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## Editor's Note



Dear Members

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter. It is hoped that 2019 will be a happy and prosperous year for you all and, the endeavours of the BAA will be fruitful and rewarding for the ongoing benefit of all you members and our ongoing sponsorships.

The BAA Donations Pledge that was implemented, will continue to sponsor the education of needy children in Sri Lanka, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Queensland Flood Relief effort via the Uniting Church and Deaf/Blind Australia. Our wish is to ensure that BAA Revenues continue in order that these charities benefit into the future.

The functions organized by our Entertainment Committee have been well attended; also, the "Thank You" functions celebrating the ongoing loyalty of you members has also been a great hit!

Our hardworking Secretary and Customer Relations Manager would like those of you who have use of a computer and, access to email to please forward your details if you would like an electronic copy of the Newsletter sent to you. It would help to reduce the mailing cost if you would accept the Newsletter electronically. Please consider it.

Finally, the Burgher Association is saddened by the recent demise of a valued past Committee Member, Maurice De Kretser (husband of Gloria; dec). Our sincere condolences go out to his son Warren, daughter Milani and their families.

Sincerely

Neville Davidson



## **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**
- **Queensland Flood Disaster Relief via Uniting Church**

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.





## Burgher Association (Australia)

358 Haughton 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.



# HAVE A LAUGH!

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman – “Which book has helped you most in your life?”

The woman replied – “My husband's cheque book !!”

A prospective husband in a book store “Do you have a book called, 'Husband – the Master of the House'?”

Sales Girl : “Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!”.

Someone asked an old man : “Even after 70 years, you still call your wife “Darling, Honey, Love”.

What's the secret?

Old man: I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her.

A man in Hell asked Devil: Can I make a call to my Wife ?

After making call, he asked how much to pay.

Devil : Nothing.

Hell to hell is Free.



Burgher Association Australia

# Buriyani Lunch

12.00noon to 5.00pm



**Sunday  
7 April 2019**

358 Houghton Road, Clayton 3169

*Menu By "Ambula Restaurant"*

Buriyani Rice	Sri Lankan Badun
Chicken Curry	Pineapple Curry
Mutton Curry	Raita Salad
Cashew & Pea Curry	Pappadum
Tempered Potatoes	Dessert - Watalappan

Tea / Coffee

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*Music for your listening pleasure!*

**Come on & meet the neighbours!!**

**Burgher Association Australia**

Presents A

# **Rotti & Pittu Lunch**

## **By Ambula**

**Plain Rotti, Coconut Rotti, Pittu, Pork Curry,  
White Fish Curry, Tempered Potatoes,  
Coconut Sambol, Lunu Miris  
Dessert: Fruit Salad & Ice Cream**

**23 June 2019**

12.00noon to 5.00pm

**\$25.00  
Single**

Music for your  
listening pleasure!

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**Bring the family!**



## European colonizers killed so many Native Americans that it changed the global climate, researches say ...

By Lauren Kent, CNN

Updated 1658 GMT (0058 HKT) February 1, 2019

*European settlers killed 56 million indigenous people over about 100 years in South, Central and North America, causing large swaths of farmland to be abandoned and reforested, researchers at University College London, or UCL, estimate. The increase in trees and vegetation across an area the size of France resulted in a massive decrease in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere, according to the study. Carbon levels changed enough to cool the Earth by 1610, researchers found.*

### Columbus arrived in 1492.

"Co<sub>2</sub> and climate had been relatively stable until this point," said UCL Geography Professor Mark Maslin, one of the study's co-authors. "So, this is the first major change we see in the Earth's greenhouse gases." Before this study, some scientists had argued the temperature change in the 1600s, called the Little Ice Age, was caused only by natural forces. But by combining archaeological evidence, historical data and analysis of carbon found in Antarctic ice, the UCL researchers showed how the reforestation -- directly caused by the Europeans' arrival -- was a key component of the global chill, they said. "For once, we've been able to balance all the boxes and realize that the only way the Little Ice Age was so intense is ... because of the genocide of millions of people," Maslin told CNN.

### The methodology

Researchers analyzed Antarctic ice, which *traps atmospheric gas* and can reveal how much carbon dioxide was in the atmosphere centuries ago. "The ice cores showed that there was a larger dip in CO<sub>2</sub> (than usual) in 1610, which was caused by the land and not the oceans," said Alexander Koch, lead author of the study.

A small shift in temperatures -- about a 10th of a degree in the 17th century -- led to colder winters, frosty summers and failing harvests, Koch said.

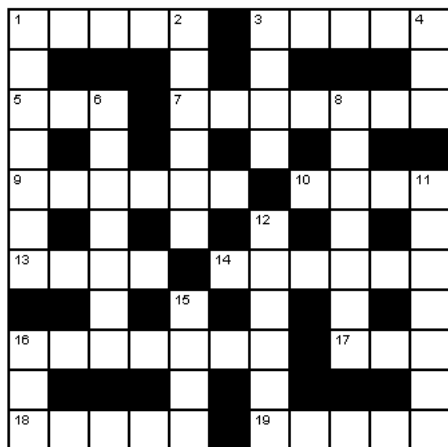
### The implications

The implications of the study go beyond climate science and also contribute to research in geography and history, Maslin said, noting that deaths of indigenous Americans directly contributed to the success of the European economy. Natural resources and food shipped from the New World helped Europe's population to expand. It also allowed people to stop farming for sustenance and begin working in other industries for spare money.

