELVIN, (02.06.1941 – 06.10.2018), son of late Mr & Mrs Edward & Bertha De Witt (nee Colonne), father of Preston De Witt (USA), Rochelle Achilles (Aust) and of the late Malcolm De Witt. Brother of Barbara Rodrigo, Ray De Witt (Aust) and Blossom De Witt. Grandfather of Nikhil, Reeya, Chelsea, Hope, Faith, Charity and Denzil, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

ELLAWALA – CHRISTOPHER LAKSHMAN (LUCKY), husband of Geraldine (Gerry) nee Ranasinghe, brother of Ran, Manel, late Ranjith, Nihal, Senaka, late Rohan and late Sri Lal, brother-in-law of Nalini, Chintha, Anoja Ellawala, Dr Lionel Dassanayake, Shani, Manel Pandithakorale, late Anthony Ranasinghe, Rohini Randeniya, Nihal, Marin, Shiranee, Ronnie Ranasinghe and Patsy de Abreu, in Melbourne on October 1, 2018. (Daily News 9.10.2018)

FERNANDO – TERRY, in Sydney, on October 7, 2018. (Contributed)

LEITCH – RONNIE, husband of Yvette (nee Senn), father of Keshiya and Keshan. Son of late Norman and Therese Leitch, son-in-law of late Ronnie and Annette Senn, brother-in-law of Anula, Noeline, late Rex, late Rohan, Romaine, Rochelle and Dinesh, in Perth, on October 1, 2018, whilst on a Concert Tour. (Contributed)

LAWRENCE – RITA, wife of late Francis, mother of Rozanna (Rozie), Carmen & Rodney Kronenberg, Ann & Roger Fambeck, Tamara (Baby) & Lasantha Soysa, grandmother of Jason, Jeol, Denham, Rhenold, Jayden, Rolando and Tyler. Sister-in-law of Vincent & Christabel Raux, late Anton and of Christeen Raux, late Earl and of Shinska Raux., in Sri Lanka. – 282B, Polgahahena Road, Hapugoda, Kandana, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 12.10.2018)

DANIELS – EDWARD GERALD (GERRY) MERVYN (27.09.1922 – 22.10.2018), husband of the late Enid Grace Adeline (nee Evarts), father of Gene Susan Mangold and Wendy Anne Daniels, grandfather of Vanessa and Andrea Mangold and Hayley and Russell Daniels-Lake,

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great grandfather of Lewis, Lilly Rose, Ella, Reece and Cory. Brother of June Tytler and of the late Noeline Daniels, Doris Wijesinghe and Ben Daniels, in the UK.

WEINMAN – DR DARREL FELIX (20.11.1929 – 14.10.2018), husband of Brinda, father of Jacqueline and Andrew, grandfather of Hannah. Brother of Dawn, Oenone (dec), Willie, Eric, Anne, Rosaine and Lester, in Sydney. (Sydney Morning Herald, 16.10.2018)

RAYMOND - MAURICE, husband of Carol (nee Pompeus), father of Francis, Melissa and Sean, and several grandchildren. Brother of Joyce Corteling (dec), Mavis Kerkoven (dec), Nicholas (dec), Frances Ludowyke (dec) and Aubrey (SL), brother-in-law of Ted Corteling (dec), Melville Kerkoven (dec), Dr Tiddy Ludowyke (dec), in Sydney, on October 13, 2018. (Contributed)

JACOBS- CHRISTIE – DAVID MALIK, son of Paul & Sharmini (Christie-David), brother of Shilani, brother-in-law of Andy. Grandson of Ruth and the late George Christie-David and Henri and Marie Lise Jacobs, in Antwerp, Belgium. (Daily News 17.10.2018)

VANNIASINGHAM - DR THOMAS WETHAVANAM (30.03.1921 - 13.10.2018), husband of Dr Gladys Vanniasingham, father of Dr Peter & Dilo, James & Rupa, Dr Ruth & Ravi Mills. Grandfather of Ava, in Sydney. (Daily News 17.10.2018)

