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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

Considering the high cost of living expenses, the BAA General Committee has decided that until such time we are able to bring back the large audiences at our functions, the ticket price will be based on the cost of the function so as not to make a profit.

As such the BAA has taken the view that all sponsorships/donations, excluding the sponsorships of children in their education via the DBU in Sri Lanka, will not take place until further notice. Accordingly the BAA has just announced following the November 2025 General Meeting (AGM) that for the current year donations and sponsorships will be granted only to the following

**Sponsorship of Education to children via the Dutch Burgher
Union of Sri Lanka for up to 25 children doing year 11 and 12**

We will review again annually the position to set up a budget for new/continued sponsorship to be adopted in the following year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr Vyvil & Barbara Moses – Dandenong North - VIC

Mrs Charline Lemphers - Boronia – VIC

Mr Elwin & Mrs Mary De Joodt – Dean Park - NSW





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 The BAA Centre 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. (\$2000 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.



What's Happening At the BAA



Australia Day Celebrations

Monday, 26th January 2026

BAA Community Hall - 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169

12.00 noon-5.00pm

Kothu Roti Lunch

Sunday, 29 March 2026

BAA Community Hall - 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169

12.00 noon-5.00pm

Winter Warmers Lunch

Sunday, 21 June 2026

BAA Community Hall – 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169

12.00 noon-5.00pm

Hopper Lunch

Sunday, 16th August 2026

BAA Community Hall – 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169

12.00 noon-5.00pm

Members & Friends Christmas Party

Sunday, 29 November 2026

BAA Community Hall – 358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3169

12.00 noon-5.00pm

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26 January 2026

Come and join us

At

THE BAA

358 Haughton Road, Clayton

Catch up with friends for fellowship music and fun

12.00 noon to 5.00 pm

Buffet By **"Cha's Cabin"**

Lasagne

Roast Lamb / Roast Vegies

Tossed Salad/Sea Food Salad/Pasta & Tuna Salad

Bread Rolls & Butter

Desert: Jelly + Custard

Members \$40 pp – Non Members \$50 pp – BYO

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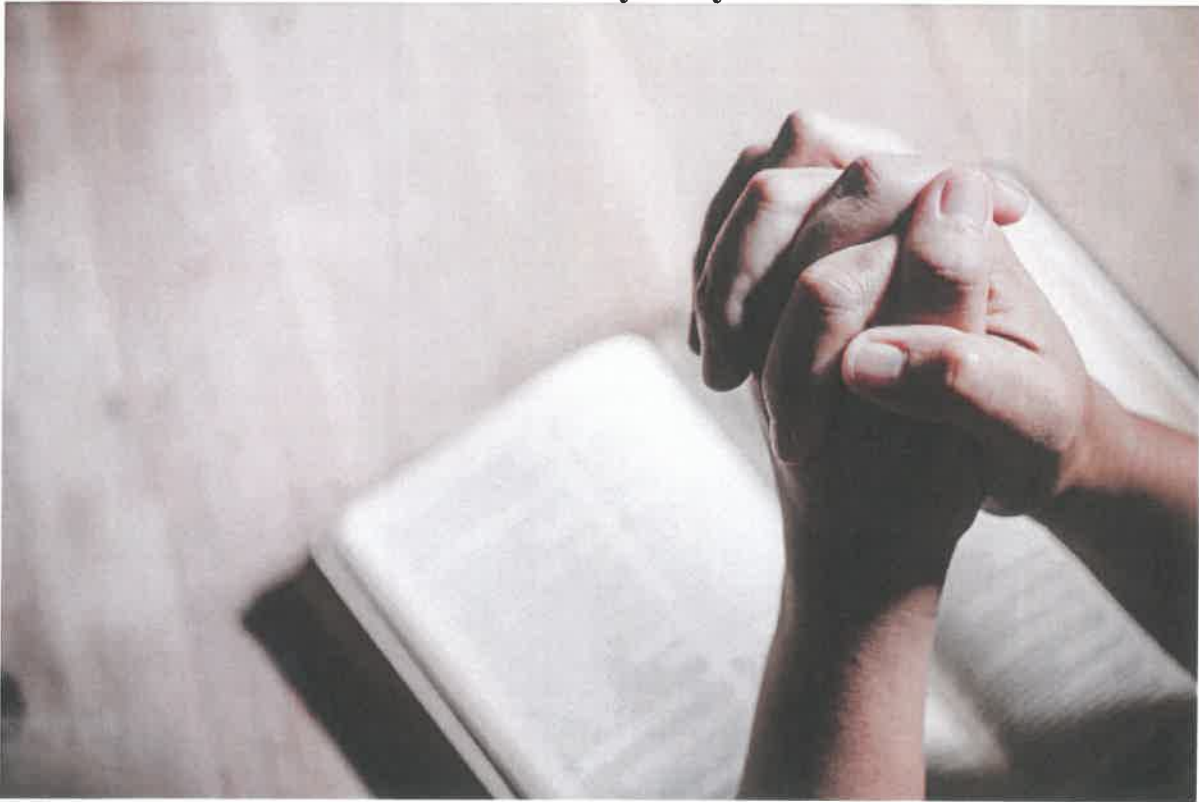
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Millennium Prayer by Cliff Richard



THE LORD'S PRAYER

This song is the words of The Lord's Prayer ("Our father, who art in heaven...") with the tune of "[Auld Lang Syne](#)." It is the first and so far only UK #1 to be in blank verse.

This was a hit despite being ignored by radio stations as they deemed the song to be uncool. EMI, Cliff Richard's record label for 40 years, refused to promote it so Cliff took it to an independent label, Papillon.

The proceeds from this went to the charity Children's Promise: The Millennium Final Hour Appeal. It raised £1 million.

The song's writer, Paul Field, was watching Princess Diana's funeral at a service station on a large screen along with a large crowd. As The Lord's Prayer was recited, many joined in. Paul realized that although this was a secular age with falling church attendance, most people were familiar with The Lord's Prayer.

Inspired by that thought, he set it to the tune of the traditional hymn "Auld Lang Syne" for a church musical, *Hopes And Dreams*. A CD was

recorded using Cliff Richard, whom Paul knew. Cliff decided to record it as a single to tie in with the Christmas period and the Millennium celebrations. He reasoned that as The Lord's Prayer celebrated Christmas and "Auld Lang Syne" the turn of the year, it would make an excellent single. It became the third-best seller of his career.

Millennium Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us to thee our daily bread And forgive our sins
As we forgive each one of those who sin against us
And lead us not to the time of trial But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory
Let all the people sing Amen
In every tribe and tongue
Let every heart's desire be joined
To see the kingdom come
Let every hope and every dream
Be born in love again Let all the world sing with one voice
Let the people say amen
Amen Amen Amen

Although the above song was recorded many years ago by Cliff Richard, it is still popular to this date, particularly as Christmas is round the corner.

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen.
I have since been visited by her sister and now wish to withdraw that statement.

Mark Twain

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once
a year

Victor Borge



The Two Wolves (Inspiring Short Story About Life)

An old Cherokee chief sat down to teach his grandson about life.

“There’s a fight going on inside me,” he tells the young boy, “a fight between two wolves.”

“One wolf is evil. It’s full of malice, anger, greed, self-pity, and false pride. The other is good. It’s full of peace, love, joy, kindness, and humility.”

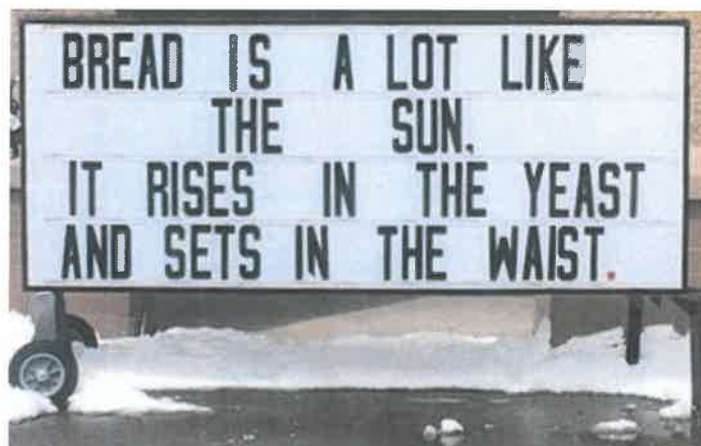
“This same fight is going on inside you and everyone else on the face of the earth.”

The grandson was quiet, pondering this revelation for a moment before asking, “Grandfather, which wolf will win?”

The old man smiled and replied, “The one you feed.”

Moral of the story:

Good and bad exist within each of us. It’s our responsibility to own that reality and do whatever we can to nurture the good.



**I relabeled all of the jars in
my wife's spice rack. I'm not
in trouble yet....but the
thyme is cumin.**

Want to feel old?



Bonanza premiered 60 yrs ago.

The Beatles split 50 yrs ago.