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"The really weird thing is, the depopulation of the Americas may have inadvertently allowed the Europeans to dominate the world," Maslin said. "It also allowed for the Industrial Revolution and for Europeans to continue that domination."

<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/02/01/world/european-colonization-climate-change-trnd/index.html>



## The Crossword



### Across

1. African equine (5)
3. Artery (5)
5. Part of a circle (3)
7. Farm vehicle (7)
9. Embellished (6)
10. Break suddenly (4)
13. Plant support (4)
14. Lumber (6)
16. Household implement (7)
17. Make a mistake (3)
18. Awful (5)
19. Cacophonous (5)

### Down

1. Avid (7)
2. Shrewd (6)
3. Slightly open (4)
4. Atmosphere (3)
6. Yield (7)
8. Well-founded (7)
11. Depict (7)
12. Stringed instrument (6)
15. Catch sight of (4)
16. Large vase (3)

## The Solution



## **ASIC urges seniors to consider alternatives to reverse mortgages**

Tim McIntyre, News Corp Australia Network

September 7, 2018 5:31pm

AUSTRALIANS approaching retirement are being urged to consider alternatives to reverse mortgages, after an Australian Securities and Investments Commission review found many borrowers were using them without understanding the risks.

ASIC spokesman Michael Saadat said a reverse mortgage could affect aged care access later in life.

### **MORE: THE DANGERS OF REVERSE MORTGAGES**

"If consumers borrow too much at the beginning, the effect of compound interest and uncertain property prices means there is a risk they end up with insufficient equity or none at all," Mr Saadat said.

Reverse mortgages work by allowing homeowners to borrow money using the equity in their home as security. The loan can be an upfront lump sum, a regular income stream or a line of credit and is paid back in full when the home is sold, including fees and interest accumulated (1 to 2 per cent higher than normal mortgages). "Really, it's about your needs and whether you need a lump sum up-front. If you don't, the best way to do is through a drawdown on a line of credit," Mr Saadat said, adding there were a range of other options out there.

"The main alternative is the (Federal Government's) pension loan scheme. It lets you top up your pension, paid as a fortnightly income stream," he said. "It accrues as a loan, paid back to the government when you pass away. Last year they decided to expand it so you can increase the pension by up to 150 per cent, but it requires you to be eligible for the aged pension."

Downsizing was another option, which Mr Saadat said may not appeal to everyone.

"There are also products that allow you to unlock the equity in your future, by selling a share of your home for an upfront price," he said. It might be time to look at the alternatives to reverse mortgages. One such product is the Homesafe Wealth Release, offered by Homesafe Solutions. Homesafe provides an upfront payment to the homeowner—usually a percentage of the equity available in their home—in return for a larger percentage share of the proceeds of the property's sale at an agreed later date.

### **MORE: THE QUESTION THAT CAN SAVE YOU \$1600**

Homesafe chief operating officer Dianne Shepherd said that unlike a reverse mortgage, no compounding interest is involved. "Homesafe invests in the value of a property as a partner with the homeowner," she said. "It's about ensuring people's rights are protected; that they can stay in their home as long as possible."



Basil Arthur Horsfall

## Ceylonese receives Victoria Cross

6 August 2017

The Victoria Cross, to date is the highest military award for gallantry given to British and Commonwealth soldiers. The medal displays a cross (with an impression of the Crown of Edward) on a crimson ribbon, and is made by Hancocks Ltd of London.

The medal board would seek the account of three eye witnesses to verify a medal recommendation. To date, 1,358 such medals have been awarded. In 1918, it was awarded to an old boy of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia - Basil Arthur Horsfall.

Basil Horsfall was born on October 4, 1887, the youngest son of W F Horsfall, in Colombo. He was educated in Ceylon – S. Thomas' College and at Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, Marlow, in England, after which he returned to Ceylon where he is reported as working variously as a rubber planter, an accountant and a civil servant in the Public Works Department.

He was a member of the Ceylon Engineers, a locally-raised force of European expatriates largely drawn from the Public Works Department which was mobilized for the duration of World War I. In July 1916, aged 28, he returned to Britain where he was gazetted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, on December 19, 1916.

According to East Lancashire Infantry Museum website, "Basil was wounded on May 11, 1917 while serving with the 1st Battalion and after recovery and convalescence in England was attached to the 11th (Service) Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment (the Accrington Pals) on October 24, 1917.

"On March 27, 1918 the Pals came under a very heavy attack as the Germans attempted to capture the village of Ayette, south of Arras. The Germans stormed the Pals' positions again and again, with each side suffering heavy casualties.