SCHUCROFT – GERTRUDE ANGELINE. Wife of late Fabian, mother of late Maureen Cramer, mother-in-law of Noel Cramer, grandmother of Wyndham, Vanessa, Andrea and Denham, grandmother-in-law of Nelomi, Russel and Niroshini, great grandmother of Amanda, Cameron, Stephanie, Darren, Elysha and Zarah, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 20.10.2018)

MEADEN – JENNIFER (nee Joseph), wife of Dicky, mother of Meralyn (Aust), Melissa and Michael, mother-in-law of Audie (Aust), Rushan and Donesha, grandmother of Jayde. Daughter of the late Giles and Therese, sister of Jerome and Darrell, sister-in-law of late Radley, Charmaine, Dolly, Gail and Jacqueline, in Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer 21.10.2018)

GNANAMALAR – MARY (nee Chellappah), wife of late Edwin. J. Chelliah, mother of Ranjit (SL), Shiranjani (USA), Lalit (Norway), Nalini (Melb), late Ajit, Vijit (Aust), Sujit (SL) and Dalit (Aust). Sister of Vethanayagam, Jeevamalar, Arulnayagam (all dec), Pavalamalar and Yogamalar, mother-in-law of Rajes, Mark, Vathany, Kosalai, Vasanthi, Niru and Sharmila, grandmother of Luxman and Desty, Joel and Irene, Dharshana, Manchu, Jessica, Dilo, Jeshu, Christy, Nishy, Danny and Gabby, in Melbourne, on October 19, 2018. (Daily News, 26.10.2018)

PADIWITA – MURIEL, wife of late Lionel Padiwita, mother and mother-in-law of Kumar & Vinodini Padiwita (Neth), Dr Niranjana & Lakshman Weerakkody (Aust) and Dr's Sudharma and H. D. Leelawardana (NZ), grandmother of Yajeeve, Thirana and Jamie, Ashan and Jodie, Chinthaka and Lara, Thushara and Ben. Great grandmother of Yasmina, Yajeeve (Junior) and Anika, in Geelong, Victoria. – 120, Church Street, Grovedale, Vic 3216. (Daily News 31.10.2018)

Note: All spelling of names as taken from Sri Lankan newspapers



In Memory Of

ROTTY, Jacqueline Anne

Rotty, Jacqueline Anne 26/11/1968 - 22/09/2018

(nee D'Costa) Jacki, beloved daughter of Anton and Heather, step-daughter of Kay
Loving mother of Justin, Porscha and Savannah Sweet dreams sweetheart,
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Did You Know

OUR highest-paid CEO is earning 435 times the average wage — while everyday workers struggle to cope with the cost of living.

Alexis Carey – News.com.au

17 October 2018

Here's the full list of Australia's top-earning CEOs:

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3. Nicholas Moore, Macquarie Group: \$25.19m
4. Chris Rex, Ramsay Health Care: \$22.3m
5. Louis Gries, Hardie Industries: \$18.03m
6. Andrew Bassat, Seek: \$14.12m
7. Ron Delia, Amcor: \$12.2m
8. Alan Joyce, Qantas: \$11.25m
9. Colin Goldschmidt, Sonic Healthcare: \$10.61m
10. Mike Kane, Boral: \$9.82m

Haile Selassie /Biography

Emperor (1892–1975)

Emperor Haile Selassie I worked to modernize Ethiopia for several decades before famine and political opposition forced him from office in 1974.

Synopsis

Born in Ethiopia in 1892, Haile Selassie was crowned emperor in 1930 but exiled during World War II after leading the resistance to the Italian invasion. He was reinstated in 1941 and sought to modernize the country over the next few decades through social, economic and educational reforms. He ruled until 1974, when famine, unemployment and political opposition forced him from office.

Early Years

Haile Selassie I was Ethiopia's 225th and last emperor, serving from 1930 until his overthrow by the Marxist dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam in 1974. The longtime ruler traced his line back to Menelik I, who was credited with being the child of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. He was born in a mud hut in Ejersa Gora on July 23, 1892. Originally named Lij Tafari Makonnen, he was the only surviving and legitimate son of Ras Makonnen, the governor of Harar. Among his father's important allies was his cousin, Emperor Menelik II, who did not have a male heir to succeed him. Tafari seemed like a possible candidate when, following his father's death in 1906, he was taken under the wing of Menelik.

