

SRI LANKA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 - 2021





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Within 28 years, the Sri Lanka Friendship Society in Hamilton has grown from a fledgling group into an active and vibrant organisation offering a variety of services to our community.

It is with great pleasure I present the President's Report for the Financial Year 2020/21 highlighting our achievements and accomplishments throughout my tenure. Every item we presented was carefully planned, designed and delivered to the best of our ability keeping in mind quality and high standards. Covid-19 did hamper our ability to get-together as often as we would have liked to, but we remained resilient and conjured as many events as we could for the enjoyment of our members.

We approached each of our activities with a different perspective - to be colourful, unique, and to achieve high standards unparalleled in SLFS' history.

All videos, presentations, flyers, website development work, photographs and other published material had a touch of class and professionalism. A considerable amount of work was devoted towards the preparation of Project Reports and Financial Reports, making it easy to understand.

The highlight of my tenure was the celebration of 'Awurudu Asiriya' – a cultural show with a difference titled "නව ශ්‍රී". The name "නව ශ්‍රී" was chosen after careful evaluation and from over 30 names proposed. This inaugural show was an overwhelming success in terms of quality and delivery. It was a collaborative team effort! People with a wealth of experience in such events came together. Without their dedication, sacrifice, support and efforts we would not have achieved this success. I am indebted to all those who came forward to assist us in this project.

My second noteworthy achievement is the success of the Lottery Covid-19 Community Wellbeing Project funding from Internal Affairs. We submitted a budget of \$29,100 for project expenses and were successful. This is the highest amount obtained from a funding source throughout the history of SLFS. It will be the duty of the next committee to carefully deliver this programme with the support of an external project manager. The scope of the project was written in four phases titled "Lets Rise Again". I was heavily involved in preparing this project and am indebted to Gandhya Senanayake for his assistance. The result of our success has now boosted SLFS' coffers in excess of \$50,000 for expenditure in the coming year. Once again, I am delighted to hand over a healthy financial surplus to the next committee to benefit our community in the coming year.

The opening event for this year was the Adults Health and Wellbeing seminar, which was well attended. Our regular weekly programmes (badminton, chess, dancing, general English, IELTS and Gavel club) continued with periodic tournaments, enrolment of new students and recognising their achievements. We also appreciated the feats of some of our veteran members and for doing our community proud.

We actively participated in fund raising activities such as Yellow Pages distribution without incurring penalties. We thank and are very proud of the individuals who devoted their time and effort to carry out a successful fundraising campaign and we look forward to their continuous support. We also managed to raise funds from the sale of food at various events.

Our participation at Indigo was one of the highlights according to Jovi Abellanosa of Hamilton City Council. Bringing communities together is SLFS' mission and we accepted an invitation from the Tamil Society to perform Angel's Dance at their Christmas function.

Our Media team worked round-the-clock to keep our members abreast of SLFS' activities. We channelled upcoming activities via Facebook and maintained a clean profile of society activities. Using YouTube we highlighted activities in excess of one-hour durations. Facebook and YouTube were convenient platforms to interact with our community.

Awurudu Sports Day was a major attraction as we introduced many Sri Lankan Awurudu sports for kids, youth and adults. The crowning of Awurudu Prince and Princess brought proceedings to a close. This was another event planned and executed with finesse.

Our Christmas function was very colourful. Children and adults took part. Nativity Play, Santa's singing, Christmas Carols, Christmas Cake and Dinner were on the agenda before Santa, drawn by reindeer, arrived to deliver goodies to the children and drew a very pleasant evening to a close.

We celebrated our 73rd Independence Day with a drama highlighting the sacrifices of our national heroes followed by patriotic songs sung members of the community. Distribution of awards and certificates brought the event to a conclusion.

Last but not least, our 2021 Poson Bathi Gee programme received considerable attention for the manner in which it was organised by SLFS with the support of parents from Sunday school and the guidance from Temple. As you may have witnessed, Bathi Gee programme was showcased neatly in a pleasant and elegant manner, something never experienced before.

Finally, I thank our committee and all members for their continuous support throughout the year. SLFS' success would not have been possible if not for the generous contribution from the Waikato Lottery Community, COGS, Trust Waikato, Lions Foundation, Lotteries Grant, WEL Energy Trust, Hamilton City Council, Creative Waikato and Department of Internal Affairs. Their financial support is greatly valued especially during these difficult economic times for New Zealand.

