

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015/16 by The Committee of Management
for the period 12 September 2015 to 31 August 2016**

1. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A new 14 - member Management Committee was elected at the AGM on Saturday 12 Sep 2016. Nominations were received for all the positions except the position of Treasurer. G Santhiran and K Kalvalaiseyon were nominated from the floor of the House for the position of Treasurer. G Santhiran withdrew to avoid a contest and K Kalvalaiseyon was declared elected. The Annual General Meeting was held at the Yaarl Function Centre. The first meeting of the Management Committee was held in the community center at Bates Street on Thursday, 17 September 2015. Up until 31 August 2016, a total of 8 committee meetings and two Special Meetings were held with more than 90% of the members participating in the deliberations.

2. MEMBERSHIP

21 new members joined the Association during the period under review whilst 17 members passed away during the same period. The current membership is 787 after taking into account one resignation.

3. ACTIVITIES

Thursday 24th September 2015 our regular Members Day.

Radio Announcer and Stage Singer N Raguram gave an Excellent Musical program. On this occasion Mr K & Mrs. J Thanga Raja hosted lunch.

Thursday 22th October 2015 - Navaraththiri Pooja on our regular Members Day

Saraswathy Pooja was celebrated at the Strathfield Community Centre with S Velupillai conducting the pooja. Mrs Amirthy Yogeswaran Mrs Kanagambigai Jeganathan, Bala Thirunavukarasu, Vetivelu Thevarajan were the musical luster to the serene occasion with devotional songs in praise of the gods followed by Siva Sooriyar rendering scintillating music on the flute. At the end pirasaatham was served. P. Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 12th November 2015

Deepavali was celebrated at Bates Street with songs by members. Sivacolunthu Logenthiran hosted Deepavali Lunch.

Thursday 26th November 2015 - Members Day.

Dr. Chithra Harinesan spoke on "Women's Health". On this occasion Mr. Sivasampu Suntheralingam and Mrs Sarojadevi Suntheralingam celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and hosted lunch.

Thursday 17th December 2015 - Christmas Carols Service 2015

Rev Dr. Josep Premnath conducting the Carol service Prayer and Christmas Message. Mary Paul, Swarnajothy Pararajasingam Bible Reading and a Dance by children. Charles Rajendram thanked them and the members for their participation

Thursday 7th January 2016

Dr. Arjuna Sivananthan from the UK spoke on " UK Tamil Diaspora and the Sri Lankan Tamil Cause " Leslie Canagasingham celebrated his birthday and posted lunch.

Saturday 9th January 2016

Excursion to Jervis Bay and Kiama Blow Hole, Vineyard, with the Auburn Tamil Society

Thursday 14th January 2016

Thai Pongal Celebrations. Prof. Gnana Kulendran delivered a talk on "பொங்கலோ பொங்கல்" and

Kanagambigai Jeganathan sang devotional songs. Vettivelu Thevarajan delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 21th January 2016 our regular Day.

Dr. Chithra Harinesan delivered a talk on "Elders Health". Our member Capt Pathy's 100th Birthday was celebrated

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and since he was in Trincomalee we were able to speak to him on Skype. whilst he was in Trincomalee and he came on Skype. Thambipillai Thurairajah celebrated his birthday and hosted lunch.

Thursday 28th January 2016

Bhavagadas Sriskanthadas delivered a talk on "In view of மஹா கவி பாரதியாரின் பார்வையில் பாஞ்சாலி". P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks. Mrs Rita Sathiyamoorthy celebrated her birthday and hosted lunch.

Thursday 11th February 2016

Dr Nagaraj Iyer delivered a talk on "தமிழர் பாரம்பரியம்". Arumugampillai KUGARAJAN celebrated his 81st birthday and hosted lunch. P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 25th February 2016

Mrs Sounthary Ganeshan delivered a talk on "முதுமை வயதிலா மனதிலா" Vettivelu Thevarajan delivered the vote of thanks..