In 1913, however, after the passing of Menelik II, it was the emperor's grandson, Lij Yasu, not Tafari, who was appointed as emperor. But Yasu, who maintained a close association with Islam, never gained favor with Ethiopia's majority Christian population. As a result, Tafari became the face of the opposition, and in 1916 he took power from Lij Yasu and imprisoned him for life. The following year Menelik II's daughter, Zauditu, became empress, and Tafari was named regent and heir apparent to the throne. For a country trying to gain its foothold in the young century and curry favor with the West, the progressive Tafari came to symbolize the hopes and dreams of Ethiopia's younger population. In 1923 he led Ethiopia into the League of Nations. The following year, he traveled to Europe, becoming the first Ethiopian ruler to go abroad.

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His power only grew. In 1928 he appointed himself king, and two years later, after the death of Zauditu, he was made emperor and assumed the name Haile Selassie ("Might of the Trinity").

Strong Leader

Over the next four decades, Haile Selassie presided over a country and government that was an expression of his personal authority. His reforms greatly strengthened schools and the police, and he instituted a new constitution and centralized his own power.

In 1936 he was forced into exile after Italy invaded Ethiopia. Haile Selassie became the face of the resistance as he went before the League of Nations in Geneva for assistance, and eventually secured the help of the British in reclaiming his country and reinstituting his powers as emperor in 1941. Haile Selassie again moved to try to modernize his country. In the face of a wave of anti-colonialism sweeping across Africa, he granted a new constitution in 1955, one that outlined equal rights for his citizens under the law, but conversely did nothing to diminish Haile Selassie's own powers.

Final Years

By the early 1970s famine, ever-worsening unemployment and increasing frustration with the government's inability to respond to the country's problems began to undermine Haile Selassie's rule. In February 1974 mutinies broke out in the army over low pay, while a secessionist guerrilla war in Eritrea furthered his problems. Haile Selassie was eventually ousted from power in a coup and kept under house arrest in his palace until his death in 1975. Reports initially circulated claiming that he had died of natural causes, but later evidence revealed that he had probably been strangled to death on the orders of the new government. In 1992 Haile Selassie's remains were discovered, buried under a toilet in the Imperial Palace. In November 2000 the late emperor received a proper burial when his body was laid to rest in Addis Ababa's Trinity Cathedral.

The Lion of Judah is also mentioned in the Book of Revelation, as a term representing Jesus, according to Christian theology. The lion of Judah was also one of the titles of the Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and was depicted on the flag of Ethiopia from 1897-1974.

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Like most Ethiopians, his personal name Tafari is followed by that of his father Makonnen and rarely that of his grandfather Woldemikael. ... Haile Selassie's full title in office was "By the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, King of Kings of Ethiopia, Elect of God"



Rare photo of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip bowing before the real original African Royalty, Empress Menen Asfaw and her husband Emperor Ras Tafari Makonnen Woldemikael Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia...

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PUNS INTENDED ...

1. Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
2. Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
3. Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.
4. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
5. When you dream in colour, it's a pigment of your imagination.
6. Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
7. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
8. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
9. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
10. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
11. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
12. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
13. Local Area Network in Australia is the LAN down under.
14. Banning the bra was a big flop.
15. A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
16. A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.
17. Shotgun wedding, a case of wife or death.
18. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
19. What's the definition of a will? (Come on, It's a dead giveaway!)
20. I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
21. If electricity comes from electrons... Does that mean that morality comes from morons?
22. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
23. Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
24. Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
25. Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
26. Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
27. A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
28. A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
29. Without geometry, life is pointless.
30. Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.
31. Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
32. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
33. A backward poet writes inverse.
34. In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
35. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
36. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
37. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
38. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft, and I'll show you a flat minor.
39. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
40. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.



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