Laugh-In premiered nearly 52 yrs. ago.

The Wizard of Oz is 80 yrs old.

Elvis is dead 42 yrs. He'd be 84 today.

The Thriller video is 36 yrs old.

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 49 yrs.

John Lennon dead 39 yrs.

Mickey Mantle retired 51 yrs ago.

Back to the Future is 35 yrs old.

Saturday Night Fever is 42 yrs old.

The Ed Sullivan show ended 47 yrs ago.

The Brady Bunch premiered 50 yrs ago.

The triplets on My Three Sons are 50.

Tabitha from Bewitched is 55.

The Corvette turned 66 this year.

The Mustang is 55.



**This is how
my generation
blocked people...**



The Nursing Home

Three mischievous old Grandmas were sitting on a bench outside the nursing home when an old Great Grandpa, Billy G, walked by.

One of the old Grandmas yelled out, 'Hey, we bet we can tell exactly how old you are!'

Billy said, 'There is no way you can guess my age!'

One of the grandmas said, 'Sure we can! Just drop your pants and undershorts and we can tell your exact age.'

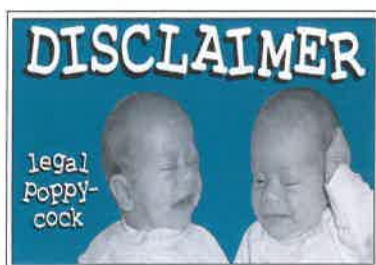
Embarrassed, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, Billy dropped his drawers.



The Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and then jump up and down several times. Determined to prove them wrong, he did it. Then they all said in unison, 'You're 93 years old!'

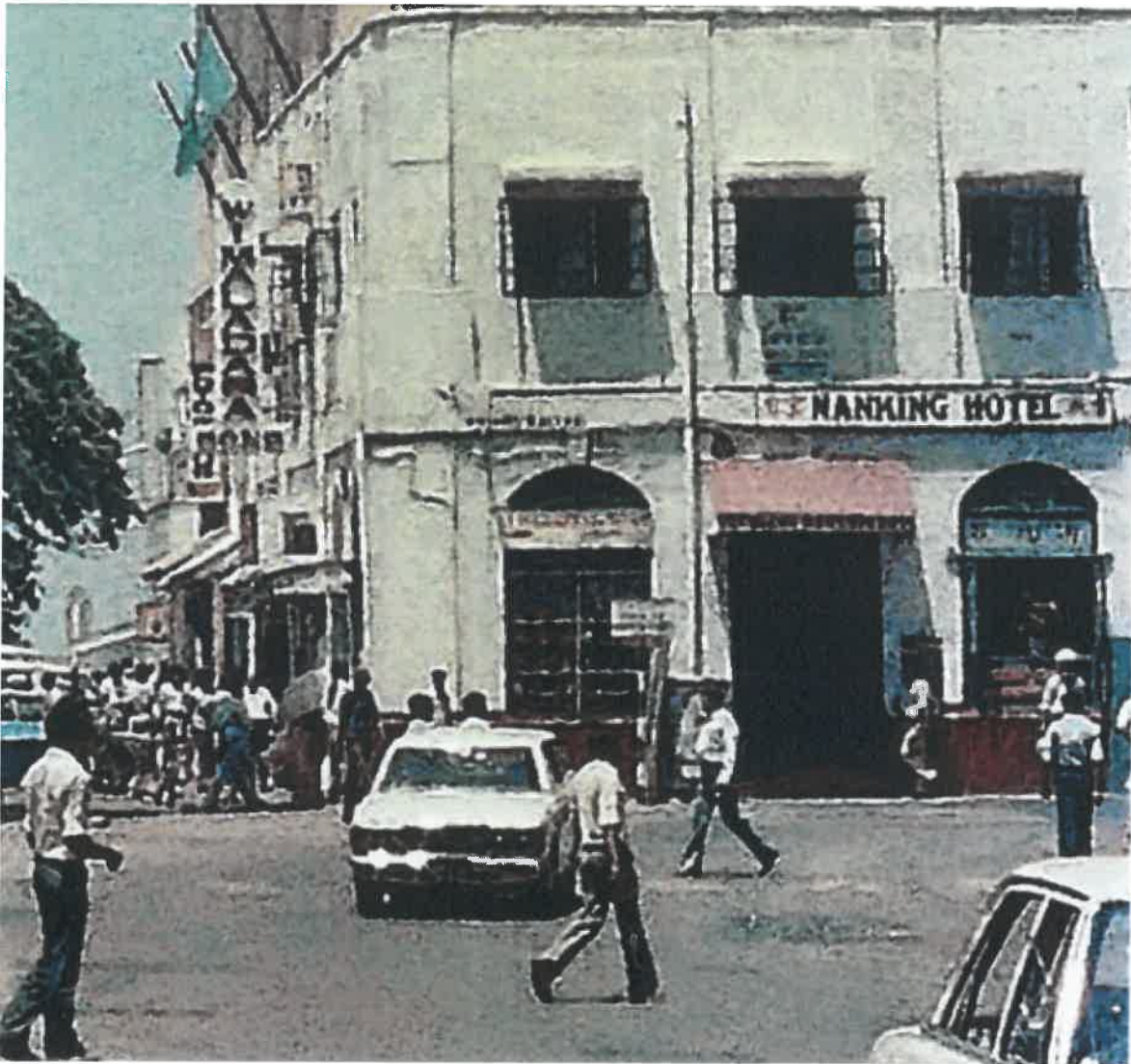
Standing with his pants down around his ankles, Billy asked, 'How in the world did you guess my age?' Slapping their knees, high fiving and grinning from ear to ear, the three old ladies happily crowed.

'We were at your birthday party yesterday.'



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CHINESE HOTELS OF OLD COLOMBO



Source: [FACEBOOK](#)

CHINESE HOTELS OF OLD COLOMBO

Certain parts of Colombo Fort were a kind of Chinatown in the good old days though not as large as the true *Chinatowns* one comes across in places like San Francisco. One can only imagine how vibrant Colombo must have been back then especially in Colombo Fort.

Chinese hotels especially in Colombo Fort.

Many were the Chinese restaurants that thrived in Colombo Fort from the 1950s until about the early 1980s. These were mostly found in Chatham Street and York Street and dominated the culinary landscape of Fort. If one is going to say that food is the most important thing, then one might as well say they dominated the Fort. These restaurants seem to have sprung up beginning from about the WW II years or not long afterwards. Outside of the Fort, such Chinese hotels were very few and included Chinese Lotus Hotel in Colpetty.

FREE CHINA HOTEL

Free China Hotel stood on York Street and must have taken its name as a protest against communism that was then making inroads in mainland China or who knows as a rallying cry against the Japanese invasions of the time. It was known from about the mid-1940s or maybe even earlier and seems to have had its heyday in the 1960s. It was most popular for its noodles served with sliced green chillies. Surprisingly, it offered as many as 500 dishes and ice creams “Ceylon’s Best” coming in as many as five flavours. It even hosted weddings including those of local Chinese couples when it would serve traditional Chinese fare such as pork and pumpkin soup.

CHINESE VICTORY CAFE

A somewhat popular restaurant on York Street well known in the 1970s was Chinese Victory Café. It suffered a fire in 1963 but seems to have survived for a long time afterwards. Interestingly this restaurant too had a name with political undertones. Victory is not a name a hotel usually bears.

NANKING HOTEL

Nanking Hotel was placed at the corner of Chatham Street and Queen Street. Nanking was named after the Chinese city of Nanjing which is alternatively rendered as Nanking which is still best remembered for the infamous massacre by the Imperial Japanese army that invaded China. Who knows, perhaps it was named in memory of its victims. The hotel was most famous for its prawn-mixed fried rice but also served Chinese fare like noodles and soups. It was run by the family of Yu. Foreigners frequently patronised the spot, particularly sailors and passengers of ships that used to call at the Colombo harbour.

Nanking must have been quite old really and founded in the 1950s if not earlier. It is even mentioned in a book by James Jacobs titled *From the Imjin to the Hook. A National Service Gunner in the Korean War*(2013). Speaking of Colombo where they landed, he says: “*Many of the restaurants did not look too clean, so we decided on a Chinese establishment called The Nanking. Not being familiar with the pedigree of the pig that had gone into the sweet and sour pork, what part of the crustaceans the prawn balls had been extracted from, or what chops had been cooked in the chop suey, we stuck to good solid British fare and ordered fish and chips. We hoped that the waiters would not realize we were on our way to kill some of their fellow countrymen* “. The reference to *their fellow countrymen* is interesting because it obviously refers to the Chinese soldiers who were fighting alongside their North Korean allies.

PEIPING HOTEL

Peiping Hotel was on the other side of Chatham Street closer to York Street. This is where the Fort Pilawoos Hotel later came to be. It was best known for its delectable crab dishes. It was run by the Kao family. I was told it had a jukebox where diners

could insert a coin and select their songs from a list. A mechanical arm would then spring to action to get the record out and play the song.

