



ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015

SriMithuru Committee – 2014-2015

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Introduction

SriMithuru is a non for profit Incorporated Association of friends and their families living in Melbourne, who thrives at keeping friends together, improve awareness of our cultural background among the younger generation and contributing to the socioeconomic development of Sri Lanka. It was originated in year 2000 by a group of friends in Melbourne intending to keep a healthy relationship among the circle of family friends. SriMithuru has grown to be an organisation connecting a large number of Sri Lankans living in Victoria. The Uniqueness of SriMithuru is its openness for any Sri Lankan, irrespective of their school, technical college or university studied in Sri Lanka and ability to contribute to its objectives.

SriMithuru provides an opportunity for kids to actively engage in regular events to educate and appreciate Sri Lankan traditional cultural values. These events allow young kids to interact with their friends while parents also enjoy some quality time together. Among the major activities that are organised annually by SriMithuru Sinhala and Tamil New Year festival, Cricket and Netball Tournament, Entertainment Night, Tree planting and Family Fun Day are noteworthy.

SriMithuru Scholarship program was initiated in 2011 as a welfare program for helping selected under privileged but talented children in Sri Lanka in continuing their school education. This program was first implemented with the financial contributions of a few families associated with SriMithuru. Today, SriMithuru awards about 20 scholarships to needy students.

SriMithuru Family Day

SriMithuru Family day was held on the Tuesday, 4th of November 2014 in Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. It was a great day for everyone who joined the SriMithuru Family Day. Weather was excellent and everyone enjoyed the day at the BBQ followed by Girls Netball and mixed elle games with a great participation of many younger members of the group.



SriMithuru Cricket Tournament

We have successfully concluded the SriMithuru Cricket Tournament on 9th March 2015 at Mulgrave Reserve Grounds, Wheelers Hill. We had 12 teams competing to win the championship. After the preliminary round matches, four top teams of each group; Cricket Sri Lanka, Kelani Super, Sri Lankan Fire and Pera sixers went in to semi-finals. With stunning batting performances backed up with accurate bowling, Kelani Supper led by Harendra Nilaweera emerged as champions of SriMithuru Cricket 2015 by defeating Pera Sixers in the finals. We would like to congratulate winning team and wish good luck for all the teams in forthcoming tournaments including next SriMithuru Cricket Tournament on March 14, 2016.



It was pleasing to see young teams, The Clan, Team Atahal and Cricket Sri Lanka performing well in the tournament. We have no doubts that they will come with all guns blazing when we meet next. It was encouraging sight of over 300 attendees on the ground cheering their teams and enjoying the family environment.

Meanwhile, our special thanks should go to all the volunteers who turned up to help us by scoring, umpiring, organizing sausage sizzle, preparing the grounds and supporting us in numerous other ways.



SriMithuru New Year Games

This event represents a major icon for Sri Lankans (Called Sinhala & Tamil New Year) who celebrate their traditional New Year at the same time with similar customs and traditions. The main theme to host this event by SriMithuru is to collect most of Sri Lankan families living in Melbourne to one place and get together with each other while celebrating traditional New Year games. The most important outcome of the event is to bond families, children and friends with our traditional culture and values.

New Year games celebration event of this year was held on 11th April 2015 at the Sussex Heights Primary School Ground, Mount Waverley with the participation of 60-70 families. As usual most of the morning games including marathon, Aliyata Ehe Thebima, balloon blasting and Kana Muttiya which was more popular to kids were concluded before noon.



Showing our cultural bond among us, all the families who came to event brought a plate of food to share among us and those plates decorated the traditional New Year table with oil lamp lighted by our most senior family members and meanwhile Raban gaseema was done by some of expert senior members.





New Year Food Table

At evening session all the children under primary school age participated to 50m running event and Goni race. Meanwhile three legged race was popular among the secondary school children. Water filling competition was for the kids at kindergarten ages.



Three Legged Race



Balloon blasting

Dehi Gediya Hende gena yema was for two aged groups of secondary school girls and post school girls.



Dehi Gediya gena yema



Goni Race

Other popular games for couples were Kanata Kiri Keweema which was like face painting and indikattata nula demima. This year musical chairs were introduced to our senior members and they much enjoyed with the event.



Musical Chairs



Kanata Kiri Keveema

Funniest game for couples was Egg throw and it showed the holding capacity among the couples in difficult situations though the most of eggs were not strength enough. Final stage for event was tug of war for kids, ladies and gents who used their maximum strength and team work to win the event. All the winners were prized by SriMithuru and almost all the prizes were sponsored by our generous donors. In addition to the winners all the kids were given a small prize for their attendance to the event. It was a bright sunny day and we were able to successfully conclude all the scheduled events by 5.00pm with the help of volunteers.



SriMithuru Entertainment Night

SriMithuru Bak Maha Sedawa (Cultural and Entertainment Night) was held at Noble Park Community Hall on Saturday 16th May 2015. The function started with traditional oil lamp lighting by the senior participants' and kids.

Event started with fancy dress parade hosted by se Sewwandi & Achala. Children displayed various characters and expressed their ideas about the character that they had recreated. This was the best place for young children to step up to stage and be confidence themselves as well as provided laughter and joy to the children, their parents and spectators. All the participants are rewarded with a small prize for their efforts.