SLFS recognises its responsibility to support our members. We are providing appropriate leadership and ensuring you are in the best position to help the wider community with your expertise and professionalism. I believe we have performed to the best of our ability during the last year to optimise our resources for the benefit of our community.

Finally, I offer my best wishes to the new committee and I am confident they will do a great job in the coming year.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Migara Weeraratne', written over a stylized graphic element consisting of a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar and a small circle above it.

Migara Weeraratne

ABOUT US

Sri Lanka Friendship Society (SLFS) Waikato is a Hamilton-based charitable community organisation. Twenty-eight years ago, Sri Lanka's pioneers to Hamilton initiated casual meetings in their respective residences aiming to set up this Society. Over the years, this fledgling group grew in numbers and stature. Today, our society is vibrant, comprising over 600 members from approximately 300 families - spread throughout the Waikato region. Our mission is to promote and uphold the cultural heritage of Sri Lanka while interacting and contributing to wider ethnic communities and the New Zealand culture as a whole.

We aim to achieve our mission through numerous cultural events, skill development programmes, social engagement events and platforms, and community support programmes. These are conducted as part of our annual events calendar, on-going weekly programmes - run parallel with the school terms, specialised workshops or social activities. We also serve as a platform for members to stay connected and engaged with the community - as was evident during Covid-19 restrictions.

SLFS is a registered non-profit charitable organisation. Governance of the institute and its services are provided mainly with the assistance of our incredible volunteers. Our donors and sponsors play a crucial role in funding and providing the necessary infrastructure to maintain our services. Additionally, our members contribute through their memberships, fund-raising events and other fee-levying services. Sri Lanka Friendship Society (SLFS) Waikato will continue to serve our community - and the wider Society of New Zealand, which we now call home!

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GOVERNANCE

Sri Lanka Friendship Society is governed by its Executive Committee consisting of 12 elected members and the "Past President" from the previous committee. The society's ongoing programmes and events are co-ordinated by either Committee members or members of the community appointed by the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021



Migara Weeraratne
President



Neomal Perera
Vice-President



**Inakshie
Amerasinghe**
Secretary



**Nimendra
Kulathunga**
Treasurer



Achini Perera
Past President



**Nagarajah
Manoharan**



**Sanjaya
Diyadawa**



Jayathu Fernando



**Chandana
Weralupitiya**



Sudam Bandara



**Denuwan
Manamperi**



**Nuwan
Dayananda**



Anoma Perera

OUR EVENTS

Health and Wellbeing

18 October 2020

An overwhelming response to the Health and Wellbeing Awareness Campaign defied the odds of a poor turnout with attendance in excess of 80. "It was a very informative and fulfilling session" enthused one of the attendees.



Nishkala Pasupathi (Cancer), Manjula Rathnaweera (Diabetes), Dinesha Weerekoon (Heart Disease), Hashira Cooray (Women's Health), Suranga Peiris (Mental Disorders) spoke followed by Asela Karunanayaka, an expert in Musculoskeletal Disorders, who travelled all the way from Rotorua and whose in-depth presentation laced with humour gave hope to many of our seniors. "He's given us hope and a new lease of life" said a senior citizen plagued with spine and knee issues over the years.



We are indebted to the medical professionals who volunteered their services to educate our community on prevention and rehabilitation of various ailments. Each of the professionals was presented with a plaque to mark the occasion.



Annual Fundraising

14 November 2020

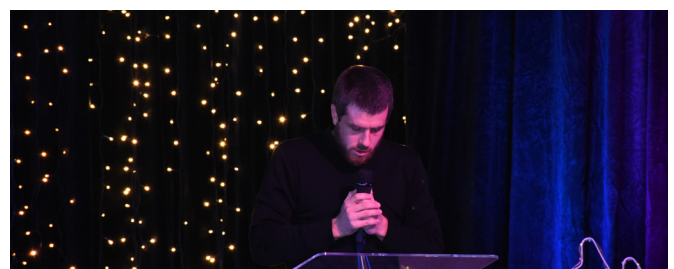
Distribution of Yellow Pages Directories is SLFS' major annual Fundraising event. Over 5,000 Yellow Pages Directories were distributed to households in the picturesque regions of Ngaruawahia to Te Kauwhata. Many individuals, and virtually the entire Committee, volunteered for this task to raise \$3,810. Potential exists to increase this collection subject to more volunteers offering their services in the coming season.