NECTAR CAFE

Nectar Cafe at the corner of York Street and Bailey Street thrived in the 1960s and 1970s. It served a variety of good food including occidental fare like sandwiches, cakes, puddings and ice creams offered with fruit salad. It was basically a self-serving restaurant where customers would pick their choice and form a line to the billing counter to pay for it, before taking their seats placed around half a dozen tables or so to enjoy their meals.

CHINESE LOTUS HOTEL

Lotus Hotel was a Chinese restaurant in the heart of Colpetty that thrived in the late 1970s and early 1980s. It was Idyllically placed along Galle Road, next to where Carnival Ice Cream presently stands and was housed in a palatial residence known as Isabel Court. The hotel was patronised by the well-to-do looking for something different from the ordinary fare they were used to. They served noodles, fried rice, and chicken and egg soup, the last of which was very popular.

*Largely extracted from the book 'The Great Days of Colombo' by Asiff Hussein.
Pic of Nanking Hotel by Stephen Owens*

Indian Taxi Driver

If you've ever had an Indian taxi driver you'll love this one...

A drunken totally naked woman jumped into a taxi at Fortitude Valley in Brisbane, Australia.

The Indian driver shook his head, opened his eyes wide and stared at the woman. He made no attempt to start the Cab.

"What's wrong with you Luv, haven't you ever seen a nude woman before?"

"I'll not be staring at you lady, I am telling you, that would not be proper, where I am coming from..."

"Well, if you're not bloody staring at me Luvie, what are you doing then?"

"Well, I am looking and looking, and I am thinking and wondering where would the lady keep the money for my fare.



Christmas's during our childhood days

Happy memories read and enjoy

Dreaming of a joyous Colombo Chetty Christmas of yesteryear
By Dr. Remy Perumal *Sunday Times* 22 December 2024

The writer is a retired Consultant Physician living in the UK

In the early and mid-1950s, Sri Lanka was a united, harmonious nation. There were Christmases before politicians inflamed nationalist fervour, for political gain and drove a wedge between communities. With Christmas this year coming at a time of political change, we hope it will be a turning point fostering a new era of unity.

Ours was an average Colombo Chetty family of five. We lived within walking distance of St. Lucia's Cathedral and St. Benedict's College. Family traditions and religious convictions moulded our views and our approach to the celebrations. Our Christmases were celebrated within our means.



Mater Dolorosa Church:

Where Colombo Chetties congregated for Christmas

Preparations for Christmas had many facets. Decorations commenced with the annual facelift to the family home. Houses were colour washed, doors, gates and windows painted, furniture varnished and floors polished. Apart from the colour washing, all these tasks were done by family members and polishing of floors continued well into the evening of Christmas Eve.

Family Christmas shopping was done on a weekday in early December. Dad took the afternoon off work, and the rest of the family joined him in the main shopping district of Pettah. Starting with clothing materials for mum and shirts and trousers for the boys first and then to the shoe shops and for the toys.

Then followed the purchase of ingredients for the Christmas cake. A shop named Umbitchi's was preferred for items like currents, raisins, ginger preserve, chow chow etc.

After an exhausting afternoon, we were relieved to return home by rickshaw, with all the 'goodies'. Taxis were not the preferred mode of transport then.

The Colombo Chetty carol-singing was a highlight of the Christmas season. We were in the 'boys' section' of the community choir for the carols. Weekly choir rehearsals for carols usually started in September, and were held more frequently in December, with a grand practice on the Sunday before Christmas. At this final rehearsal, the four parts had instrumental accompaniment in addition to the organ.

The Christmas cake was made in early December. The ingredients were mixed a few days before making of the cake itself. Home baking was not the norm; once mixed, the cake was transported by rickshaw, with the utmost care, to the trusted local bakery and handed over to the baker, with special instructions from Mum. I do clearly remember delivering the cake tray and contents to the bakery at midday and collecting the baked cake later, the same evening.

Then followed the making of the Satti Dhosi, a Colombo Chetty speciality. The ingredients – sugar, semolina, ghee, cadjunuts and flour were mixed in a large brass wok especially reserved for this purpose. It was cooked on an open fire, starting with the sugar and water, then the ingredients added in a specific order, one by one, stirring continuously, using a long-handled metal ladle.

After two to three hours, on achieving the correct consistency, the 'piping hot' final product was transferred to porcelain plates, carefully levelled and left to cool. That was the 'Satti Dhosi' done.

On Christmas Eve, our kitchen was a hive of activity – Mum would be hands on, preparing Christmas lunch. Turkey and trimmings were not on our menu. Our traditional Christmas lunch was Yellow rice, chicken curry, beef satay, seeni sambol, pickle (red onions, capsicums, thin strips of carrot, dates etc..), brinjals deep fried and cooked and cutlets.

Attending Midnight Mass was the most important Christmas obligation. By 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, our family was ready, all dressed in our new Christmas attire. Mum attended Mass at St. Lucia's Cathedral which was about a half a mile from our home, going there by rickshaw. This mass at the Cathedral was celebrated by the Cardinal, the Bishop of Colombo. Dad, my brothers and I walked to Mater Dolorosa Church, which was about two miles, from home. This was the church designated to the Colombo Chetty community at that time.

Midnight Mass at Mater Dolorosa Church, had a packed congregation, every year. When the celebrant sang 'Gloria In Excelsis Deo', as the church bells rang out, the

atmosphere outside the church would turn 'electric'. In the streets, there was the deafening sound of crackers and fireworks. From the Colombo Harbour nearby, would come a prolonged blast of ship sirens.

Midnight Mass was followed by carols at the church led by the choir. Then the choristers and instrumentalists would embark on their 'carolling tour' in the special truck with open sides, hired for the purpose. Two senior members of the Colombo Chetty community would direct the driver of the 'Carol Bus' to each of the designated addresses, occupied by a Colombo Chetty family. At each house, the two seniors knocked on the door and wished the occupants whilst the choir sang at least two carols from their repertoire. We had 60 houses around the suburbs of Colombo to cover. This joyful exercise of house-to-house carol singing concluded about 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, finishing at the choirmaster's house. There, we collected the choristers' Christmas gifts and walked home for a well-earned sleep. When we woke up about midday, we received our Christmas presents at home, after which we enjoyed the family Christmas lunch.

It was customary to visit our grandparents on Christmas Day, which we did late afternoon. The traditional way we greeted the elders was to join our hands and say 'Jesus Christ' and their response would be 'forever'. These greetings were in Tamil. We returned home in the evening, to receive visiting relatives. After the visitors left, we were free to light our own fireworks at home.

In the 1950's Christmas holidays were from December 24 to January 6. Therefore, Christmas visits and festivities continued right through the Christmas week. The New Year's Eve celebrations started with a well-attended evening benediction service at the Cathedral, followed later by midnight mass.

At midnight, the New Year too was heralded by loud bang of crackers and fireworks accompanied by the incessant sound of ships sirens, reverberating in the midnight air. These are cherished memories of my childhood Christmases. They are unforgettable memories, not for the wax-scented churches with the carolling congregations, but, because, they were true Christmases, without the commercial hype and purchasing mania, focused on food, gift giving and festivities. They were celebrations focused on the true religious significance of Christmas.



THE TIDE IS CHANGING—THE GOOD NEWS—WORTH A READ

Too many nations have drifted from the values that made them strong.

But something remarkable is stirring.

Across Japan, Argentina and Poland – three very different countries with very different histories – we’re seeing a quiet but unmistakable pro-family turn.

Here are three examples worth celebrating.

Japan: Sanae Takaichi – Tradition in Modern Form

For the first time in its history, Japan has a woman as Prime Minister.

But Sanae Takaichi didn’t get the job by preaching identity politics. She won by defending family, nation and moral order.

Takaichi has been unflinching in her opposition to same-sex marriage.

She has warned that efforts to redefine the family – such as abolishing shared surnames for married couples (an issue of contention in Japan) – “may destroy the social structure built on family unity.”

Meanwhile, she’s argued that governments must make it easier, not harder, to raise children.

Whatever we think of policy specifics, any attempt to tackle Japan’s chronic population decline by valuing parents rather than penalising them deserves attention.

Takaichi is proving that a leader can be modern without being woke – that true progress means strengthening, not dismantling, the foundations of family life.

Argentina: Javier Milei’s Freedom Movement Advances

On the other side of the world, Argentina’s fiery economist-turned-president Javier Milei continues to upend expectations.

His *La Libertad Avanza* (Freedom Advances) movement swept recent mid-term elections, breaking the old political order that had dominated for decades.

While better known for his economic reforms, Milei has also taken a stand on moral questions.

He has called abortion “an act of aggression against the most vulnerable” and vowed to pursue a referendum to repeal Argentina’s 2020 abortion law.

In education, he champions school choice and parental control, insisting that state-imposed ideology – particularly radical gender theory in classrooms – must end.