"The forward lines were cut down by enemy fire and Basil was shot in the head. He refused to seek medical attention, and gathered the remaining platoons and held the line. This action motivated his men and they launched a counter attack. Finally, they were ordered to withdraw; Lieutenant Basil was the last man to leave the trench. Again, he was shot many times and fell dead. For his act of altruism and conspicuous gallantry he became the first and only Ceylonese to receive the Victoria Cross. His name is registered in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). Nearly 70 years later, one of his soldiers, ex-Private Arthur Cheetham, described Basil Horsfall's final moments to the Pals local newspaper, the Accrington Observer:

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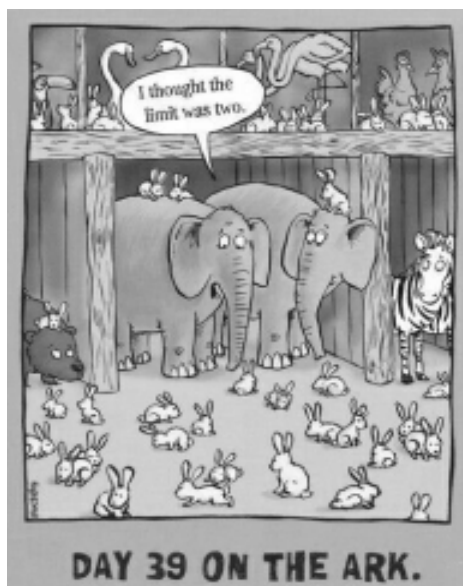
"The order to retire came. Before we set off, 2/Lt Horsfall shouted 'every man for himself'. Terrible words but a terrible situation to be in.

"2/Lt Horsfall was on my left as we started to cross an old airfield but 20 yards after we started he simply wasn't there. Our company lost about 25 men crossing that airfield. There were five of us in my party and two didn't make it. Of all the time I spent in France that was a day I will never forget."

"Basil Horsfall's body was never found. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. His Victoria Cross is kept in the Museum, and is one of their proudest possessions."



## HOLY HUMOUR



**The Ceylonese Welfare Organisation Inc.**  
Presents

**A Scrumptious  
Mid Year Luncheon**

By  
**Royal Regale Catering**  
on  
**Sunday 19th May 2019**  
At  
**Menzies Hall**

41A Menzies Avenue  
Dandenong North  
**12.00 noon to 4.30 pm**

Music By  
**"Redemption"**

**Members  
\$30.00**

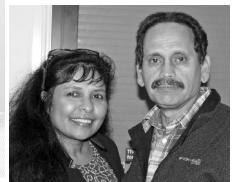
**Non Members  
\$35.00**

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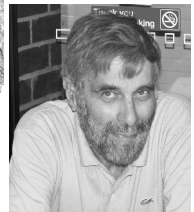
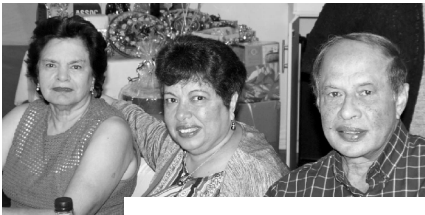
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# BAA Christmas Lunch 2018



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**Merry  
Christmas!**





**LYING AROUND, PONDERING THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, I REALIZED THAT AT MY AGE I DON'T REALLY GIVE A RAT'S RUMP ANYMORE.**

IF WALKING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH, THE POSTMAN WOULD BE IMMORTAL.

A WHALE SWIMS ALL DAY, ONLY EATS FISH, AND DRINKS WATER, BUT IS STILL FAT.

A RABBIT RUNS AND HOPS AND ONLY LIVES 15 YEARS, WHILE A TORTOISE DOESN'T RUN AND DOES MOSTLY NOTHING, YET IT LIVES FOR 150 YEARS. AND THEY TELL US TO EXERCISE? I DON'T THINK SO.

NOW THAT I'M OLDER, HERE'S WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED:

1. I STARTED OUT WITH NOTHING, AND I STILL HAVE MOST OF IT.
2. MY WILD OATS ARE MOSTLY ENJOYED WITH PRUNES AND ALL-BRAN.
3. FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED.
4. FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED.
5. IF ALL IS NOT LOST, THEN WHERE THE HECK IS IT?
6. IT WAS A WHOLE LOT EASIER TO GET OLDER THAN IT WAS TO GET WISER.
7. SOME DAYS, YOU'RE THE TOP DOG, SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE HYDRANT.
8. I WISH THE BUCK REALLY DID STOP HERE, I SURE COULD USE A FEW OF THEM.
9. KIDS IN THE BACKSEAT CAUSE ACCIDENTS.
10. ACCIDENTS IN THE BACK-SEAT CAUSE KIDS.
11. IT IS HARD TO MAKE A COMEBACK WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE.
12. THE WORLD ONLY BEATS A PATH TO YOUR DOOR WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATHROOM.
13. IF GOD WANTED ME TO TOUCH MY TOES, HE'D HAVE PUT THEM ON MY KNEES.
14. WHEN I'M FINALLY HOLDING ALL THE RIGHT CARDS, EVERYONE WANTS TO PLAY CHESS.
15. IT IS NOT HARD TO MEET EXPENSES...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.
16. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RUT AND A GRAVE IS THE DEPTH.
17. THESE DAYS, I SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT THE HEREAFTER. . .
- 17A. I GO SOMEWHERE TO GET SOMETHING, AND THEN WONDER WHAT I'M "HERE AFTER".
18. FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED.
19. IT IS A LOT BETTER TO BE SEEN THAN VIEWED.
20. HAVE I SENT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BEFORE????...OR DID I GET IT FROM YOU?