Christmas Celebrations

05 December 2020

The magic and sparkle of lights brought cheer and warmth to the annual Christmas celebration hosted at New Life Church on Wairere Drive. Professionally choreographed was the Illumination of the stage and two beautifully lit-up reindeer. Highlights included an "Angel Dance" performed by our traditional dancers, the arrival of Santa in a carriage drawn by children dressed as reindeer and a solo performance from Hashira Cooray whose rendition of 'O Holy Night' received a standing ovation. Members from the Christian community combined with the wider Sri Lankan community in singing Carols and distributing Christmas presents. Lamprais for dinner added a touch of Dutch!



End of Year Celebrations

30 December 2020

The annual end-of-the-year get-together held at Hamilton Boys School, Peachgrove, provided the opportunity for our community to meet with friends, reminisce on the past year and make new connections. As the night wore on, music was the central element of the party with community singing and live band "Taprobana" spicing up the evening rounded up with a buffet of international cuisine.



Sri Lanka 73rd Independence Day Celebrations

13 February 2021

Fourth February 1948 marks the Independence Day of Sri Lanka. This year's celebrations incorporated several cultural items and a stage drama reflecting on Sri Lankan history was performed with Achini, starring as a parent, narrating to children the feats of our heroes. This was followed by singing of patriotic songs. Awards were presented to members of our community for their outstanding achievements during the year.



More photos from Independence Day Celebrations



Nawa Sri

01 May 2021

"Avurudu Asiriya", traditionally celebrated in April, was cancelled last year due to Covid-19. A special committee was established, with assistance from professionals and experts within our community, to incorporate Avuduru Asiriya and SLFS Cultural celebrations into one celebration - "Nawa Sri". This event was held at Clarence Theatre and it will be an annual celebration which can be hosted at any time of the year rather than being restricted to a particular month. The emphasis was to bring about a new way of thinking.



Advance planning by the special committee and the appointment of a production co-ordinator culminated in a successful schedule of 18 events incorporating cultural performances and traditional games, each item individually choreographed for the community's participation. The presence of the Sutra Dance Academy added glamour to the proceedings.

The event also gave birth to the formation of an orchestra made up from talented musicians within our community. After two months of rehearsals, SLFS proudly presented its own orchestra at the function: violinists, cellists, flutists, percussionists and pianists who performed with aplomb on the day under the baton of Nuwan Vithanage. This orchestra of youth and adults is now capable of performing at any given venue to showcase Sri Lanka's talent.



We appreciate the dedication and effort of all those who offered their services to make "Nawa Sri" an overwhelming success. To complete 18 events within the three hours allocated by the Theatre was a great achievement!

Member of Parliament, Vanushi Walters, graced the occasion and in her speech added: *"Thank you for inviting me, it was time well spent!"*



SLFS President, Migara Weeraratne, stressed on unity emphasising - *"nothing is impossible to achieve when the community comes together"*.

The celebrations continued into the night as guests transferred to the Hamilton Boys High for the dinner dance with DJ Nalin in attendance and to partake in a sumptuous buffet.

More photos from Nawa Sri



Awurudu Sports Day

17 April 2021

Awurudu Sports Day drew a large gathering and we introduced many Sri Lankan Awurudu sports for kids, youth and adults.

For lunch, our highly skilled chefs prepared koththu, an insanely popular Sri Lankan street food which was considered an awesome treat after a long day of sport activities.

The crowning of Awurudu Prince and Princess brought proceedings to a close. This was another event planned and executed with finesse.



Poson Bathi Gee

03 July 2021

"Poson" is a celebration of the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka over 2300 years ago. This event is an evening of singing that typically attracts not only Buddhists, but all Sri Lankans regardless of their religious background. A very simple gathering at Hillcrest Normal School, with devotees clad in white participated in the singing.



YOUTH & SOCIAL GROWTH INITIATIVES

These are weekly programmes conducted during the school term. Most of the on-going operational tasks are co-ordinated by the SLFS committee members with the support of volunteers from the community. We use the support of paid professionals/trainers to conduct these programmes. For some of these programmes, a fee with a concessional rate is levied for SLFS members.

Chess Club

Chess is a regular event which is growing from strength to strength. The first tournament was held on February 7th and the final event for the season took place at Hamilton Bridge Club on July 4th.