Parents, he argues, should direct the moral and intellectual formation of their children.

He also warns against what he calls “collectivist” indoctrination, insisting that freedom means more than markets – it means protecting conscience, speech and belief from government coercion.

For Argentina, long beset by socialist experiments and moral confusion, Milei’s message of life, liberty and responsibility has struck a deep chord.

His rise shows that moral clarity and liberty are not opposites. They belong together.

Poland: A Nation That Rewards Families

Meanwhile in Europe, Poland has once again shown that it takes families seriously – not just in words, but in deeds.

Recently elected President Karol Nawrocki has signed a groundbreaking measure that eliminates personal income tax, up to a defined income threshold, for parents raising two or more children.

The reform allows middle-income families to keep more of what they earn – recognising child-rearing as a social good, not a private hobby.

It's a simple but powerful idea: when families thrive, the nation prospers.

By putting money back into the hands of mothers and fathers, Poland is working to counter the demographic decline facing Europe and affirming that children are a blessing worth investing in.

The Lesson for Australia

From Tokyo to Buenos Aires to Warsaw, the message is clear.

When nations defend life, honour parents, and strengthen marriage, they become hopeful again. When leaders stand on principle, people respond.

Here in Australia, we face the same crossroads.

Will we follow the West's tired path of social engineering and moral confusion?

Or will we rediscover an enduring truth that has anchored every great civilisation: that the family unit – based on man, woman, and children – is the foundation of freedom?

These examples from three different continents prove that renewal is possible, but only when people of conviction refuse to stay silent.

Damian Wyld

Director Australian Family Coalition

Courtesy internet



A Beautiful Story

A man married a beautiful girl. He loved her very much. One day she developed a skin disease. Slowly she started to lose her beauty. It so happened that one day her husband left for a tour. While returning he met with an accident and lost his eyesight. However, their married life continued as usual. But as days passed, she lost her beauty gradually. The blind husband did not know this and there was not any difference in their married life. He continued to love her and she also loved him very much.

One day she died. Her death brought him great sorrow.

He finished all her last rites and wanted to leave that town.

A man from behind called and said, now how will you be able to walk all alone? All these days your wife used to help you.

He replied, "I am not blind. I was acting, because if she knew I could see her ugliness it would have pained her more than her disease. So I pretended to be blind. She was a very good wife. I only wanted to keep her happy."

*Moral: - *Sometimes it is good for us to act blind and ignore one another's shortcomings, in order to be happy**

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next-door neighbour. Before she says a word, Bob says, 'I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel..'. After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob, after a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 and leaves.

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?' 'It was Bob the next door neighbour,' she replies.

'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?'

A Sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a Genie comes out.

The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.' 'Me first! Me first!' says the admin clerk.

'I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world.' Puff! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life.' Puff! He's gone.

'OK, you're next' the Genie says to the manager.

The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'

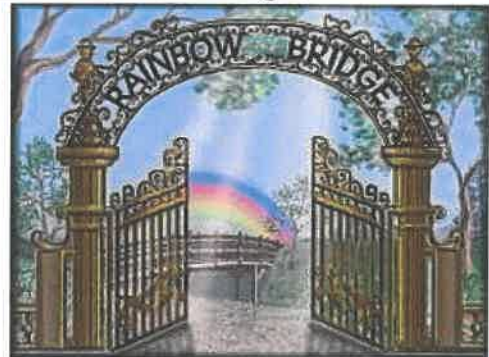
Moral of the story:

Always let your boss have the first say.

The following is especially for pet and animal lovers.

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.



All the animals that had been ill and old are restored to health and vigour. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

YOU have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

The other day my neighbour, who is blonde, came running up to me in the driveway just jumping for joy!

I didn't know why she was jumping for joy. I thought, what the heck, and I started jumping up and down along with her.

She said, "Sally, I have some really great news!"

I said, "Great. Tell me why you're so happy." She stopped jumping and, breathing heavily from all the jumping up and down, told me that she was pregnant!

I knew that she had been trying for a while so I told her, "That's great! I couldn't be happier for you!" Then she said, "There's more."

I asked, "What do you mean 'more'?"

She said, "Well, we are not having just one baby.

We are going to have twins".

Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew.

She said... *(You're going to love this!)*

"That was the easy part. I went to ALDI and they actually had a home pregnancy kit in a twin-pack. Both tests came out positive!"



KNOCKING FEE*

One of the houses I deliver newspaper had its mailbox blocked, so I knocked on the door.

Mr. David, an elderly man with unsteady steps, slowly opened the door.

I asked, "Sir, why is your mailbox blocked?"

He replied, "I blocked it on purpose."

He smiled and continued, "I want you to deliver the newspaper to me every day. Please knock the door or ring the bell and hand it to me in person."

I was puzzled and replied, "Sure, but that seems inconvenience for both of us and a waste of time."

He said, "It's all right. I'll pay you extra each month as a "Knocking Fee".

With a pleading expression, he added,

"If there ever comes a day when you knock on the door and find no response, please call the police."

I was shocked and asked, "Why, Sir?"

He replied, "My wife passed away, my son is abroad, and I live here all alone, who knows when my time will come."

At that moment, I saw the old man's misty, moist eyes.

He further said, "I never read the newspaper. I subscribe it to hear the sound of knocking or doorbell ringing. To see a familiar face and exchange few pleasantries."

He clasped his hands and said, "Young man, please do me a favour. Here's my son's overseas phone number. If one day you knock on the door and I don't answer, please call my son to inform him."

After reading this, I realised there are so many solitary, lonely, elderly people among our circle of friends.

Sometimes, you might wonder why they, in their old age, still send messages on WhatsApp, just like days they were still working.

Actually, the significance of these morning and evening greetings is similar to the meaning of knocking or ringing the doorbell; it's a way of wishing each other safety and conveying care.

Now-a-days, *WhatsApp* is very convenient, and we don't need to subscribe to newspapers anymore.

*If you have the time, teach your elderly family members how to use WhatsApp. *

One day, if you don't receive their morning greetings or shared articles, they might be unwell, or something may have happened to them.

Please care for your friends and family. After reading this, my heart welled up with tears of joy.

I deeply understood the significance of our *WhatsApp messages or phone calls or emails* to each other.—The importance of keeping in touch.

Author unknown

{ Three simple rules in life }

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

Hamilton Canal: Longest man-made canal in Sri Lanka Source: Sundayobserver

The Paru Ela Canal also known later as Dutch Canal or Hamilton Canal, the history of which dates back to the Dutch period in Sri Lanka is supposed to be the longest man-made canal in the island.

It starts from the Kelani river estuary at Elakanda, Hendala in Colombo North and ends in Puttalam with more than 125 kilometres in length and could be a money-spinner if used properly after a well-thought out, much concerted renovation which it richly deserves given its present situation, an antithesis of its intended purpose, i.e. transportation of goods from Colombo to Puttalam and vice versa.

It was the Portuguese who constructed the original canal in the 17th century. The Dutch expanded it in the next century and used it to transport pearls and spices from the North to Colombo.

A new Colombo – Negombo canal was built in 1804. Garvin Hamilton, the well-known English civil servant was instrumental in expanding the canal and therefore, it has come into existence as the Hamilton Canal. It was designed to drain salt water out of the Muthurajawela wetlands.

Historical records associated with this canal bear witness to the fact that by using the canal, goods were transported between Colombo and Puttalam. Since canoes were the mode of transport during its early period when vehicles were rare, the canal also came to be known as Paru Ela.

The Paru Ela Canal which connects the districts of Colombo, Gampaha and Puttalam is parallel to the West coast region of Sri Lanka.

Although steps had been taken to renovate the canal from Colombo to Kochchikade, the rest of it seems to have been abandoned. Trees and plants have grown along the canal. Waterlogged areas are replete with invasive plants such as salvinia and common water hyacinth.