## Sri Lanka – Historical Events

- **1781-11-13** British troops occupy Negapatam, Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
- **1815-03-02** Signing of Kandyan treaty by British invaders and Sri Lankan King
- **1835-10-09** The Royal College, Colombo, established with the name Hillstreet Academy in Sri Lanka
- **1851-03-02** - St Thomas College Mount Lavinia was founded by the first Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Rev. James Chapman, D. D. It was his foremost vision to build a College & Cathedral for the new Diocese of Colombo of the Church of Ceylon. Thus, on the 3rd of February 1851 the College of St. Thomas the Apostle, Colombo was opened.
- **1886-11-01** Ananda College, a leading Buddhist school in Sri Lanka was established with 37 students.
- **1948-02-04** Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) declares independence from UK
- **1956-04-05** In Sri Lanka, the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna win the general elections in a landslide and S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike is sworn in as the Prime Minister.
- **1960-07-21** Sirima Bandaranaike is the first woman in modern times to become head of state, as Prime Minister in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon)
- **1965-03-22** D Senanayake wins general elections in Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
- **1966-04-06** Mihir Sen swims Palk Strait between Sri Lanka & India
- **1971-04-05** In Sri Lanka, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna launches insurrection against the United Front government of Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- **1972-05-22** Ceylon becomes Republic of Sri Lanka as its constitution is ratified
- **1974-12-04** Dutch DC-8 charter crashes in Sri Lanka killing 191 Muslim pilgrims
- **1975-06-07** Sri Lanka's 1st one-day international, v WI Cricket World Cup
- **1977-07-21** Sri Lanka premier Bandaranaike loses election
- **1978-08-31** Constitution adopted by Sri Lanka
- **1978-11-15** 183 die as Icelandic Airlines DC-8 crashes in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **1979-05-02** -May 10] Vivekananda (Sri Lanka) begins nonstop ride, cycling 187 hrs., 28 min, around Vihara Maha Devi Park, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **1979-05-10** Vivekananda (Sri Lanka) completes nonstop cycle ride of 187 hrs., 28 min, around Vihara Maha Devi Park, Colombo, Sri Lanka [From May 2]
- **1979-06-04** Sri Lanka forfeit ICC Trophy game vs Israel for political reasons
- **1979-06-18** Sri Lanka beat India by 47 runs in Cricket World Cup upset
- **1979-06-21** Sri Lanka beat Canada by 60 runs to win the 1st ICC Trophy
- **1982-02-17** Commencement of Sri Lanka's 1st Test Cricket match, v England
- **1982-03-14** Sidath Wettimuny scores Sri Lanka's 1st Test Cricket century
- **1982-03-27** Imran takes 14-116 for cricket match v Sri Lanka at Lahore
- **1982-09-22** Duleep Mendis completes twin cricket tons for Sri Lanka v India
- **1982-10-20** Sri Lanka President Jayewardene re-elected
- **1983-04-22** Start of 1st Sri Lanka-Australia Test Cricket match (at Kandy)
- **1985-10-28** Ravi Ratnayake takes 8-83 for Sri Lanka v Pakistan.