Udayanthi Senanayake, a professional trainer in Chess and who inspired many of our youth left for Auckland recently to pursue her career. We thank Udayanthi for her services and wish her all the very best for the future. The programme will continue under the tutelage of Ruchira Silva and Co-ordinator: Migara Weeraratne



English Language & IELTS Support Classes

English language competency is pivotal on easing the settlement and adaptability to the local culture, work and study, and improving the overall livelihood of all newcomers to New Zealand. Hence, SLFS actively promotes the development of English language competency within our community.



In the past these programmes, subsidised to our members, benefitted many within our community to adapt and integrate to the local culture. This season's programme was scheduled to commence in January but was suspended due to lack of interest. We are hopeful interest will pick up in future to make this project viable. The English Instruction course is conducted by Ajith Narasinghe, who is specially trained in the subject.

Gavel Club

Gavel Club meets every fortnight and continues to inspire our youth and helps overcome introversion and shyness. For those where once aspects of public life was a serious challenge, they are now turning out to be fiery orators. Conducted in affiliation with Toastmasters International, this club is an extension of the youth public speaking workshops conducted during 2018/2019.

Co-ordinator: Neomal Perera

Trainers: Sandhya Athukorala & Roshan Perera



Social Badminton

Our social badminton programme runs in collaboration with the Waikato Badminton Association - a casual programme which focuses on the social and physical wellbeing of our families. These programmes are run on most Saturday afternoons during which pre-booked courts and badminton equipment are made available for use of our community members. Open for anyone from the community without the need for on-going commitment or pre-booking.



Co-ordinator: Jayathu Fernando

Traditional Dancing

Sri Lanka is home to diverse and advanced traditional dancing styles. From a fledgling group of seven, we now have 18 dancers in the adult and junior categories. The programme focuses on developing the techniques and progressing into advanced styles of Sri Lankan traditional dancing, their wide repertoire allowing them to adapt to any occasion and style.

Highly skilled Sri Lankan traditional dancers within our community devote their time to pass on their skills. Currently leading the training programme is Nissanka Weerekoon who has completed up to the highest level of training within Sri Lankan traditional schools of dancing, *Wes-Benduma* (වෙස් බන්දුම). Gayani Weralupitiya brings a wealth of knowledge and experience into the training panel. Inakshie Amerasinghe is professionally trained in western styles of dancing and brings in an infusion of the two styles to the team.

Supporters: Harshitha Colonne (Drums) and Dinesha Weerekoon

Parent Co-ordinator: Shirmila De Costa

Co-ordinator: Chandana Weralupitiya



Indigo Festival - A Gathering of Cultures

21 February 2021

Kiwis of all colours joined together to celebrate diversity in the Waikato at the Indigo Festival – A Gathering of Cultures. The SLFS group who performed at the Chinoiserie garden definitely added rhythm, colour, beauty and grace to the festival. It was an exciting festival encompassing cultural experiences aplenty with fantastic food, vibrant art, and amazing music. Our dancers, clad in white, performed Kandyan dances to the beats of Sri Lankan Drummers who also participated in the interactive drumming session with another performer.

Jovi Abellanosa, Ethnic Development Advisor at Hamilton City Council was “thankful that SLFS regularly participates in the Indigo Festival and she looks forward to their participation next year”.



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS & SUPPORT SERVICES

As we continue to grow, it is essential for our support services to keep up. Hence, a solid operational system is necessary. This year, we have focused heavily on establishing a number of operational systems to help manage the organisation for now and for the future.

Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund

Our application for relief for members of our community impacted by Covid-19 has been favourably received by the Department of Internal Affairs and a Grant of \$29,100 (to be released in four phases subject to guidelines being followed) has been allocated to SLFS, the highest amount to be received in the history of SLFS.