Colourful cultural performances start at 7 pm. These featured dance and drama works, from young kids to parents. These events were very competitive to each other and attracted more eyes from spectators. Kids' dramas were more enjoyable to everyone and had excellent performances.





Dinner table was opened at 8.30 pm, which consisted of a great feast cooked thanked to some of our very own members. The record breaking participants just exceeded 400 entertained by the band Mystry till mid night. It was a fun filled evening for all the participants and we received a lot of positive feedbacks. Thank you everyone for contribution in numerous ways to the success of the function.

SriMithuru Video day & certificate award

As a post event followed by entertainment night all families was get-together for watching entertainment night video and certificate award to participant kids. This time all members decided to have it at Craigieburn area and location was at Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre, 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping VIC 3076. It was an amazing participant to the event that exceeded 100.

For the first time SriMithuru was organized a certificate award for kids those who participated to night event and this bright idea was initiated and all the certificates arranged by Achala.

After the awards, all prepared for dinner and then karaoke. Meanwhile kids enjoyed watching a movie.



SriMithuru Scholarship Programme

SriMithuru Scholarship program is successfully moving in to its 5th year thanks to our generous and continuous sponsors. We are currently helping 20 students for their studies in different locations in Sri Lanka. It is quite an achievement for all of us to see their great results according to regular updates coming from those children. We have so far contributed over 1.4 million SLR for these kids and help their parents. We have a great team working together to provide more help to our needy children in Sri Lanka to realise their dreams.

Scholarship Account balance statement operates in Sri Lanka

2014-2015 Sampath Bank Account Balance					
Date	Description	Credits (Rs)		Date	Debits (Rs)
2013-14	B/F	396.27			
2014/2015	Income	683,135.25		2014/2015	Expenses (Scholarships) 640,500.00
30/06/2015	Balance	42,635.25			

SriMithuru Financial Report 2014-2015

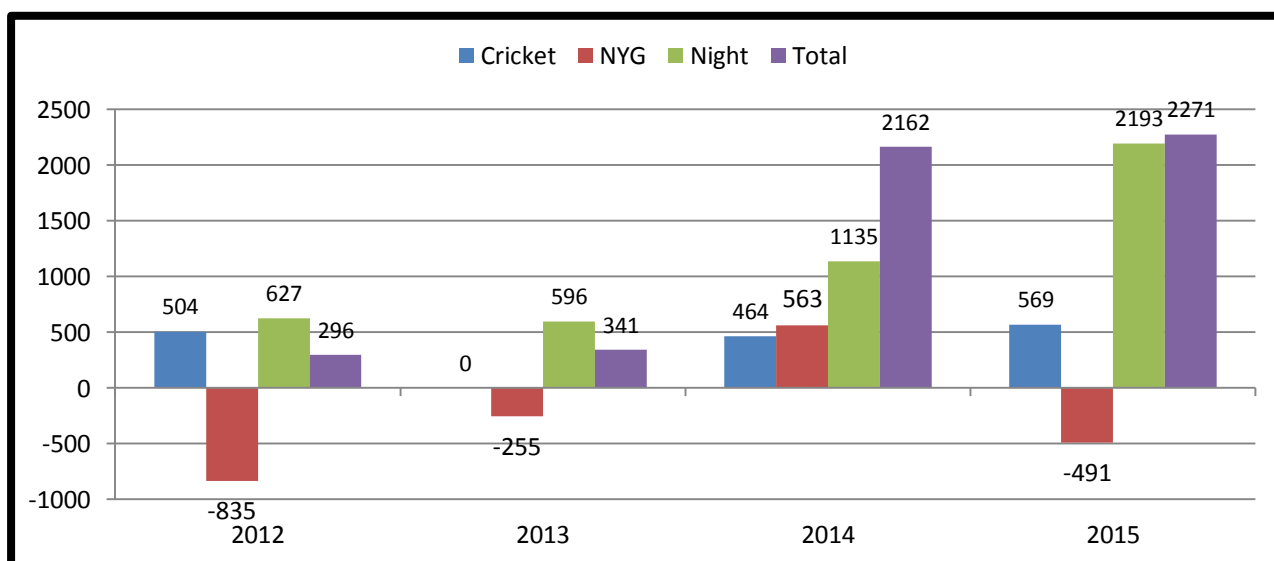
01. SriMithuru Events

Income			Expenses		
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
01-Jul-14	B/F	2,736.96	01-Dec-14	Registration payment	53.00
09-Mar-15	Cricket Tournament	1,748.00	09-Mar-15	Cricket Tournament	1,179.38
11-Apr-15	Out Door Games	1,184.00	11-Apr-15	Out Door Games 2014	1,675.03
16-May-15	Cultural Night	5,865.00	16-May-15	Cultural Night 2014	3,671.58
	Interest earned	8.13			
	Total Income	11,542.09		Total Expenses	6,578.99
			Loss / Profit Amount		
			4,963.10		

02. Scholarship Program

Income			Expenses		
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
01-Jul-14	B/F	4,965.57			
	Receiving from donors	6,555.00			
	Interest earned	64.39			
	Total Income	11,584.96		Total Expenses	-
			Loss / Profit Amount		
			11,584.96		

03. Profit by event (2012 – 2014)



Independent Audit Report

Dear Members,

I have audited the financial statements of SriMithuru Incorporation, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30th June 2015 of the organisation, and the activity statement.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation as of 30th June 2015.



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