- **1987-04-19** Brendon Kuruppu scores 201\* on Test Cricket debut (Sri Lanka v NZ)
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- **1987-04-20** Sri Lanka: Tamils shoot 122 Singhalese dead
  - **1987-04-21** Tamil bomb attack in Colombo Sri Lanka, 115 killed
  - **1987-04-22** Sri Lanka Air Force bomb Tamil, 100s killed
  - **1987-05-26** Great offensive against Tamil-rebellion in Jaffna Sri Lanka
  - **1987-10-13** West Indies score 4-360 in 50 overs in Cricket World Cup v Sri Lanka
  - **1988-12-20** Premier Ranasinghe Premadasa elected President of Sri Lanka
  - **1990-03-24** Indian troops leave Sri Lanka
  - **1990-08-10** The Massacre of more than 127 Muslims in North East Sri Lanka by paramilitaries.
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- **1990-11-25** India bowl the Sri Lankan cricket team out for 82; Venkatapathy Raju (I) takes 6-12 off 17.5 overs
  - **1991-02-25** Andrew Jones scores twin Test Cricket tons v Sri Lanka (122 & 100\*)
  - **1991-08-30** Tamil Tigers capture Sri Lanka poet Selvi
  - **1991-12-25** Last day of a washout Pakistan v Sri Lanka at Gujranwala
  - **1992-02-23** Andy Flower scores 115\* on ODI debut, Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka
  - **1992-02-23** World Cup score line Zimbabwe 4-312, Sri Lanka 7-313
  - **1992-04-10** 25 die in a bus bombing in Sri Lanka
  - **1992-08-19** Sri Lanka make their highest cricket score ever 8-547 v Australia
  - **1992-08-22** Matthews & Warne spin Australia to a famous win v Sri Lanka
  - **1992-12-09** Sri Lanka's third-ever Test Cricket victory (v NZ by 9 wkts)
  - **1993-03-18** Sri Lanka beat England in Test match by 5 wickets
  - **1993-05-01** Bomb attack on Sri Lankan president (26 die)
  - **1994-08-16** Chandrika Kumaratunga's party wins Sri Lanka elections
  - **1994-10-24** Bomb attack on opposition in Sri Lanka, 55+ killed
  - **1994-11-09** Chandrika Kumaratunga chosen 1st female president of Sri Lanka
  - **1995-04-14** India beats Sri Lanka to win the Asia Cricket Cup final in Sharjah
  - **1995-04-28** Sri Lankan BAE748 crashes at Palaly, 52 die
  - **1995-09-26** Sri Lanka complete 2-1 Test Cricket series win in Pakistan from 0-1
  - **1995-09-29** Saleem Elahi scores century on ODI debut, Pakistan v Sri Lanka
  - **1995-10-16** Brian Lara scores 169 in Sharjah ODI versus Sri Lanka
  - **1995-10-16** ODI in Sharjah WI 7-333 in 50 overs beat Sri Lanka 329 all out
  - **1995-10-20** Sri Lanka beat West Indies to win Sharjah Champions Trophy final
  - **1995-12-05** The Sri Lankan government announces the conquest of Tamil stronghold of Jaffna.
  - **1995-12-10** Michael Slater scores 219 v Sri Lanka at the WACA
  - **1995-12-10** Ricky Ponting makes 96 on Test Cricket debut (Aust v Sri Lanka, WACA)
  - **1996-01-20** Australia defeat Sri Lanka 2-0 to win cricket's World Series Cup



- **1996-01-31** 50 people die and many more injured in a suicide bombing in Sri Lanka by separatist Tamil Tigers
  - **1996-03-06** Aravinda De Silva smashes 145 v Kenya in cricket World Cup at Kandy Sri Lanka score 5-398 in 50 overs in World Cup v Kenya
  - **1996-03-13** Sri Lanka beat India in World Cup semi as riots stop play
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- **1996-03-17** Sri Lanka beat Australia by 7 wickets to win the World Cup
  - **1996-04-07** Pakistan beat Sri Lanka to win Singer Cup in Singapore
  - **1996-09-08** Sri Lanka defeat Australia to win Singer World Series at Colombo
  - **1996-09-28** 1st ODI played in Kenya between home team & Sri Lanka
  - **1996-10-04** Shahid Afridi scores century in 37 balls for Pakistan v Sri Lanka
  - **1998-01-25** Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) suicide attack on Sri Lanka's Temple of the Tooth, killing 8 people injuring 25 others.
  - **2004-12-26** 9.3 magnitude earthquake creates a tsunami causing devastation in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, the Maldives and edges of the Indian Ocean, killing 230,000 people
  - **2005-08-12** Sri Lanka's foreign minister, Lakshman Kadirgamar, is fatally shot by an LTTE (Tamil Tigers) sniper at his home.
  - **2006-11-10** Sri Lankan Tamil Parliamentarian Nadarajah Raviraj assassinated in Colombo.
  - **2009-03-03** The Sri Lankan cricket team is attacked by terrorists while on their way to the Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore for a Test match against Pakistan.
  - **2009-05-18** Sri Lankan Civil War: The LTTE are defeated by the Sri Lankan government, ending almost 26 years of fighting between the two sides.
  - **2009-05-19** Sri Lanka announces victory in its 27-year war against the terrorist organisation, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.
  - **2011-11-25** Sudden violent storms strike southern Sri Lanka, killing 27 people and drowning many fishermen caught by surprise. Thousands of homes lose their roofs and several more sustain damage. Landslides along with flooding was reported on the mainland.]
  - **2012-11-10** 27 people are killed and dozens injured in a prison conflict in Colombo, Sri Lanka
  - **2013-04-04** Poecilotheria rajaei, a giant tarantula with a 20cm leg span, is discovered in Sri Lanka
  - **2014-11-13** Rohit Sharma of India sets a new record of 264 runs against Sri Lanka in an ODI innings in cricket
  - **2016-01-04** Colombo's Gemology Institute certifies world's largest ever blue star sapphire at 1404.49 carats, found in a Sri Lankan mine in August 2015
  - **2017-04-14** Meethotamulla rubbish dump collapses onto houses in Colombo, Sri Lanka killing 26
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- **2017-05-28** Floods and landslides in Sri Lanka kill at least 151



## How the Ku Klux Klan began its reign of terror on Christmas Eve

**Six Confederate soldiers gathered as a social group on Christmas Eve to discuss political matters. Their “circle” would turn into the KKK**

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What began on Christmas Eve 1865 as a social group, grew to a terror organisation that by the 1920s reached peak membership of up to six million people across the United States. From its humble beginnings, the Ku Klux Klan heralded an horrific chapter in American history that still exists today, 150 years after its initial formation.

