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Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations
of Queensland Inc.

Sri Lanka Day 2021

**Multicultural
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Building on the strong sense of unity achieved through the collective strength of its member organizations, the Federation of Sri Lankan Organizations in Queensland (FSOQ) aims to promote professional, cultural and social interests of Sri Lankan Australians, to mobilise them to make a notable contribution to community development activities, in order to elevate the standing of multi-cultural Australia.

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20th December 2021 to 10th January 2022 &
01st August 2022 to 15th August 2022

Welcome to our special day

On behalf of all member organizations of the Federation, it is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome everyone to the Sri Lanka Day 2021 Multi-cultural Food and Cultural Festival. What we are celebrating and showcasing today is the unique culinary tastes of Sri Lanka and our rich cultural heritage. In this celebration, we are working hand in hand with other multi-cultural groups that actively contribute and enrich the multi-cultural diversity of Queensland.

In 2013 when eight Sri Lankan community organizations formed the Federation, they were driven by the desire to form a collective voice at all three levels of government in Australia and Sri Lanka on matters of common interest affecting the welfare of the Sri Lankan community in both countries. With this collective strength, the Federation is committed not only to pursue community developmental activities but also to actively engage with other communities and their federations on matters of common interest for greater community welfare and development.

During a relatively short period of time, we have achieved a great deal in this direction. In addition to several on-going key projects to help the disadvantaged communities in Sri Lanka, we have mobilised community support to raise funds to help the people affected by several natural disasters in both Sri Lanka and Australia.

We thank the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council for their funding support which made this event possible. We also thank all our sponsors who provided much needed relief to the event budget. This event is a result of the tireless efforts and dedication of the Organizing Committee which deserves a big thank you from all of us.

Look forward to seeing you in many events of our Federation in 2022 and beyond!



Dr Jay Weerawardena

President, Federation of Sri Lankan Organizations in Queensland (FSOQ)

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Welcome to the inaugural Sri Lanka Day festival, presented by the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland (FSOQ) Inc, and proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

Since 2013, FSOQ has aptly represented Sri Lankan migrant community organisations, undertaken initiatives to foster community pride and advocated for improved services for people of Sri Lankan origin. FSOQ has also driven support for charitable causes, both in Australia and Sri Lanka, such as the 2018 Premier's Queensland Drought Appeal and Sri Lankan Easter bomb blasts fundraising efforts in 2019, to name a few.

About 11,100 people born in Sri Lanka reside in Queensland today, contributing to our diverse and vibrant population. Today's multicultural festival is a wonderful initiative, which will allow this valued community in Brisbane to share its culture, food and traditions with the broader community. Not only will it showcase the incredible and rich Sri Lankan culture, but in the spirit of inclusivity, other cultures represented in Queensland will also feature. Sri Lanka Day 2021 is just one example of the strength of our multicultural society, which celebrates and respects all heritage, faiths and customs. The many communities which make up Queensland enhance our great State, bring unity and make Queensland what it is today.

That is why the Queensland Government is proud to support this event with funding from the Celebrating Multicultural Queensland (CMQ) program. The CMQ program provides funding towards multicultural events and projects that engage people from culturally diverse backgrounds and the wider community, to contribute to building a united, harmonious and inclusive Queensland, as well as support increased economic and social participation for Queenslanders from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Sri Lanka Day 2021 is only possible due to the strong response from Queenslanders in following the COVID-19 health advice, and I congratulate the Sri Lanka Day event organisers for hosting this COVID-safe community festival.

I thank those in attendance for their support and hope you enjoy this colourful celebration of Sri Lankan culture.

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The Sri Lankan community is to be congratulated for organising and promoting the Sri Lankan Day 2021: Multicultural Food and Cultural Festival.

Nothing demonstrates more the richness of Australian society than the enthusiasm of our many peoples to showcase their distinct lifestyle and cultures. That the Sri Lankan community are doing this is a testament to the growing contribution they are making.

The Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland is having a significant impact through this Festival, not only in bringing together so many people in a single celebration, but by working hard to support worthy causes throughout our community.