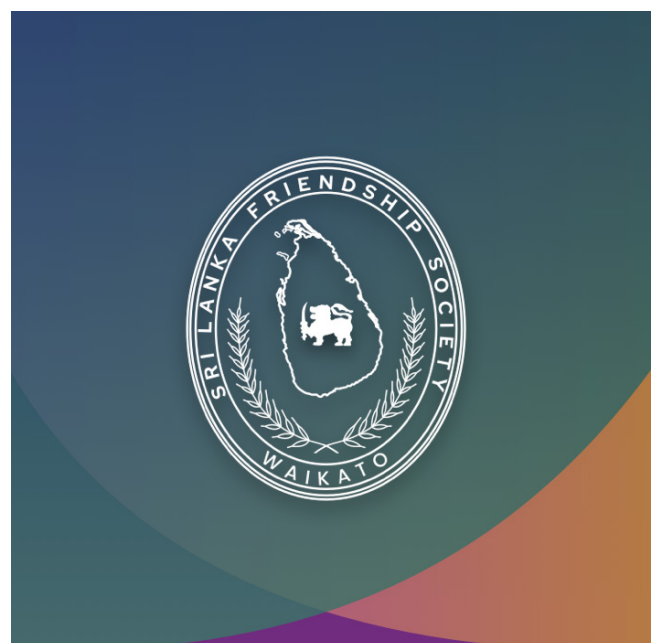
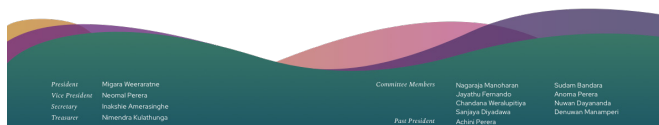
One of the reasons that we were successful in the application was our clear focus of services towards priority sectors.

This Fund supports community organisations that have lost funding or have an increased demand on their services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and community or social initiatives that strengthen community resilience and respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

A Project Manager to co-ordinate the logistics of this Fund will be appointed and the membership will be notified with details in due course.

Rebranding

The logo of SLFS has been redesigned to project the image and identity of SLFS. You will observe these changes to the templates of our letterhead, certificates and invitations.