Thursday 10th March 2016

S Logendran and P Panchadcharam spoke in memory of Late Naganather Thangarajah and the Bridge playing members hosted lunch in his memory

Thursday 17th March 2016

Seniors Sport Carnival conducted with many participating

Saturday 19th March 2016

Harmony Day was arranged by the Strathfield council at the Airey Park. The Association ran a stall on the occasion.

Thursday – 24th March 2016

Cricket was played on the day and the Awards for all sports carnival was presented by Hon Jodi McKay MP Member for Strathfield, Hon Julia Finn MP for Granville and Dr A Balasubramaniam. Sangarapillai NAVARATNAVEL celebrated his birthday and hosted lunch.

Thursday 31st March 2016 - 23rd AGM of the BENSOC

The Annual General Meeting of the BENSOC was held in the Community Centre

Thursday - 7th April 2016

Dr. Nimeshan Geevasinga delivered a discourse on Stroke, Dementia and Parkinsons Disease. Mrs. Paranjothy Kandiah hosted lunch in memory of her late husband V M Kandiah. Sangarapillai Navaratnavel delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday – 14th April 2016

Tamil New Year Celebrations Pooja was carried out by K Thanga Rajah followed by Pancha puranam sung by V M Thevarajan. Dr. Mrs Karthika Kanesar delivered a talk on "சித்திரைப் புத்தாண்டு" P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 28th April 2016

Women's Day Presentation and Celebrations welcome speech by Sarojini Suntheralingam and Speech by Mrs Thevaki Karunagaran. Songs by Mrs Srirangeswary Bharathy, Mrs Saththiyawathy Nadarajah. Mouth Organ by Rani Satkunananda. Dama "சிட்னி நடப்பு" கதை வசனம், இயக்கம், Mrs Thevaki Karunagaran, உதவி Mrs Seetha Ramanathan, actors are Mrs Sarojini Nallanthuwan, Mrs Seetha Ramanathan. வில்லுப்பாட்டு ஆக்கம் இயக்கம் by Mrs Sounthary Ganeshan, participants, Sounthary Ganeshan, Mrs Thaarani Arulanathan, Mrs Sarojadevi Suntheralingam and Mrs Indra Pillai. Key Board Moira Phillips. Songs by Mrs Rita Sathiyamoorthy and Mrs Saththiya Nellailingam. Mrs Balam Laxmanan delivered the vote of tanks.

Thursday 5th May 2016

Malaysia Raguraman, a blind person, from Malaysia used the keyboard and sang songs. Mathalai Somu delivered the vote of thanks.

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Thursday 12th May 2016

Jesmond Aged Care made a presentation on the care facilities available. Vallipuram Puvanachandran celebrated his birthday and hosted lunch.

Thursday 19th May 2016

Mr Mathalai Somu delivered a talk on " சங்க இலக்கியமும் அறிவியலும் ". P Panchadcharam felicitated the vote of thanks.

Thursday 26th May 2016

Subramaniam Ponmailainathan delivered a talk on " எனது 7 தசாப்த இசை ரசனை". Mrs Balam Laxmanan delivered the vote of thanks.

Saturday 4th June - Grandchildren's Day was held at the Carrington Church Hall

Grand Children's day programme was provided by the grandchildren of the members.

A variety of items were performed. Hon Jodi McKay MP Member for Strathfield, was the chief guest and gave away certificates to the participants. Awards were given to two top achievers at the HSC 2015. P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 9th June 2016

Brahmakumari REKA spoke on "How to control you mind and be happy" P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 23th June 2016

Mr Raguram conducted the program "பாட்டுக்கு பாட்டு" P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 23th June 2016

Men's Day was celebrated for the first time in the history of TSCA. This event was a great success with two dramas songs and an Isai Chithiram authored by Dr. B.S.Bharatahy and the songs were sung by Mr. B. Thirunavukkarasu. The two dramas namely "யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர்" and "ஒன்று எங்கள் சாதியே" were well performed by Mr. Suntheralingam, Mr. Velupillai, Mr. Naguleswaran, Mr. Thevarajan and Mr. Panchadcharam. Their performance was applauded and received the accolade of the audience. Film songs were sung by VM. Thevarajan, J Radhakrishnan, S Ponmailainathan and T Kugananthan. Mrs. Gnana Kulendran spoke with lots of praise for the performances of the day. Mr. Manickarajah delivered the vote of thanks. Lunch was hosted by Mahalingam Mohankumar.