The Federation has developed an impressive reputation in the support it has given to local causes and to helping the people of Sri Lanka itself overcome significant challenges.

This Festival presents to the broader Australian community all aspects of Sri Lankan life and demonstrates what can be achieved when people work together.

I offer my congratulations to the Federation and all those connected with the Festival and trust it is a great success. Your efforts are to be applauded and I extend my best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

David Crisafulli

David Crisafulli MP
 Leader of the Opposition
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Celebrating our multicultural diversity



I extend a warm congratulations to the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland and its member organisations for their work in organising Sri Lanka Day 2021.

Since its formation in 2013, the Federation has been instrumental in making events that celebrate Sri Lankan culture and food, occasions for all the family and the broader community to enjoy and participate in.

The day is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution Queensland's Sri Lankan community make to our rich social and economic life.

In Queensland we work hard to ensure everyone feels welcome and that they belong, regardless of cultural background or faith – and Sri Lanka Day is the place to see this in action.

It is one of the many reasons why the Palaszczuk Government is proud to support this event with Celebrating Multicultural Queensland funding.

Queenslanders of Sri Lankan heritage have a long and proud history in Queensland. They contribute to our state being one of the most culturally diverse places in the world — and collectively, we benefit from this diversity.

You can see these benefits through the vibrancy of our community, in our rich cultural traditions and in the harmonious ways we build cross-cultural understanding and connectedness with each other.

Celebrating our diversity should never be taken for granted. It must be maintained by working together to promote equity, fairness, welcome and belonging in every neighbourhood, community, and region.

I commend the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland for being part of these efforts to build and strengthen our state's multicultural fabric.

I also commend the Federation's strong and practical focus on assisting people in need in Sri Lanka during the COVID pandemic. This included helping under-privileged school children continue to study online and providing hospital beds and supplies for intensive care units in Sri Lanka.

I hope everyone enjoys Sri Lanka Day 2021 and takes the opportunity to learn or experience something new.

Leanne Linard MP

Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this year's Sri Lanka Day, a multicultural food and cultural festival that showcases Sri Lankan culture with the wider Brisbane community.

As Lord Mayor, I am inspired by the way our city embraces the rich cultures and backgrounds of our multicultural citizens. Sri Lanka Day invites the community to come together and enjoy good food and cultural performances, and also learn more about the heritage of the Sri Lankan people.

The Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland Inc. also makes a valuable contribution to the City of Brisbane by looking after the welfare and development of its members and supporting a range of fundraising appeals, particularly to assist

those impacted by natural disaster events. Their generosity and support shown to others is to be commended.

I wish the Sri Lankan community all the best in celebrating this significant day.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Schinner
Lord Mayor

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**An important
festival that
offers cultural
and vibrant
diversity**



I am delighted to acknowledge the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland (FSOQ) Sri Lanka Day Multicultural Food and Cultural Festival Celebrations.

This Festival is a significant cultural event highlighting Sri Lankan food, dance, music, culture, engagement with and contribution to our multicultural community. With the inclusion of other multicultural community groups, the celebration brings together people from all backgrounds and diverse cultures.

I am pleased to commend your organisation on sharing this important festival with the local community along with the cultural and vibrant diversity it offers.

I extend to everyone taking part, my very best wishes for a successful Celebration of Sri Lanka Day - may you continue to grow and prosper well into the future.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Owen".

Cr Angela Owen
Councillor for Calamvale Ward

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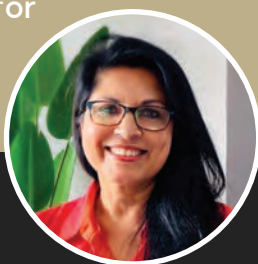


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It is heart-warming to see how many projects have
been supported by the FSOQ and I congratulate you
all for the humanitarian work that you do.

So much work goes into an event such as this and I
wish you all the very best.