Nigel, the parrot, vanished from his British owner's house in 2010 and was presumed dead or gone until he randomly showed up four years later. Nobody knows where he went, but he came back speaking only Spanish and talking about some guy named Larry

OBITUARIES

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(NOVEMBER 2025)

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PERERA, Osmond, husband of Fleur, in Perth, on August 25, 2025. (WASLA Newsletter, October 2025 & Internet)

EDWARDS, Dawn, wife of Chris, mother and mother-in-law of Dinesh & Georgina, Anoushka, Niraj and Joey, grandmother of Rylan, Kai, Caiden and Nathan. Daughter of Noel and Phyllis Livers (both dec), sister of Mignone Felsinger (dec) and Ray Livera, on September 24, 2025. 50 Allium Tower, ASnula Road, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (Daily Mirror, 1.10.2025)

TAYLOR, Ronald Eric (1934 – 2025), husband of Joan (dec), father of Dianne and Neil. Brother of Keith (dec), Brian, Betty and Jeanette. (Sydney Morning Herald, 28.10.2025)

MARSHALL, Beverley Ann (17.4.1946 – 25.10.2025), mother of Leanne (dec), Paul and Ross, mother-in-law of Tony, Chris,, Cath and Marsha, grandmother of 9. (West Australian., 29.10.2025)

HARVEY, Betty, wife of Chipp (dec), Mother of John and Linda, mother-in-law of Nola and Ian, grandmother of Carly, David, Emily and Laura, great grandmother of Callum, Faye, Emmy Nad Mark, on October 24, 2025. (West Australian, 29.10.2025)

CLARK, John Douglas, husband of Trish, father and father –in-law of Jenny & Brent and Libby & Pete, grandfather of Lauren and Sam, on October 26, 2025. (West Australian, 29.10.2025)

MORGAN, Marian (née EDWARDS), 18.4.1951 – 26.10.2025), wife of late Austin Morgan and the late Bruce Matthews, mother of Lara, mother-in-law of Paris, grandmother of Jack and Lachlan. Sister of Kay and Lloyd. (Sydney Morning Herald, 29.10.2025)

SATHASIVAM, Sarawawathy (née CARTHIGASER), 30.8.1934 – 22.10.2025, wife of late Dr. A. Sathasivam, mother of Shivanthi and Arjuna (dec), grandmother of Mohan. Sister of late Jeyarane, Thana, Dharma, Bala and Manohari. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 31.10.2025)

COLLARD, Lynette Rose (née SIMS), 7.5.1956 – 26.10.2025, mother and mother-in-law of Aaron, Jason and Kelly-Anne, grandmother of Makayla and Tyler. Sister of Craig. (Adelaide Advertiser, 31.10.2025).

MARSHALL, Howard Inman (6.4.1926 – 25.10.2025, husband and grandfather, (Adelaide Advertiser, 31.10.2025)

VISSER, Marlene Kay, 11.2.1942 – 24.10.2025), mother and grandmother. (Adelaide Advertiser, 31.10.2025)

WISHART, Lorraine Kay (née CARROLL), 25.4.1940 – 24.10.2025. (Adelaide Advertiser, 31.10.2025)

DAVIES, Helen Margaret (née RUDD), 24.4.1947 – 20.10.2025, wife of Colin, mother and mother-in-law of Simon, Anita & Graeme and Peter & Kristie, grandmother of William & Mackenzie, Nicholas & Bonnie and Max & Sam. Daughter of Vivian (Viv) & Margaet Rudd (dec), sister and sister-in-law of Geoffrey & Jeanette and Ian & Esther. (Canberra Times, 1.11.2025)

ABEYA, Kamala (née DAHANAYAKE), 8.9.1931 – 26.10.2025, wife of Don, mother of Takshan and Prasanna, mother-in-law of Manisha and Himalee, grandmother of Siluni, Hansali and Charmaine. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

BROWN, Anthony William, 30.4.1939 – 22.10.2025, husband of Aileen, father of Trenton and Jason, father-in-law of Jeanie and Denise, grandfather of William, Angus, Alex and Harry. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

COOK, Benjamin Charles, husband of Elvie (dec), father of Laurenda, Sally and Joseph, grandfather great grandfather and great great grandfather, on October 26, 2025, aged 94 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

EGAN, John Vincent, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law, aged 80. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

FERGUSON, Robert Cecil "Bob", (6.1.1929 – 21.10.2025), husband of Irene (dec), father of Robyn, Julie, Kay, Graeme and Lisa, grandfather and great grandfather. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

GRAY, Ian Stewart. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

MATTHEWS, Barbara (5.6.1940 – 18.10.2025), wife of Wynne, mother of Simon and Louise, mother-in-law of Sarah and Rai, grandmother of Nick, Emma, Georgia & Tom. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

HOLMES, Joan Margaret, wife of Brian (dec), mother of Ian and Simon, aged 83 years. Brisbane Courier Mail, 1.11.2025)

KELLY, Margaret, (16.5.1930 – 26.10.2025), wife of Jim (dec), mother of Jacqueline and John, grandmother of Gemma, Samantha and Stephen. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 1.11.2025)

SIMMONDS, Linda Fay, (5.8.1926 – 22.10.2025). Brisbane Courier Mail, 1.11.2025)

WEBSTER, Barry Norman, husband of Robyn (dec), father of Carol and Susan, father-in-law of Peter, grandfather of James, on October 25, 2025. (Sydney Morning Herald, 1.11.2025)

EDWARDS, Pauline, mother of Chris, grandmother of Matt and Caitlin, on October 24, 2025. (West Australian, 1.11.2025)

HARRIS, Ivy Elizabeth, wife of Neville, mother of Julie, Christopher, Brian, Sharyn (dec), Vivien and Jackie, mother-in-law of Ian, Jo, Karyn (dec), Jon and Warrick, grandmother of 15, great grandmother of 22. (West Australian, 1.11.2025)

HARVEY, Daphne (4.12.1929 – 28.10.2025), mother of Lee Helen and Hal (dec), grandmother of 8, great grandmother of 11. (West Australian, 1.11.2025)

PARSONS, Adelaide May (Addie), wife of Colin (dec), mother of John, Rodney and Kerrie, on October 23, 2025. (West Australian, 1.11.2025)

PRITCHARD, Joy (née NEWSOME), 15.9.1936 – 29.10.2025, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. (West Australian, 1.11.2025)

SATHANATHAN, Teresa Mahaeswari, wife of late G. G. Sathananthan, mother of Praba, deepa (Melanie), Ramani and Radhi, mother-in-law of Lakshmi, Murali and Kalyanakumar (all Syd), in Sydney on October 9, 2025. (Sunday Observer, 2.11.2025)

OUTSCHOORN, Winston Anthony, (10.6.1942 – 25.10.2025), brother of Glennie (dec), Lorna, Lorraine and Audrey in California, USA. (Contributed)

DAVID, Philomena (Phila), wife of late Camillus David, mother of Therese De Silva, Sandra Bakshani, Judy Steinwall (Can), late Keith David and Petula Vanheer, mother-in-law of late Ranmal De Silva, Naresh Bakshani, Dirk Steinwall (Can), Achini David & Sherby Vanheer, grandmother of Shenali, Melizza, Shannon, Shimaine (Can), Dwayne (Can), Sue-Anne (Can), Bevan, Talisha, Sasha, Tiarah, Aiden, Nirodhaka Wanninayaka, Chris Pendigrast (Dubai) and Ashan Perera (Canada). beloved daughter of late Douglas and Virginia Peterson, sister of Melroy, Aubrey, late Jerome & Lester, Patrick, Yvonne, Angela (Aust), Jacinta and Alvin. (Daily News, 4.1.2025)

TARCISUS, Rev. Bro Ernest, FSC, (22.9.1959 – 4.11.2025), in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

WILLIAMS, Catherine, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

TAYLOR, Harold, husband of Jenny, father of Mark, Denise, Belinda, Julie, Paul and Shane, on October 26, 2025. (West Australian, 5.11.2025)

ARMSTRONG, Marina (17.1.1949 – 1.11.2025), mother of Luke, grandmother of Leo. Sister of Lucille and Karen. (Canberra Times, 5.11.2025)

TUCKER, Joan Edith, daughter of Herbert & Edith (both dec), sister of Jack and Ethel Gowland (dec), sister-in-law of Dulcie (dec) and Max (dec). on October 26, 2025, aged 96 years. (Melbourne Age, 5.11.2025)

DAVIES, William Morgan (Bill), 30.1.1931 – 1.11.2025), husband of June (dec, Partner of Agnes, , father of John & Moyha , Gayle, Sue, Malcolm & Gen and Phil & Sally, grandfather of Finn, Silas, Nelly, Caspar & Frankie, Aidan & Caelan and Luke & Ella and 14 great grandchildren. . (Melbourne Age, 5.11.2025)

STEWART, Susan Victoria (née LUCAS), 22.1.1954 – 28.10.2025), wife of Graeme, mother of Sarah, David and James., grandmother of Eloise and Maisie. Sister of Jennifer (dec), Mark and Elizabeth. (Sydney Morning Herald, 5.11.2025)

WATT. Kevin Leslie, (2.11.1929 – 1.11.2025), husband of Joan, father, grandfather and great grandfather. (Sydney Morning Herald, 5.11.2025)

LEWIS , Commander Frederick Ferris, husband of Margaret (Maggie) dec, father and father-in-law of Robert & Sue, Peter & Philly and John & Angela, grandfather of Patrick, Phoebe, Sophie, Paul, Christopher, Madeleine and Charlie, great grandfather of Orlando, Xavier, Charlotte, Vincent, Olivia and Mason. (Sydney Morning Herald, 5.11.2025)

YOUNG, Kenneth, (18.4.1927 – 23.10.2025), husband of Rowena, father and father-in-law of Susan, Angela & John. Brother of Hughie (dec), Amy (dec), Douglas (dec) and Phillip (dec). (Melbourne Age, 6.11.2025)

EDWARDS, Lionel (14.4.1941 – 31.10.2025), father and father-in-law of Daniel, Yasmine & Jakim, grandfather of Jennifer and Jack.. (Adelaide Advertiser, 7.11.2025)

MORGAN, Thomas Walter (26.1.1930 – 3.11.2025), husband of Patricia (dec) and Margaret, father of Time and Meredith, grandfather Zachary and Tylah, great grandfather of Justin and Zion. (Adelaide Advertiser, 7.11.2025)

TAYLOR, James Edward "Jim" (24.11.1937 – 29.10.2025). Adelaide Advertiser, 7.11.2025.