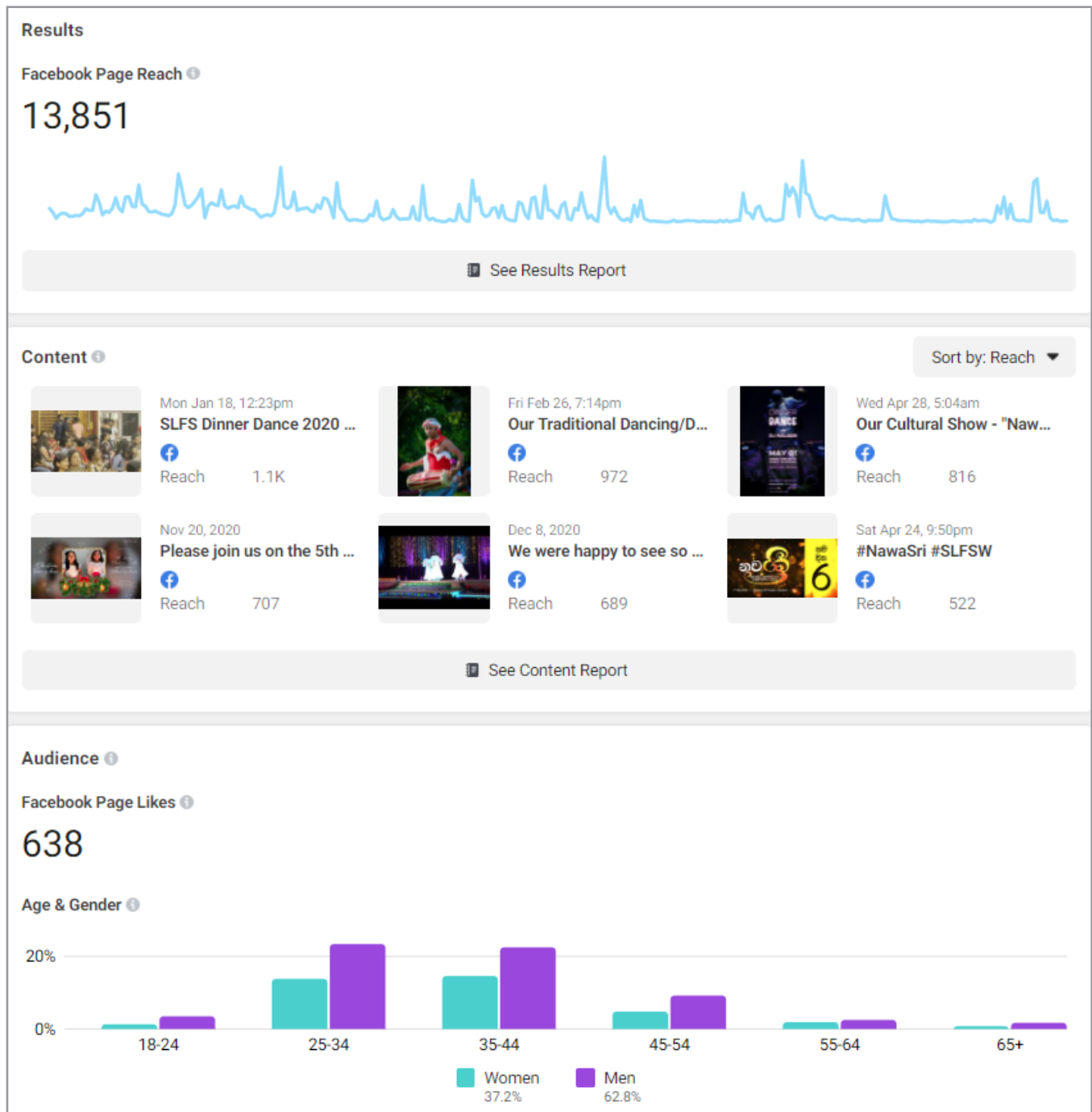
Community Facebook Page

Previous committees communication plan:

"We have explored different options for staying connected with our members. As a result, we have worked heavily to popularise our Facebook page and YouTube channel. This provided us with a "casual" medium for communication and engagement, allowing the group "emails" to be focused more on formal communication."

We had been maintaining the community Facebook page limiting it to community news, events, and posts. During our time, we also introduced a short clip for each function to describe the event's details, which attracted many of our viewers.

Here's a quick summary of the results, contents and audience of the SLFS Facebook page. There were more likes and hits to the pages than there have been before, which we are very proud of.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Sri Lanka Friendship Society Waikato Inc

Statement of Financial Performance

"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?"

For the year ended

30 June 2021

	Note	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Revenue			
Grants and other similar revenue	01	24,170	8,833
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	01	12,694	3,378
Revenue from providing goods or services	01	3,810	3,864
Interest Income	01	4	9
Fundraising income	01	14,053	4,820
Total Revenue		54,732	20,903
Expenses			
Expenses related to public fundraising	02	43,104	13,868
Volunteer related costs	02	2,592	-
Costs related to providing goods or services	02	412	455
Other expenses	02	4,221	4,119
Total Expenses		50,329	18,443
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		4,403	2,460

Sri Lanka Friendship Society Waikato Inc

Statement of Cash Flows

"How the entity has received and used cash"

For the year ended
30 June 2021

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was received from:		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	65,328	21,530
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	12,694	3,377
Receipts from providing goods or services	3,810	8,684
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	4	9
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to service providers	49,086	18,854
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	32,749	14,746
Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	797	1,476
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(797)	(1,476)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	31,952	13,270
Opening Cash	22,708	9,438
Closing Cash	54,660	22,708
This is represented by:		
Bank Accounts and Cash	53,413	22,708

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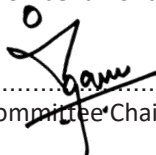
Statement of Financial Position

"What the entity owns?" and "What the entity owes?"

As at
30 June 2021

	Note	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	03	53,413	22,708
Debtors and prepayments	03	1,047	-
Total Current Assets		54,460	22,708
Non-Current Assets			
Other non- current assets	03	200	-
Property, plant and equipment	04	758	783
Total Non-Current Assets		958	783
Total Assets		55,418	23,491
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	03	838	417
Other current liabilities	03	39,801	12,697
Total Current Liabilities		40,639	13,114
Total Liabilities		40,639	13,114
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		14,779	10,377
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	05	3,452	(950)
Reserves	05	11,327	11,327
Total Accumulated Funds		14,779	10,376

For and on behalf of the Trust:



 Trust Committee Chairperson

22/07/2021

.....
Date



 Trust Committee Member (Treasurer)

22/07/2021

.....
Date

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF SRI LANKA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WAIKATO INC**

Report on the Performance Report

Opinion

I have audited the performance report of Sri Lanka Friendship Society Waikato INC (“the SLFS”) on pages 2 to 15, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2021, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- a) the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable;
- b) the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:
 - the entity information for the year ended 30 June 2021;
 - the service performance for the year then ended; and
 - the financial position of the SLFS as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (“ISAs (NZ)”), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* (“ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised)”). My responsibilities under those standards is further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of my report. I'm independent of the SLFS in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other than in my capacity, I do not have relationship with, or interests in, the SLFS.