Cr Sarah Hutton
Councillor for Jamboree Ward

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It is my privilege to extend a special message on the occasion of Sri Lanka Day 2021 : Multi Cultural Food and Cultural Festival organized by the Federation of Sri Lanka Organization in Queensland (FSOQ) after having freedom from the global pandemic COVID-19 as the life is becoming normal in a slow process. We will now have to work closely than any other times in the past to contribute our best to rebuild the lost time for multi cultural connections between Australia and Sri Lanka.

Australia brings many Sri Lankans from diverse communities who have settled in Australia for generations. The Sri Lankan community in Australia consist of many distinguish persons who have excelled in their professions and thereby bringing pride to their motherland.

I have no doubt that this event on the 13th November 2021, will be a great success.

I wish the Federation of Sri Lankan Organizations in Queensland (FSOQ) and all officials who worked hard to have a great strength in their future activities for betterment of Sri Lankan communities.

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My sincere congratulations to the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations in Queensland, Inc. and all the Sri Lankan organizations for organizing this major event, the Sri Lanka day.

We are very fortunate that we are able to celebrate this special day considering the turbulence and uncertainty of the last 18 months. We have had some unique challenges brought about by the invasive COVID-19 which has meant that we have been called upon to lead and guide our communities through periods of great uncertainty, no doubt each of us have been called to handle the demands in different ways, but the common objective has been to support our governments both in our homelands and in Queensland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, especially the Queensland Government and the Brisbane City Council for their support.

The commitment, dedication and contribution of every member of the Management Committee has been exceptional and a big thank you to all. Also to all the participants, our appreciation for your contribution for a successful Sri Lanka Day.

Best Wishes

Anton Swan OAM JP(Qual)
Hon. Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland



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Sri Lanka Day 2021 Cultural Program

10.15 am - 10.45 am

- Song - Shrini Vibhushitha Lanka**
Vocal: Upamali Karunasena
- Song - Tharaka Pelin Eha**
Vocal: Pulith Widana Pathirana & Pumudi Widana Pathirana
- Kandyan Dance - Hanuma Vannama**
Choreography: Dinesh Epasinghe & Sagarika Attudawage
- Baila Dance - Singali None**
Choreography: Amara Ratnayake
- Song - Kiyanna Sulange**
Vocal: Jayamini Methiwela & Deepal Methiwela
- Song - Pem Rasa Vehena**
Vocal: Shyamali Mallawaraarachchi

1.15 pm - 3.00 pm

- Vietnamese Bamboo Dance (off stage)**
Music: DJ Sepali
- Bridal Fashion Show - Sri Lankan Bridal Fashions**
Organised by: Lasika Perera, Kanchana Wanninayake, Thanuja Mallawarachchi & Eranga Jayasekera
- Song - Gindara Mawwe**
Vocal: Subash Hathurusinghe
- Latin American Dance Fusion**
Performed by: R&R Dance Studio
- Song - Hail the Motherland**
Performed by: Ruwan Kularathne
Composed by: Nimal Sedera
- Song - My lovely Island Home**
Performed by: Sangeetha Cabraal
- Portugese Dance - Malhão and Vira**
Organised by: Diana Lopes

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm

- Lion Dance**
Performed by: Lion Dance group of Da Monastery Inc
- Music for Dancing by DJ Sepali**

Comperes

Yehanka Ranasinghe
Sangeetha Cabraal
Darshika Koggalahewa

* Please note that the program order may vary on the day.

11.15 am - 1.00 pm

- Arrival of Invited Guests - Led by the Sri Lanka Dance Foundation**
Choreography: Shyam Kottegoda & Kaushalya Harasgama
- Lighting of Oil Lamp - Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Hon. David Crissafulli MP, Hon Jess Pugh MP, Mrs Nina Schrinner, Cr. Sarah Hutton, Mr Anton Swan OAM, Dr Jay Weerawardene, Jayantha Weerasekera, Jayantha Pathikirikorale**
Magul Bera - Sri Lanka Dance Foundation
- Sri Lankan National Anthem**
- Australian National Anthem**
- Welcome Speech - Dr Jay Weerawardena,**
President, Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations in Queensland (FSOQ)

Address by:
Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland
Hon David Crissafulli, Opposition Leader