Thursday 7th July 2016

Prof. Aasi Kantharajah spoke on "Genetic Modification" P Panchadcharam delivered the vote of thanks.

Thursday 7th July 2016

The Australian Bureau of Statistics gave guidelines on filling up the Census 2016 Forms. Dr Guna Ponnampalam celebrated her birthday and hosted lunch.

Thursday 28th July 2016

Arts and Crafts Exhibition: The annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition of items made by our members was displayed at the Strathfield Community Centre. Items on display ranged from knitted (children's) frocks, mufflers, oil and fabric painting as well as board painting. All present were impressed with the quality of workmanship in the items on display. Strathfield Councillor Raj Dutta was the chief guest. Lunch was hosted by the Arts and Crafts class.

Thursday 11th August 2016

Sebaratnam Vasantharajah spoke on "Peace and Harmony through Devolution of Power" P Panchadcharam had given the vote of thanks.

4. GENERAL

The Benevolent Society our affiliate –

BENSOC held their Annual General Meeting on 31st March 2016. The following were elected as Trustees. Dr. R K Pillay (President), A Perumynar (Secy), N Thiru (Treasurer), S Logenthiran (Asst Secy), K S Thisairasa (Asst Secy), K Kalvalaiseyon (Asst Treasurer), K Kunaseelan (Asst Treasurer), G Santhiran (TSCA Rep), Samy Pasupati (TSCA Rep).

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Yoga Classes

As has it become a regular event at our get togethers we continued with regular yoga classes on every Thursday except members' day by Mrs. Sunedrakumary Kanakaratham. About 50 members take part in the sessions thus improving their physical fitness.

Indoor Games

Chess, Carrom, Bridge, Scrabbles, Draughts and Table Tennis are facilitated at the Community Centre for the benefit of Members. An Indoor Games Tournament is organized so that the winners are awarded trophies in March each year to coincide with the celebrations of the Seniors' Week.

Website and Photographs

TSCA's website is actively managed by Col V Ramanathan with the Weekly Journal and photo albums. Obituary Notices are promptly posted. An excellent job keeping our members and the world informed.

News Bulletin

Special mention needs to be made of Mr. V M Thevarajan for the fabulous URUVU he produces with accurate and absorbing accounts of events that unfolds in our midst every Thursday.

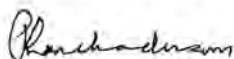
Broad Band for Seniors - Kiosk

The computers were installed at Bates Street and is available for use by our Seniors. All aspects of Computing like email, surfing the net and writing letters in Word are now available for our seniors. Volunteers are at hand to train, guide, direct and answer any queries. Kiosk is now open for use on Mondays as well.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We express our gratitude and thanks to the following:

- The Strathfield Municipal Council for continuing to allow us the use of the Strathfield Community Centre for our weekly gatherings, monthly Members Day meetings and the Airey Park for our seniors' Week activities, all free of charge. Also for letting use the Strathfield Town Hall for our 25th Anniversary Celebrations at no cost.
- We appreciate the gesture and thank the several members who hosted lunch at our meetings to celebrate their birthdays, in memory of a deceased member and other landmarks.
- All our donors and well - wishers.
- All chairpersons of the various sub committees for successfully completing their assigned tasks
- GNANAM ARTS for all the printing
- The Radio stations 'Inpath Tamil Oli', 'Tamil Mulakkam', SBS Tamil Radio and the Australian Tamil Broadcasting Corporation for readily announcing our activities.
- RAMS for the catering.
- Mrs. Sunendrakumary Kanagaratham for her generosity in conducting exercise sessions voluntarily to keep interested seniors fit.
- The enormous efforts extended to us by Hariharan Alagan our Honorary Auditor
- A Sivathondan our Returning Officer



P Panchadcharam
Secretary, on behalf of the Management Committee
Tamil Senior Citizens' Association (NSW) Inc.

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124. Sritharan Mr. P.T. & Mrs. S		\$50.00

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