SPARKS, Helen (31.5.1940 – 4.11.2025), mother of Lyn, Debbie and Cathy, grandmother. (Adelaide Advertiser, 7.11.2025)

ANDERSON, Damien John (15.8.1972 – 3.11.2025), partner of Louise. Son of Neville (dec) and Anne. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

CHAPMAN. Trish. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

JOSEPH, Leah, wife of David, mother of Johnny, Emily and Anabelle, on October 28, 2025. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

REID, John William, (14.11.1937 – 31.10.2025), husband of Bernie, father of Louise. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

BABBER, Norman Vincent (2.11.1927 – 27.10.2025), husband of Christine (Beth), father and father-in-law of Laurel & Neale and Belinda & Jeffrey, grandfather of Christopher and David, great grandfather of Catherine, Aiden and Oliver. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 8.11.2025)

COOK, Terence Fabian "Terry", (10.11.1930 – 30.10.2025), husband of Margaret, father of Virginia, Michael, Louise (dec) and Peter father-in-law of Marcus Kelson, Helen Cook and Poebe Cook, , grandfather of Nicholas, Laurence Christopher, Emma, Daniel and Liam, great grandfather of Marley, Jack, Charlie, Abby and Idabelle. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 8.11.2025)

HOLMES, Margaret Jean, mother of Tom, Peter, Cameron, Laurene, Matthew and Tracey, grandmother of 7. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 8.11.2025)

MASON, Detta, wife of Terry, mother of 3, grandmother of 8, on October 30, 2025, aged 69 years. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 8.11.2025)

RICHARDS. Peter Colin (8.2.53 – 3.11.2025), son of Joan and Collin, brother of Margaret, Michael, David and Jenny, brother-in-law of John, Leith (dec) and Jan. (Melbourne Age, 8.11.2025)

ANDERSON, Damien John (15.8.1972 – 3.11.2025), partner of Louise. Son of Neville (dec) and Anne. (Sydney Morning Herald, 8.11.2025)

GIBSON, Pauline, wife of Gordon (dec), mother of Bruce, John, Charles and Elizabeth, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, on October 23, 2025, aged 98 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 8.11.2025)

PETERSON, Jane Ashleigh Ella, (18.7.1953 – 30.10.2025), daughter of James "Tim" and Nancy Peterson (both dec), sister of Carl, Anna and Matthew (dec), step-brother of James. (Sydney Morning Herald, 8.11.2025)

WATT, Elizabeth Gertrude (Beth), 16.11.1934 – 26.10.2025), wife of Bill (dec), mother of Diana and Bill, grandmother of Andre, Liam, Eliza, Mollie, Laura, Natalie and Henry. (Sydney Morning Herald, 8.11.2025)

COOK, Gerald. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

MARTIN, Don. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

RAUX, Reynier. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

TAYLOR, Mary, sister of John, Allan, Thea and Louise. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

THOMAS, Doreen, wife of Syd (dec), mother of Ken, Lyn and Wendy, grandmother of 5, great grandmother of 4. (West Australian, 8.11.2025)

ROSA, Donald Jacob, husband of Beulah, father of Salome, Shimrath & Sharmilla, father-in-law of Samanmalee, grandfather of Adina. (Sunday Observer, 9.11.2025)

VAN GRAMBERG, Mavis, wife of late Gordon Van Gramberg, mother of Danielle (Israel), late Reaves (Jimmy) late Denham, Warren and Murray, mother-in-law of Wilma, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

GHATT, Anne (née NAGEL), 26.7.1934 – 3.11.2025), mother of Charmaine Juriansz, Laul Law, Carmen Chomey and Macarena Schindler, grandmother of Dyllon, Rochelle, Aaron, Cheryl and Joanne, great grandmother of Joshua, in Canada. (Contributed)

RAUX, Kathleen (Kathy) Marie, wife of Kevin Raux, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

SENANAYAKE, Gilbert "Raja", (18.1.1942 – 18.10.2025), son of late Don Paulis Senanayake, and late Dona Kothalawala Senanayake. Husband of Shanti, father of Haritha, and Rajitha, father-in-law of Tanja and Hayley, grandfather of Charli, Sophie, Harper, Frederick and David, In Sydney, Australia. (Daily News, 11.11.2025).

SEBASTIAN, Rev. Sister Mary Benedict (Holy Angels), - t St. Gabriel's Convent, 9th Lane, Colpetty, Sri Lanka (Daily News, 11.11.2025).

KATHIRAVELPILLAI, Ravichandra (27.5.1951 – 11.11.2025), husband of Premaranjitham, father of Gajanan and Aalini, father-in-law of Abirami and Amelia, grandfather of Vishvalini, Amirtha and Amelia. Son of late Sinnathamby Kathiravelpillai and late Kamaleswar Kathiravelpillai, son-in-law of late Sabathapillai Mylvaganam and late Thangammah Mylvaganam, brother of Indradev, Anandradevi, Nananachandrani, Privanchandran,

Kulachandran, Mahanganantham, late Thiruganasampamthar , Thillainathan, Myurathy, Thivyashanthi, Ananthi, Jeyarany and Shanthi, in Sydney. (RIP Book and Contributed)

WILLIAMS, Shirley Elizabeth, mother of Terry (dec), Garry (dec), Sam, Penny and Teresa, mother-in-law of Alan and Armando, grandmother of Jake, Grace, Kate and George, great grandmother of Hamis. (West Australian, 10.11.2025)

WEBSTER, John Basil, (11.10.1934 – 7.11.2025), husband of Faye (dec), partner of Liz (dec, father and father-in-law of Diane and John and Michael and Lynne, grandfather of Ryan & Kaila, James & Lara and Ella and Jake. (Hobart Mercury, 11.11.2025)

WILLIAMS, Lorna (10.8.1939 – 7.11.2025), mother of Nerida, Merinda (dec), Rachel, Jeffrey and Gordon, grandmother and great grandmother. Hobart Mercury, 11.11.2025)

AVERY, Joseph Donald Osborne, (14.8.1938 – 7.11.2025), husband of Shona, father of Marc, Rocjelle and Shane (dec), grandfather of 8, great grandfather of 12. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 11.11.2025)

NICHOLAS, Bernadette (Ben) 25.6.1957 – 6.11.2025), partner of Brendan Wyld, mother of Echo, Ruben Hara and Erin, grandmother of Kirra, Freya and Charly. Daughter of Herbert and Teresa, sister of Antoinette, Marie, Louise, Therese, Daniel, Thomas, Carmel, Geraldine, Elizabeth, Stephen, Michael, Simon and Johanna. (Adelaide Advertiser, 11.11.2025)

MASON, Eileen Joyvce (6.6.1926 – 5.11.2025), daughter of Jack and Daisy Mason (both dec), sister of Alfred (dec). (West Australian 12.11.2025)

NEWMAN, Mary Cath (9.7.1946 – 4.11.2025), wife of Herb (dec), stepmother of Marnie, Pip and Lizzy, sister of Bernadette, Gerard and Jacinta, grandmother and great grandmother. (Melbourne Age, 12.11.2025)

ROBERTS, Kerri Narelle (7.3.1943 – 1.11.2025), daughter of Jim and Dulcie, sister of Jill and Anne. (Sydney Morning Herald, 12.11.2025)

NELSON, Diana Luise, (née GRAY), 5.6.1939 – 6.11.2025) wife of david, mother of Murray, Robert and Sarah, mother-in-law of Maggie and Joanna, grandmother of Craig, Kate, Emma and Angus, great grandmother of Tove. Daughter of Fred and Dorothy (dec), sister of Jane (dec). Sydney Morning Herald, 12.11.2025)

CLEMENTS, Delphine Edna Pretoria. (West Australian, 13.11.2025)

THAVARAVY, Kathirithamby (Ravy) 3.10.1933 – 7.11.2025, husband of Hilja, father of Shanti, Rohini and Indra (dec), grandfather and great grandfather. (Sydney Morning Herald, 13.11.2025)

KELLY, Cyril Douglas (20.1.1929 – 11.11.202, husband, father and grandfather. (West Australian, 14.11.2025)

MORRIS., Geoffrey, (10.1.1941 – 10.11.2025), friend of Ria, father of Mark, Scott and Glen. (Geelong Advertiser, 14.11.2025)

MORRIS, Vicki Narelle (née WINTER), mother of Sarah (dec), daughter of Noal and Beris (both dec), sister of Greg on August 18, 2025, aged 63 years. (Toowoomba Chronicle, 14.11.2025)

PAUL, Mylrea Alma Louise, (3.3.1932 – 12.11.25), wife of Willard, mother and mother-in-law of Charmaine & Doc (both dec), Marion & Neville, Denia & Vicki), Rosemarie & Colin, Philip & Gail, Ian & Pip, Robert & Ursula, Louise & Ross and Jason & Belinda, grandmother. Daughter of late Cyril and Elizabeth (Bessie) Woolley. (Hobart Mercury, 12.11.2025)

HUNTER, Francis Thomas, (16.7.1962 - 30.3.2025). Geelong Advertiser, 14.11.2025)

MOORE, Marlene Marie (9.3.1935 – 10.11.2025), wife of Kenneth (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Deboraj & Kym, Sandra & Steve, Aslhey & deb and Jackie & Russell, grandmother and great grandmother. (Adelaide Advertiser, 14.11.2025).