- Kandyan Dance - Peacock Dance**
Choreography: Dinesh Epasinghe & Sagarika Attudawage
- Modern Kandyan Dance - Narilatha**
Choreography: Eshanie Thajudean
- Philipino Dance - Binasuan (Candle Dance)**
Performed by: Joi, Jocelyn, Erma and Myrna
- Philipino Dance - Sublian (Hat Dance)**
Performed by: Joi, Jocelyn, Erma and Myrna

Address by:
Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Nina Schrinner, representing the Lord Mayor of Brisbane
Jess Pugh MP, Member for Mount Ommaney
Cr. Sarah Hutton, Councillor for Jamboree Ward

- Song - Menike Mage Hithe**
Vocals: Nathali Fernando & Shaun Perera
- Song - Obage Handa Mage Mai**
Vocals: Thilangi Devendra & Rohan Samarasinghe
- Kandyan Dance - Asadrusha Vannama**
Choreography: Shyam Kottegoda & Kaushalya Harasgama
- Vote of Thanks - Mr Anton Swan, Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland**

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Delivering greater community outcomes through a strong sense of unity

By *Jayantha Weerasekera and Jayantha Pathikirikorale*

As a Federation of voluntary organizations, our biggest and most valuable asset has been the strong sense of unity which we have mobilised to deliver enhanced community value. Formed with this goal, FSOQ has been in the forefront of major welfare projects in times of need both in Sri Lanka or closer to home in Brisbane.

The Sri Lanka Day 2021 celebrates and showcases unique culinary tastes of Sri Lanka and our cultural heritage with those of other communities that

collectively form the multicultural diversity in Australia. Started in 2016 this is the first time we are having it as a large-scale whole day out-door event. In this event, in addition to stalls run by our member organizations we will have our own small businesses promoting their products/services. Several Sri Lankan youth organizations in Brisbane also will have their stalls. We are thankful to the Department of Multicultural Affairs in Queensland and Lord Mayor's Community Development fund for providing funding assistance to the event.

- Our Aims**
1. To represent the Sri Lankan community within the Local, State and Federal governments on matters affecting the welfare and development of broader Australian Sri Lankan community.
 2. To function as an apex body representing the Sri Lankan community organisations in Queensland to further cultural, educational, social, welfare and economic interests of member organisations.
 3. To liaise with the Government of Sri Lanka where necessary, either directly or through Sri Lanka's High Commissioner in Australia, representing the local community in Queensland.
 4. To engage in major welfare projects for Sri Lanka and Australia, when situation demands, with the help of our community in contributing our best to help, while engaging with the coordinators of both countries.
 5. Assisting distressed or disadvantaged individuals or families due to restrictions imposed by the respective governments in economic down- turns including pandemic situations.

Our Aims

6. Assisting in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters such as floods, drought, civil disturbances, bush fires by contributing for the reconstruction of facilities.
7. Support initiatives organized by approved charities to improve health facilities of under-privileged and disadvantaged communities.
8. Provide leadership training for youth to engage in community projects in both Australia and Sri Lanka.

Our member organizations



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Delivering greater community outcomes through a strong sense of unity

By Jayantha Weerasekera and Jayantha Pathikirikorale

Major ongoing and completed projects

1. Premier's Queensland drought appeal (2018)

The Federation launched a community appeal and the Sri Lankan community helped raising \$3000 to look after around 200,000 farmers affected by prolonged and severe drought.

2. Premier's Queensland Flood appeal (2011)

The Sri Lankan community contributed \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand) to the Queensland Premier's Disaster appeal for 2010/2011 major flood relief community call. We were the highest donor as an organization as told to us by the Premier Anna Bligh at the presentation. Our community groups also got together to organize a community kitchen at Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara, Goodna that delivered around 700 food parcels a day to affected households in Goodna and Ipswich areas.