The aftermath of the Civil War gave around four million African-Americans their freedom but there were several obstacles to successfully rebuilding the South during what was known as the Reconstruction Period of 1865-77. From 1865 to 1871 the first wave of the KKK killed hundreds of African-Americans and their white supporters, driving thousands of families from their homes, sexually assaulting thousands of women and men. The KKK launched a campaign of horrendous racism, coupled with violence and terror, as well as widespread robbery as they stole all possessions of African-Americans, from guns and land to food and livestock. It's no wonder at least one historian refers to the Ku Klux Klan as “America's recurring nightmare”.

### **THE FIRST WAVE OF THE KKK**

The name Ku Klux Klan comes from the Greek word *kyklos*, meaning “circle”. It's believed the word “clan” was added simply for alliteration reasons. It was officially founded on Christmas Eve, 1865 in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Former Confederate cavalry general and slave trader Nathan Bedford Forrest was the KKK's first “leader in chief,” otherwise known as the “grand wizard” (the Klan apparently liked quirky titles). Forrest originally formed the KKK as a paramilitary group that included six Confederate soldiers in the aftermath of the American Civil War. At first, the men primarily discussed ways to reverse the federal government's progressive policies. They saw themselves as representing the white people who once had the power but now resented the freed slaves and feared retaliation. The original KKK planned to mostly intimidate the former slaves who were legally granted civil rights protection after the war. The Klan was particularly concerned about policies that increased the rights of the African-Americans. The meetings soon turned into something more sinister — a group that, above all else, pledged to hold on to their white supremacist agenda.

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It didn't take long for the entire ideology of the KKK to shift focus throwing a spotlight on the bitterness and anger many felt about the disenfranchisement of the South in the Reconstruction Era. Its members saw the freed African-Americans and their allies as their enemies, as well as the Republican opposition and made life incredibly frightening for anyone perceived to be an enemy. It was a truly frightening time for all African-Americans and anyone that tried to help them.

Historian Linda Gordon is the author of *The Second Coming of the KKK*. According to Gordon, founding leader Forrest tried to break up the KKK in 1869 when he realised the group was becoming excessively violent. But this was an impossible task as the Klan was already too powerful by then. Gordon claims the entire success of the KKK rested on its ability to trade on fear. The Klan generated widespread terror by planting false allegations — mostly centered on black men being sexually aggressive towards white women. These false accusations made white women fearful and the KKK used that fear to justify their white terrorism. The KKK liked to ride their horses at night, threatening and frightening any black people they could find. If anyone defied them, they were whipped, beaten and often murdered (typically called “lynching”).

Historian Elaine Frantz Parsons wrote in *Ku-Klux: The Birth of the Klan During Reconstruction* that the Klan insisted on continuing the Southern tradition of “night riders”, who intimidated slaves to control them. The Klan also extended their hostilities to the southern whites who befriended and defended African-Americans. Wearing their costumes, the KKK would shoot into windows, often burning houses with the occupants still inside. Those they didn't kill, they drove off their properties — destroying their farms and leaving successful black farmers with nothing. By 1877, the federal government had disbanded any guarantee of the rights of the freed people, (freed slaves) — this meant the KKK could operate without any opposition. The small number of southern white elites who were opposed to the KKK justified government inaction by defending the Klan as “a private, non-state organisation of poor, uneducated 'white trash', so police and courts were powerless to control it.”

Gordon writes: “That excuse was bogus: police and sheriffs colluded with and often joined the Klan, ensuring that it could operate with impunity. “Those who justified inaction also claimed that the Klan robes, hoods and masks made it impossible to identify Klan members. This too was not actually true: in most communities the identities of Klansmen were well known.”

## **THE END OF THE FIRST WAVE OF THE KKK**

By the time Forrest tried to disband the KKK, his organisation was already more terrifying and powerful than he ever intended. President Ulysses Grant had passed the Ku Klux Act in 1871, authorising the military to crush what was then a terrorist group. The act meant nine South Carolina counties were placed under martial law. Then, in 1882, there was a huge backflip with the US Supreme Court declaring the Ku Klux Act unconstitutional. This led to grave fears the Klan would rise again but, by then, it had mostly disappeared. However, it would rise up once more, bigger and more terrifying than ever.

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## THE BIRTH OF A NATION

During WWI (1914-18), the KKK started to reorganize — said to be fueled by a movie, *The Birth of a Nation*, which featured a story about the first KKK defending white people against blacks.

The film was deeply controversial; it's depiction of the Klan was, ludicrously, as saviors of the rest of the population. When the movie was shown in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1916, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a peaceful protest. It was the first time in history the association had been called to action because they feared there'd be a renewed backlash against African-Americans. But the protest did little to prevent the next wave of the KKK. according to historian Linda George, by 1920, the KKK had gained peak membership, appealing to those who believed their lives were superior to those of immigrants.