COOK, Amanda Lee, (née SCOTT) (5.11.1959 – 11.11.2025), wife of Philip, mother of Jaclyn and Stephanie. Daughter of Margie and Scott, sister of Jacqueline and Brad. (Geelong Advertiser, 14.11.2025)

HOLMES, Joan. (West Australian, 14.11.2025)

MARSHALL, Margaret Anne (13.9.1943 – 31.10.2025), partner of Kevin, sister of Janet, Barbara and Mark. (Sydney Morning Herald, 14.11.2025)

RAUX, Kathleen Marie (14.7.1948 – 9.11.2025), wife of Kevin, mother of Janice. Daughter of Clarence and Phyllis. (Herald Sun, 14.11.2025)

STEWART. John William (24.8.1938 – 5.11.2025), husband of Gayle (dec), father of Malcolm, Paul (dec), Bradley and Julia, father-in-law of Mandy, Naoko and Alex, grandfather of Scott, Jazmin-Blu, Matthew, Kyle and Alannah. (West Australian, 15.11.2025)

GEDDES, Craig Andrew, husband of Jenny (dec), father of Matthew and Luke, on November 3, 2026, aged 64 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 15.11.2025)

GERLACH, Thea Lois (1932 – 2025), wife of Brian (dec), mother of Lyndall and Brent (dec), grandmother and great grandmother. (Sydney Morning Herald, 15.11.2025)

WILSON, Elizabeth Mary, (née FURLONG), wife of Peter, mother of Brigid, Dominic and Edwina, mother-in-law of Stephen and Tiana, grandmother of Joseph, Sianna, Soia, Olivia and Idalia. Daughter of John and Gladys Furlong (both dec), sister of Timothy, Paul, Jane, Gemma, Clare, Sally and Maryanne, on November 10, 2025, aged 71 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 15.11.2025)

MOTHA, Agatha Catherine (Aggie). wife of late Michael Lazarus Motha, mother of Ligouri (Vancouver), Joachim (Canberra) Antony (Canberra,) and Chandra, mother-in-law of Meritta, Dilukshini, Camila & Tyrone Fernando, grandmother of Vivek and Pradeesh, Naveen [& Shehani] & Nimesh, Geraldine, Prakash [& Imasha] & Kashmarie. Sister of Eric and Bernadette and the late, Joe, Michael, Anton, Cecil, Lourdes, Francis and Aloy on 14.11.2025. (Sunday Observer, 16.11.2025)

JAYASINGHE, Lorenzo Sampath, in Sydney. (elanka News, 16.11.025)

SATHYENDRA, Sivakumaran (4.8.1977 – 13.11.2025), in Sydney. (Contributed)

BARTLET, Clifford Anthony Noel (24.12. 1943 – 15.11Nov. 2025), of Jean Bartlet (née Young), father of Rozelle and Troy, father-in-law of Paul and Subashini, grandfather of Samson, Maria, Naomi, Philip and Anne. Brother of Hamilton, Dagmar & Monica and the late Vilma and Noel,. (Daily News, 18.11.2025).

NICHOLAS, Bernadette (25.6.1957 – 6.11.2025) Adelaide Advertiser, 17.11.2025)

MILLER. Peter, on November 9, 2025. (Adelaide Advertiser. 18.11.2025)

BATHOLOMEUSZ, David Brian, (12.12.1954 – 13.11.2025), husband of Jacqui, father and father-in-law of Tim & Laura. Matthew & Holly, Madeline & Chris and Gabriell & Lachlan. Brother of Peter & Ruth and Marina & Brian. Brisbane Courier Mail, 18.11.2025)

CLARKE, Norman Charles, father and father-in-law of Norm & Tania, Paul & Sally and Craig & Kasey, grandfather of 9, great grandfather of 8, on November 11, 2025, aged 80 years. (West Australian, 19.11.2025)

ST JOHN, Vincent Paul, husband of late Alison father of Julian, Jeremy and Alexander, grandfather of Emelia, Brother of Bernard, on November 16, 2025. (Melbourne Sage, 20, 2025)

BOWEN, Frank William, (19.9.1934 – 16.11.2025), husband of Irene, father and father-in-law of Jane & Graham, SAnn, David (dec), grandfather of Breanna & Luke, Semra & Matthew and Miray & Rory, stepfather

and father-in-law of Vicky & Grant and Peter & Karen, grandfather of Brad & Ellen, and Corey & Wolfie, great grandfather of Theodore. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

JONES, Stuart, (18.3.1949 – 11.11.2025), brother and brother-in-law of Graeme and Denise. (Adelaide Advertiser, 22.11.2025).

CAMPBELL, Geoffrey Graeme, (1.8.1947 – 14.11.2025), husband of Margie, father of Shaunn and Paul, father-in-law of Jo and Bridget, grandfather of Maria. Brother of Ross and Sandy. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

DAVIS, Marlene Brenda (née JOHNSON), 3.11.1941 – 15.11.2025), mother of Tanya, grandmother of Jesse and Deacon. Daughter of Muriel & James (both dec). Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

EDWARDS, Terence Francis, husband of Elizabeth ‘Betty’, father and father-in-law of David & Karen and Neil & Beverley, grandfather of Liam and Shae, on November 11, 2025. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

KELLY, Jason Paul, (28.1.1974 – 11.11.2025), son of Bob (dec) and Peg, brother of Fiona and Shane. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

NEWMAN, Kaye Lynette (née DANIELL), 10.5.1949 – 15.11.2025), partner of Jeffrey Ronald Aistrope, mother of Nicole (dec), Cameron, and Drew. Daughter of Bill and Kath Neil (both dec). Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

WILSON, Coral, (née DAWES), 15.9.1926 – 19.11.2025), wife of Ed (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Alan & Joy, Wendy & Ian and Colin & Bev, grandmother of Anthony, Kerry, Stephanie and Tessa, great grandmother of 8. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

YOUNG, Leonard Ross, (17.11.1938 – 9.11.2025), son of Colin and Mary Young (both dec), brother and brother-in-law of Peter (dec), Bob (dec), Alan & Lyn, Helen & Fred (dec), Anne & Eric and Lois & Bill. (Adelaide Advertiser, 21.11.2025)

MARSHALL, Keith William (28.6.1924 – 15.11.2025), husband of Dolores Helen (dec), father of Karen, Peter and Helen, grandfather of Leighton, Ali, Holly, Sally and Lucy, great grandfather of Cooper, Molly, Hunter, Evie, Felix, Jasper, Harlow, Cleo, Stella and Theadora. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 21.11.2025)

MILLER, Eileen Melba, wife of Jack (dec), mother and mother-in-law of Steven & Helen and Roy & Joy, grandmother of Carissa and Brooke and great grandmother, on November 17, 2025, aged 95 years. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 21.11.2025)

LUCAS, Samuel Thomas, (25.4.1992 – 9.11.2025), son of Raymond and Jane, brother of Hannah and Kate. (West Australian, 22.11.2025)

EDWARDS, Graham Maxwell, husband of Margaret, father of Jennifer and Diane (dec). brother of Margaret, Elaine and Irvin (dec), brother-in-law of Wilfred, Christina and Emil, on November 15, 2026, aged 92 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 22.11.2025)

DAVIS, Robert John (Bob), 25.7.1944 – 7.11.2025), husband of Jean, father of Suzanne, Jeff, Trevor and Scott, grandfather of Emily, Caleb and Amelia. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 22.11.2025)

JACKSON, Helen “Anne”, (19.1.1949 – 29.10.2025), wife of Ted, mother and mother-in-law of Christopher, Alison & Jenn, grandmother of Logan and Leila., Sister. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 22.11.2025)

REID, Betty, (24.4.1932 – 17.11.2025), mother of Keith, Kay (dec), Sharon and Ronald, grandmother of 9, great grandmother of 10. (West Australian, 22.11.2025)

WILLIAMS, Raymond Samuel (Sam), father of Karen, Lisa and Mark, grandfather of 7, great grandfather of 4. (West Australian, 22.11.2025)

WILSON, Roger Michael, partner of Fran, father of Jane, Mike and Bianca, grandfather of Nyssa, great grandfather of Yiannis, on November 18, 2025, aged 95 years. (Melbourne Age, 22.11.2025)

MACKAY, Malcolm Joseph, husband of Cheryl, brother of Brian (dec), Ronald, Winston, Sandra LaBrooy, Tony, Stella Moses and Jennifer Mackay, brother-in-law of Clement (dec) and Bella de Jonk (Aust), Shirleen & Ivan Alwis, Peter & Tammy de Jonk (Can), Eleanor & Randy Livingstone (Can) and Wendy & Chris Machado, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

LIYANAARATCHCHI, Gayathra, IN Melbourne on November 21, 2025, aged 48 years. (Contributed)

PEREIRA, Julien Ranil, husband of the late Nirmalee, father of Talia, Ruvinash and Taschiea. Son of the late Rozario and Lily Pereira, brother of Nalini, Sonia, Wendy, late Jill, Gillian and Christopher, brother-in-law of the late Annesley, Werner, Nathan, late Sumith, Nadira, late Chandrani, Maxwell and Premani, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed).