3. Providing hospital beds to ICU and emergency wards In Sri Lanka

This has been one of our flagship projects through which we have sent around 3000 hospital beds to be used in ICU and emergency wards. These beds are sourced from public hospitals and nursing/aged care agencies. At the height of the pandemic the FSOQ with the support of the member organizations raised over \$44,000 for this project. These beds are used in

remote areas of Sri Lanka (in addition to those in Western province) that helped forming small scale ICU units in such hospitals.

4. Water purification plants to those affected by contaminated water in Sri Lanka

FSOQ was supported by the philanthropist Mr Scott Walker in installing over 112 water purification units in North and North Central provinces of Sri Lanka where most of the populations were suffering from critical kidney disease. Each unit costed US\$ 2500 most of which provide clean water to rural communities in these provinces.

5. Helping those severely affected by floods and landslides in Sri Lanka 2017

FSOQ contributed to the Sri Lankan governments flood appeal to resurrect the lives of people in flood affected regions. The Federation along with all societies were able to provide financial assistance through established charities in Sri Lanka such as Foundation of Goodness.

6. Supporting the victims of the Easter Bomb blasts in Sri Lanka in 2019

On 21 April 2019, Easter Sunday, three churches in Sri Lanka and three luxury hotels in the commercial capital, Colombo, were targeted in a

Major ongoing and completed projects

series of coordinated Islamist terrorist suicide bombings. Many lives were destroyed and the FSOQ with the Sri Lankan Community living in Queensland worked with a reputed charity in Sri Lanka foundation of goodness to assisted in medical, food and financial assistance for affected communities to recover from this dreadful situation.

7. Assisting the Sri Lankan international students affected by COVID-19 pandemic

The adversely affected Sri Lankan international students from the COVID-19 related restrictions were helped by the Federation with Help desk. The children were assisted in accommodation, negotiating accommodation rentals, and deferring university courses as the parents were not able to send the money due to closure of banks in Sri Lanka under pandemic situation. FSOQ help desk with other association officials and senior citizens were constantly in touch with these students and their parents to ensure children's safety and cared for till their parents were able to assist.

8. Raising funds to support a grieving student family after mother's death

In the height of a lockdown the FSOQ intervened in raising funds to meet funeral expenses and the future welfare of the only child of family affected

The beds collection and shipping from Brisbane is coordinated by our volunteers, Sidath Wijetunga and Ajit Abeyewardene.

The distribution of beds in Sri Lanka with the Ministry of Health is coordinated by Bill Deutrom and Michael De Silva. We thank all our volunteers for supporting in the loading of beds.

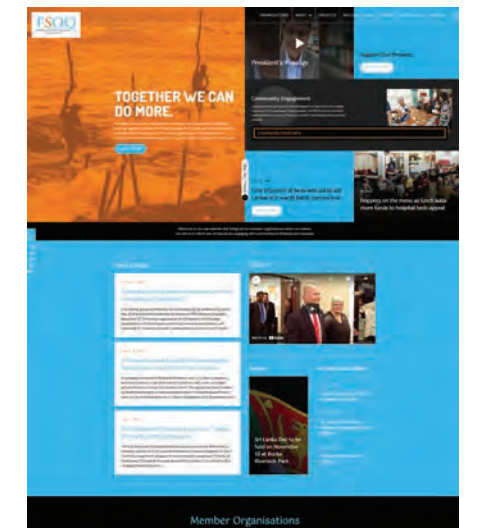


by the unexpected death of the mother of the child. The community generously supported raising \$20,000.00 to the family.

9. Assisting and coordinating community effort in establishing five-star aged care facility

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Sinhala Association of Queensland (SAQ)

Founded in 1992, the Sinhala Association of Queensland (SAQ) Inc. has dedicated itself to preserving the Sinhala language and Sri Lankan culture in Queensland. The SAQ annually undertakes several key events of which the annual Sinhala New Year celebration takes prominence. The SAQ also hosts an annual cultural concert “Saralanga” which aims to showcase and celebrate the talents of the Sri Lankan community in dancing, art, drama and performance. The group has also actively contributed to fundraising activities for disasters and is dedicated to helping those in crisis. The organisation celebrated its Silver Jubilee anniversary in 2016 and look forward to continuing to help, engage and celebrate Sri Lankans in the Australian community for many years to come.