This new version of the Klan went beyond discriminating only against African-Americans; they spread their net of evil even wider — now their hate focused on immigrants, Catholics, Jews and “colored people”. Its ideology shifted once again — now the Klan supported what they called “clean living” and attacked “dope, bootlegging, graft, night clubs and road houses, violation of the Sabbath, unfair business dealings, sex, marital 'goings-on,' and scandalous behaviour.”

## THE KKK COSTUME

KKK members made their own costumes of white robes, with conical hats and masks; designed to frighten people, as well as to hide their identities. According to historian Alison Kinney, while the pointed white hood and robe is now synonymous with the KKK, it was more common for members to wear a variety of costumes, including using “black face” to mock their victims. “Klansmen wore gigantic animal horns, fake beards, (dark)-skin caps, or polka-dot paper hats; they imitated French accents or barnyard animals; they played guitars to serenade victims. Some Klansmen wore pointed hats suggestive of wizards, dunces, or Pierrots; some wore everyday winter hoods, pillowcases, or flour sacks on their heads,” Kinney writes. Later, the costume was seen as less a disguise and more of a way to show others you were part of the KKK. Historian Linda George says the purpose of the costume wasn't always to protect identities because most locals knew exactly who the Klan members were beneath their disguise.

## THE SECOND WAVE OF THE KKK

This new wave of the Klan started in 1915, led by William J. Simmons in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Cross burning became a signature symbol of the Klan's hatred and is still seen as a sacred ceremony for members. Historians refer to the second wave as a time when Klan members served in all levels of government. Interestingly, while the KKK identify with the Protestant religion, they don't see cross burning as sacrilegious but, rather, a symbol of their Christianity.

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The Klan started to diminish by the end of the 1920s when membership shrunk from 5-6 million to just a few thousand. According to Linda George, this decline had very little to do with any kind of opposition. Instead, she writes, "It withered from the inside: members resented the national headquarters' steady demand for dues and other levies, corrupt leaders were caught drinking and embezzling, and one Grand Goblin was convicted of a murder so vicious that it evoked national media attention.

The decline did not, however, mean that Klan ideas died out. A third wave of the KKK began again in 1950, focusing on the civil rights movement. Historians have differing views on the KKK's central values. Historian Leonard J. Moore believed the KKK of the 1920s was "the story of a backward segment of American society, one trapped by economic insecurity, dying small-town ways, and an inability to adjust psychologically to the 'modern age'." The KKK continues today but almost every Christian denomination denounces its existence.



## Inspirational Life Quotes

"Just know, when you truly want success, you'll never give up on it. No matter how bad the situation may get." – **Unknown**

"I don't regret the things I've done, I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance." – **Unknown**

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." – **Joshua J. Marine**

"It's hard to wait around for something you know might never happen; but it's harder to give up when you know its everything you want." – **Unknown**

"One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like doing it." – **Unknown**

"Good things come to those who wait... greater things come to those who get off their ass and do anything to make it happen." – **Unknown**

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace & gratitude." – **Denis Waitley**

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure." – **Bill Cosby**

"Go where you are celebrated – not tolerated. If they can't see the real value of you, it's time for a new start." – **Unknown**

Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone. – **Andy Biersack**

## OBITUARIES

Compiled by Victor Melder  
(E & O.E.)

**EDEMA – BRAEBOURNE RALPH**, husband of Evette, father of Tammy and Vanessa and their families, Ron, Olivia Claudia and Marcus Roosen and Matthew, Poppy and Louis O'Conner. Eldest son of Ralph & Theresa Gilda Edema (both dec), Brother of Ralston (dec), Russell, Pierre, Crystal, Marietta, Leon, Sandra, Lavender (dec) and Turid, in Sydney, on December 29, 2018, aged 81 years. - 46, George Street, North Strathfield, NSW 2137 (Contributed)

**MORTIMER – RONALD DELMER (RONNIE)**, (9.12.1931 – 4.1.2019), husband of Jeanette, father of Geraldine, Jennifer and Geoffrey, grandfather of Robert Jones (UK), Dr Hash Abdeen, Nandy Rabot and Andre Rabot, in Brisbane. – 6/23, Bath Street, Labrador, Qld 4215 (Contributed)

**HASSELMAYER – ERICA**, (19.04.1925 – 30.12.2018), wife of the late Karl, mother of Claudette and Beverley, mother-in-law of Randolph and Jeremy. Grandmother of Janine, Craig, Nicole, Kylie and Larissa, great grandmother of Lanaea, Kailey, Chanae, Caleb, Makai, Kiaree, Ethan and Owen, in Melbourne. (Herald Sun, 3.1.2019)

**DE ZYLVA – EDDIE E. M. G.**, Husband of Sharmini, father of Brindley, Shiralee, Needra and Denver, father-in-law of Manoja, Diren, Chrys and Simone, in Sri Lanka. – 4, Lake Road, Maharagama, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 7.1.2019)

**GOODCHILD – REV.FR. HAROLD C**, aged 96 years, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 9.1.2019)

**PEREIRA – MALCOLM JOSEPH**, husband of Patricia (dec), father of Glenn, Dexter and Rodney, grandfather and great grandfather, in Perth, on January 7, 2019. (The West Australian, 9.1.2019)