WEINMAN, Fallon Natasha, (30.8.1995 – 15.11.2025), in Melbourne. (Contributed)

CRAMER, David, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

ALLES, Anthony Kingsley, (30.9.1930 – 23.11.2025), husband of late Onneriene (née Wijewardene), father of Khiran, Kamindha, Rani., Geethanjali and Roshara, father-in-law of Wijith, Gayani and Kanchana, grandfather of Vihara, Sachitta, Saveerya, Kayal, Vinora and Brianna. Brother of late Leslie, late Edward, Queenie, Princy and Tyronne, in Sri Lanka. (Contributed)

ABEYSINGHE, Daya Mimal, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

De SILVA, Kalumarakkalage Nanda Jayanthimala, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

DE LA HARPE, Neil, in Berkshire, UK, on November 24, 2025. (Contributed)

RANKINE, Chris, father of Nicole and Paul, in Melbourne on November 24, 2025. (Contributed)

COSTA, Marie, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

SEBASTIAN, Nerissa, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

SWAN, Brian (23.1.1933 – 21.11.2025), husband of late bewth, father of Peter and mark, father-in-law of Maya and Rochelle, grandfather of Michael, Maria, Joshua and Daniel. (West Australian, 24.11.2025)

HARRIS, Helen Dorothy, (22.4.1961 – 15.11.2025), wife of Michael, mother of Kieran (dec), Sophie, Emily, Chloe and Alexandra (Idec), mother-in-law,, grandmother. (Geelong Advertiser, 24.11.2025)

HARRIS, Beryl June, wife of Ross (dec), mother of Debra and Brett, mother-in-law of Imanta and Paul, grandmother of Emily, Laura, Kate and Thomas, great grandmother of Lily and Zac, on November 2025, aged 93 years. (Sydney Morning Herald, 25.11.2025)

NELSON, Beverley Dawn, wife of late Barry, mother and mother-in-law of Kerrie & Steve, Craig (dec) and Scott, grandmother and great grandmother. Sister of Carl, Elsie, Ivey (all dec), on November 20, 2025, aged 89 years. (Daily Telegraph, 25.11.2025)

WALKER, Yvonne Maree (née PEARSON), 3.7.1947 – 22.11.2025, wife of Brian, mother of Matthew, Bradley and Natasha, grandmother of Thomas, Chloe, Sophie, Charles, Frederick, Grace and Harry. Daughter of Cecil & Elsie Pearson (both dec), sister of Dary and Russell Pearson. (Melbourne Age, 26.11.2025)

STORK, Engelbert Juriaan, (3.12.1939 – 26.11.2025). (Contributed)

BARBER, Ron, in Sri Lanka on November 25, 2025. (Contributed)

KELAART, Derrick, son of Yves Kelaart, in Melbourne. (Contributed)

ANDERSON, Marlen Marjorie, (23.10.1947 – 21.11.2025), wife of Len, mother of Samantha, Dereck and Aaron, grandmother of Tamzen, Reece and Kai. (NT News, 27.11.2025)

WALKER, Marcia Noriel, wife of Richard. Daughter of Gladys and Ron (both dec), daughter-in-law of Mary and Ernest (both dec). Sydney Morning Herald, 27.11.2025)

MURRELL, Violet, wife of Ronald, mother of Barry, Alan and Jeanette, , grandmother of 6, great grandmother of 9, on November 17, 2025, aged 95 years. (Geelong Advertiser, 28.11.2025)

ADAMS, Margaret Yvonne “Yvonne”, wife of Len, mother of David and Jonathan, grandmother of Rebecca, on November 24, 2025, aged 89 years. (Adelaide Advertiser, 28.11.2025)

ERNEST, Vera Beatrice, (17.1.1939 – 25.11.2025), Adelaide Advertiser, 28.11.2025.

FORSTER, Dawn Letecia, wife of Don, mother of Michelle, Kylie and Mark (dec), mother-in-law of Enzo and Wes, grandmother of Siena, Caleb and Charlie. Daughter of Doreen and John Wilson (dec), on November 27, 2025, aged 73 years. (West Australian, 29.11.2025)

CHRISTIE, Bruce Alexander, (29.5.1946 – 28.11.2025), husband of Adelne, father and father-in-law of Julie, Lisa & Andy, Fiona and Darry and Jacky & Rae, grandfather of Casy, Talia, Erin, Jack, Layla, Ruby and Jude, great grandfather of Olivia, Paige and Bridie. Brother of Bill, Max (both dec) and Andrew. (Melbourne Age, 29.11.2025)

ELIAS, Michael, (26.2.1951 – 23.11.2025), son of Aneice (Eddy) Elias and Elaine Elias (both dec), brother of John (dec), Jeanette and Marie. (Geelong Advertiser, 29.11.2025)

BARBER, Peter Douglas (17.3.1935 – 6.11.2025), husband of Suzanne, father of Joshua and Mitchell, grandfather of Jones and Rosie. (Sydney Morning Herald, 29.11.2025)

CRAMER-ROBERTS, Anne (née REID) 10.2.1945 - 20.11.2025), wife of Antony (dec), mother of Mark and Serena (dec), mother-in-law of Sue, grandmother of Olivia and Finn. Sister of Robin. (Sydney Morning Herald, 29.11.2025)

WILLIAMS, Great Barbara, daughter of Lurline Williams, on November 27, 2025. (Sydney Morning Herald, 29.11.2025)

ENRIGHT, John Patrick (Pat), husband of Heather, father and father-in-law of Russell & Nadja and Phillip & Lynette, Grandfather of Thomas, James, Rebecca and Emily, great grandfather of 8, On November 26, 2025, aged 91 years. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 29.11.2025)

HUGHES, Graham, (17.4.1934 – 21.11.2025), husband of Barbara, Father of Monique, Cathy, Sean and Jacquie, father-in-law of Stephen and Russell, grandfather of Ella, Harrison, Sebastian, Claudia, Savannah, Tiffany, Mathew, Dominic and Henry, Great grandfather of Layla, Frank and Harrie, (Adelaide Advertisers, 29.11.2025)

POLLOCK, Eleanor Rodger Cameron, (12.2.1945 – 20.11.2025), wife of Jim (dc), Mother and mother-in-law of Jo & Anthony and Pamea & John, grandmother of Cat, Thomas, Jessie, Roman and Johnny, great grandmother of Samy and Maddy. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 29.11.2025)

ROBERTS, Monica (née HEALY), 8.11.1946 – 26.11.2025), mother of Luke, Maria, Lisa and Tim, grandmother, sister. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 29.11.2025)

WILLIAMS, Christopher John, husband of Tina, father and grandfather. (Brisbane Courier Mail, 29.11.2025)

GIBSON, Colin Alfred, husband of Barabara, father of Gregory and Robert, on November 19, 2025, aged 78 years. (Townsville Bulletin, 29.11.2025)

SPARKS, Mavis (née WILLIAMS), mother of Don, grandmother and great grandmother, on November 27, 2025). (Adelaide Advertiser, 29.11.2025)

THOMAS, Neville Rees "Nev", husband of Anne, Father and father-in-law of Rees & JoAnn, grandfather of Maxine and Dominique, great grandfather of Saila Joy, on November 21, 2025, aged 94 years. (Toowoomba Chronicle, 29.11.2025)

CRUSZ, Desmond, husband of Adora Fantone Crusz (Can), father of Donna and Danielle, father-in-law of Darrin Carpenay (all Can). Son of the late Winston & Gertrude Crusz, brother of David and Dorothy de Zylwa, brother-in-law of Philo, late Geoffrey and Davis Fantone (US). Sunday Times, 30.11.2025)

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