Other Information

The committee members are responsible for other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information contained in the annual report but does not include the performance report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the performance report does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of

In connection with my audit of the performance report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the performance report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Based on the work I have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, I conclude that there is no material misstatement of this other information. Therefore, I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Performance Report

The committee members are responsible for:

- a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the SLFS which comprises:
 - the entity information;
 - the statement of service performance; and
 - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance reportin accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board; and
- c) for such internal control as the SLFS committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the SLFS committee members are responsible on behalf of the SLFS for assessing the SLFS' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the SLFS committee members either intend to liquidate the SLFS or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised), I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the SLFS committee members and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the SLFS's ability to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Perform procedures to obtain evidence about and evaluate whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable.

I communicate with the committee members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Who I Report to

This report is made solely to the SLFS' committee members, as a body. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state those matters which I'm required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the SLFS and the SLFS's committee members, as a body, for my audit work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.



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- Trust Waikato
- WEL Energy Trust
- Hamilton City Council
- COGS
- Creative Waikato
- Lion Foundation
- Department of Internal Affairs

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Administration and Event management – Inakshie Amerasinghe for co-ordinating and administering society events and programmes throughout the year.

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Guest Management – Nagarajah Manoharan for his valuable advice in community matters and maintaining a fantastic network with our distinguished delegates.

Organisers, Performers, Trainers and Coordinators – Needless to say, without our talented performers and trainers, we would not have enjoyed and experienced the success of our events. Our special thanks to all those who contributed to these accomplishments, especially to the Nawa Sri crew for their dedication, commitment and professionalism.

Event support – To the numerous members of our community who extend their support to help clean up venues after each event – THANK YOU!

Venue Providers: All our events were made possible through the patronage afforded to us during the year by Trust Waikato, Hillcrest Normal school, Hillcrest Chapel, Hamilton Contract Bridge Club, Clarence Street Theatre, Hamilton New Life Church, Peachgrove Intermediate School, Celebrating Age Centre, Berkley Normal Middle School, and Creative Waikato. Thank you for your continued support!

The Waikato Compassionate Meditation Centre (WCMC) and the residing monks, Ven. Metteya thero, Ven. Dhammasiri thero and all other associated dhamma community have always been willing to extend a supporting hand, provide their resources, connections and guidance for the betterment of our community and the wider society. Their altruistic actions are appreciated with gratitude, and we extend our warmest thanks.

Special thanks goes to the students and their parents of the ‘Maha Karuna Daham’ School for their support and contribution towards the Poson Bathi Gee programme.

Our Members: Without your contributions and support we wouldn’t have been able to sustain our services. It is with great appreciation that we mention the members who have contributed through donations, membership fees, support and engagement throughout the year.

Engage in the Community

Sri Lanka Friendship Society offers an excellent opportunity for our members to engage in community activities, make new or renew friendships, share their talents, and even gain new skills. Our committee is run by volunteers with the support of members of our community. Being a non-profit organisation, we rely on your donations, membership subscriptions, fundraising events and public grants to finance our cause.

How you can help:

Become a Member: By becoming a member, you will gain numerous benefits such as concessional rates for weekly programmes, free or discounted tickets for annual events/dinners, and access to SLFS Public Services Directory. Membership is an annual subscription of \$25 per year, payable via the SLFS website or Bank Transfer. Visit www.slfs.org.nz/membership-information/ for details.

Volunteer: We know your time is valuable, and we would appreciate whatever time you can share with us. We understand that sometimes you need to be flexible with your time and the support you extend to us, which can be discussed with any of our committee members.

Sponsorship: Sponsorship is a way you can promote your business and services through our events, Website and other printed material.

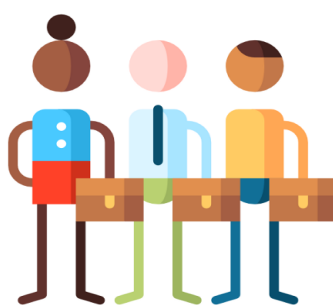
Fundraisers: We have several fundraisers throughout the year, and the most labour intensive is the Yellow Books delivery. We eagerly request your support during these events to help generate the funds necessary to maintain our services.

Ideas and Connections: Our society continues to grow from your ideas, bonds we share and the connections we make. Hence, we warmly welcome your suggestions, contributions and connections you may have for us.



BONDS

*family, close friends,
people who share our
culture or ethnicity*



BRIDGES

*distant friends,
colleagues,
associates*



LINKAGES

*people or groups
further up or lower
down the social ladder*





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