**FELSINGER – TYRONE CHRISTOPHER**, husband of Judy, father of Stephan and Trevin. Son of Racheal and Allan Felsinger, brother of Evelyn, Marilyn and Dalrene, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 12.1.2019)

**HENRICUS – IONA**, mother of Sanscha, Elion, Kirk Gunawardana, grandmother of Aundrae, Natasha, Keshini, Seanna and Heron. Daughter of late Hartley and Mary Henricus, in Sri Lanka. – 234D, Mullapitiya Road, Kaluwamodera, Aluthgama, Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer 13.1.2019)

**KOELMEYER – LEONIE** (nee Adams), wife of the late Melville, mother of Milroy, Romaine, Christopher, Adrian Winston, mother-in-law of Jean, Ralph Vandort, Kanth and Myrtle, grandmother of Ranmore, Rochelle, Crustal, Dominic, Andrea, Corrine and Mark. Sister of Tyronne Adams (Can), sister-in-law of the late Bernard, Anton, Velma, Richard, Verita and of Ives, Virginia (Aust) and Helene, in Sri Lanka. – 7/22, St. Ninion Mawatha, Negombo, Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer 13.1.2019)

**EBERT – ELMO**, husband of Nimmi, Father of Yolan, Jeffry and Domina, father-in-law of Amila, Susan and Shehan, grandfather of Elliana, Ayden, Giana, Kainon, Evangeline and Tristan. Brother of Edward, Bernie, Anton, Maurice and late Lyn and Mary, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 15.1.2019)

**BAGOT – ROSEMARY JESSICA**, (nee Thompson), wife of Ted (dec), mother of Caroline, Annabel (dec), Tempe and Barbara and partners Andrew, Wayne and Bede, grandmother of Edward, Hugh, Scot, Luka, Hannah, Oscar, Chris, Madeleine and Margeaux, in Sydney, aged 90 years. (The Sydney Morning Herald, 19.1.2019)

**DE SARAM – CHARLOTTE** (nee Karunaratne), wife of late Aloy de Saram, mother of Anura (Aust), Geethani (SL) and Prasanna (Can), mother-in-law of Nilmini and Ishara, grandmother of Nicole, Alex, Adrian, Kevin and Shenaya. Sister of late Reggie, Jacob, Richard and Grace and Catherine, in Melbourne, on August 25, 2018, aged 91 years. (Sunday Observer, 20.1.2019)

**PHILLIPS – REX**, husband of late Felicia (nee Martin), father of Dinal Phillips, Niloo Phillips (USA) and Shoyla Luke (UK), father-in-law of Samantha (USA), Chris Luke (UK), grandfather of Emma and Ashley Woolard, Farah and Tashia, great grandfather of Amelia. Brother of late Lucian and Vivian Phillips and Noelin Devarajan, in Sri Lanka. – 26, Charles Drive, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer 20.1.2019)

**VARNEY – RICHARD**, (4.2.1923 – 18.1.2019), husband of Margaret father of Andrew and Lesley, father-in-law of Steve, grandfather of Brendan and Alex and partners Steph and Asumi, in Perth. (The West Australian, 22.1.2019)

**BUULTJENS – RICK (CLETUS BUULETJENS)**, son of Jenny & late Doolan Buultjens, husband of Cindy, father of Charlene Melissa Buultjens Gunawardena, father-in-law of Kevin. A. Gunawardena. Brother of Marcelino (Marcel), Crissogness (Oggy), late Montgomery (Monty) and Jezanda Mendis (Jezzo), in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 25.1.2019)

**DON PAUL – DENVER**, husband of Jennifer, father of Deorn and Johann, father-in-law of Lislie Pietersz and Sevrandi, grandfather of Anthony, Andrew, Abigale, Shannon and Shianna. Brother of Antoinette, Neville, Delia and Gerard, in Sri Lanka. – 85/H1, St Jude Mawatha, Dalugama, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. (Sunday Observer, 27.1.2019)

**TREK – HAROLD**, husband of late Iris, father of late Godwin, Maureen, Nishantha (Abu Dhabi) and Samantha (Aust), father-in-law of Trevor, Sherin and Nirosha (Aust), in Sri Lanka. – 68 Jayasirigama, Ragama, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 28.1.2019)

**DE KRETZER – DENNIS MAURICE** Loved husband of Rita (dec) Loving father to Warren and Milani and father-in-law to Deanne and John. Beloved grandfather to Deandra, Cassandra and Keishen. Sadly missed and always remembered.

**WERKMEISTER. Mervyn Frederick** 12.11.1924 - 19.02.2019 Loving husband of Primrose. Beloved father of Glenn and Jerome, and Steve. Father-in-law of Janet, Kanna and Bernadette. Most loving Pop of Claire, Andrea, Erin, Jade, Melanie, Bianca, Matthew, Scott and all extended families. Mervyn will be sadly missed by his wife Primrose, their children, their children's families and his many friends. His many good deeds and warm loving smile will stay in our memories forever. Rest in peace, Mervyn



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