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4EB Sri Lankan Radio Programming Group

The Sri Lankan Group of the Radio 4EB is the voice that binds the Sri Lankan Community together in South-East Queensland. The SL Radio Group has been in the air waves connecting the Australian-Sri Lankan community continuously over 40 years in ensuring the delivery of weekly Radio programmes on air which share with Australian-Sri Lankan community through music, cultural & religious traditions, news & current affairs, socio-political developments in both Sri Lanka and Australia presenting expert views on matters of community interest. Beyond the microphone, the Radio Group publishes the monthly e-newsletter ‘Daehaena’ that has become a popular platform for the broader community to share information.

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The Sri Lanka Sports Association of Queensland Inc (SLSAQ)

Established in 2007 the SLSAQ provides assistance to sporting organisations in Sri Lanka to develop junior cricket in under-privileged areas. Over the years the association has generously donated more than \$20,000 for the development of sporting activities and cricket infrastructure in Sri Lanka. The association also provides assistance to Sri Lankan organisations in Queensland for sporting activities, and where possible assists charities and worthy causes in Australia and Sri Lanka.

SLSAQ continues to collaborate with organisations and individuals within our local community to host sporting and cultural events throughout the year. The most notable annual event is the carnival of cricket, a two-day cricket tournament in Brisbane featuring upwards of 14 teams represented by local sporting clubs and old schools.

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The Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen and Police Association of Queensland Inc. (SLEXSA)

Established in 2016, the Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen Association QLD is a non-religious and non-political organization comprises retired servicemen and women presently living in Queensland, who have served in the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Police. The purpose of SLEXSA is to promote welfare of Sri Lankan Ex-Service personnel living in Australia and Sri Lanka and unify them together with well-wishers and the public, with the view to fostering a spirit of comradeship. SLEXSA actively undertake fund raising events to award educational scholarships for children of injured/ MIA/KIA service personnel during their study period and facilitate interaction between visiting delegates of armed forces and QLD Sri Lankan community.

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The Society for Peace, Unity and Human Rights in Sri Lanka Queensland (SPUR QLD)

Incorporated in 2009, SPUR QLD is dedicated to promoting peace and unity in Sri Lanka by helping Sri Lankans affected by the civil war which ended in 2009. The society has also assisted Sri Lankans affected by natural calamities such as floods and more recently by COVID-19. Some of the recent projects include sending hospital beds and medical equipment from Australia to hospitals in Sri Lanka through the Hospitals Services Council in Sri Lanka, Namalgama water supply project, and supply of protective clothing to health workers in Sri Lanka fighting COVID-19. SPUR QLD also provides a platform for singers and musicians in Brisbane Sri Lankan community to showcase their talents by organising our annual musical concert 'Padura' which is very popular with the Sri Lankan community. SPUR annually organizes a religious service to honour those who served and lost their lives to defend the territorial integrity, unity and human rights in Sri Lanka.

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Silver Fawn Club

Founded in 1970, the Silver Fawn Club is known as "the Club for Good Times" and has recently celebrated 50 years. With the objective of fostering a cross-section of social and sporting activities, the Club provides its members and their guests with regular events to keep everyone connected with each other. The Club has a full program each year which includes day and evening functions, a cricket match, an annual weekend camp (filled with fun family activities and sports), a Food Fair where all the tastes of Sri Lanka are on offer, Christmas Carols and a New Year's Eve dance.

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The Australian Sri Lankan Friendship Association in Queensland (ASFA)

Founded in 2019 ASFA is aimed at connecting Australians born to Sri Lankan parents thereby bridging a substantial socio-cultural gap that will contribute to the overall community. The society is open to people of all ages, and is designed for those who grew up in Australia with English as their native tongue. The six dedicated members began the group to ensure a connection to the Sri Lankan culture was maintained throughout future generations in Australia. ASFA runs as a not-for-profit organisation and is free from political and religious affiliations. As one of the newer groups in Queensland, ASFA hopes to get people of all ages involved and engaged in future community events.

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