



# SYDNEY BENTS' NEWS

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IMPORTANT

## SATURDAY AUGUST 25 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sydney Bents' AGM will take place on Saturday, August 25, commencing at 10.30 am. The venue is Curry Leaf Restaurant in Boomarang Road, Seven Hills. Sydney Bents are invited to be present at this important occasion. (See attached flyer for further details)

*Our bi-annual  
Dinner Dance...*

### Another Sydney Bents success!

Ah! These Bents know how to do it. Guests are met by a bevy of sparkling saree-clad Benedictine ladies who greet them with beaming smiles, whisk through front desk formalities and have them ushered to their seats.

On entering the precincts of entertainment, they are invited into the warmth of Benedictine bonhomie. Subtle aromas of fresh flora – trays of floral crowns sprouting strong greens of Camilia leaves clutching delightful white daisies kindle your senses. Subtlety is the word – College colours of green and white are all around you – nothing is overpowering though.

All the classy floral arrangements were Dianitha Fernandopulle's doing.

Now into that ambience, toss in on stage two quality Sydney bands (the Cazcades and Breakaways) one at a time. Soft lights, rhythmic music of slow, mid-range and quick tempo in that order. Swirl in a slow waltz, cha-



*AT THE FOREFRONT* are (from left): Pam Appathurai, Angela Herft, Lily Rebeira, Gnani Velayuthen, Selvaranee Machado and Hyacinth Jones. (More pictures on centre pages)

cha and a sprinkling of swing. Stir in a Viennese classic, quicksteps and Twist numbers and presto! soon you have a floorful of dancing going on.

#### **Imposing dinner**

An imposing dinner delights the cockles of all the guests. Then the *piece de resistance* – an enticing array of prizes, from gigantic hampers to airline tickets, an autographed cricket bat to electrical appliances to ever-so-welcome Aussie wines and other sought-after goodies. All

these items are donated by Old Bents and well-wishers.

Another touch of class – singing of *Boys of St Benedict's* – the College Anthem. A resounding rendering from all the Old Bents present. One lady guest told me: "I've never heard any group sing their school song so vibrantly and with such feeling."

A perfect end to a perfect evening. Thanks to a hardworking committee and our ever-supportive band of Benedictine ladies.

*St Benedict's College OBA  
(NSW) Inc.  
Founded in 1993*

**OUR MISSION**

*Promote loyalty to and assist  
our Alma Mater at all times,  
foster social and sporting  
interaction among Old Bens  
everywhere*

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**Orphelia & Roger Weneden**



**(From left) Coreen Fernandopulle, Susan & Kenward D'Abbrera**



**Rochelle & Glen Joseph (OBU Vic)**

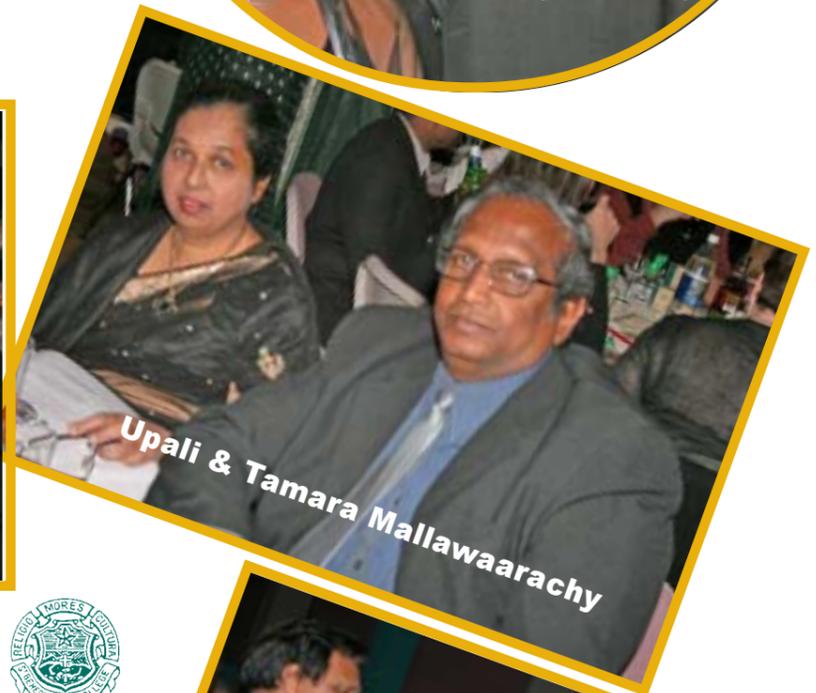
**THE GALA DINNER DANCE  
IN PICTURES**



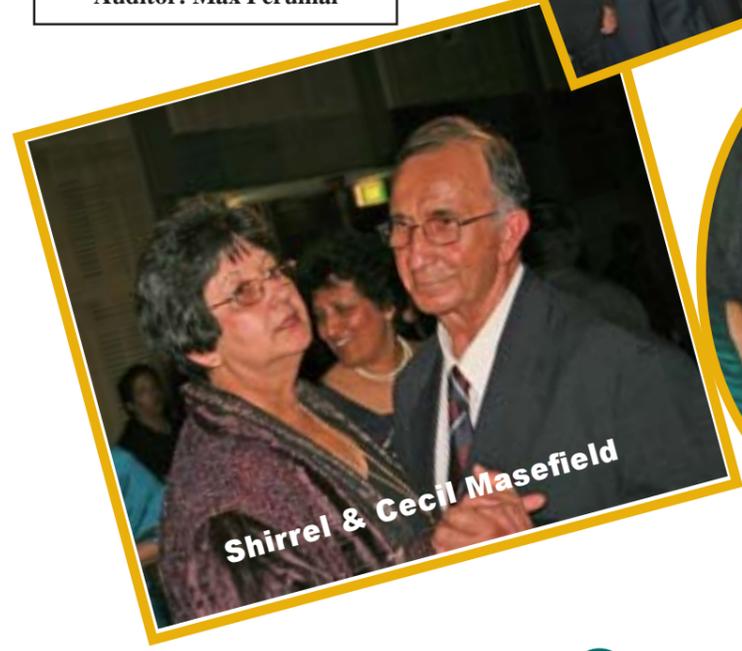
**"Boys of St Benedict's" with feeling.**



**From left: Felicia, Regina and Kumar Subramaniam**



**Upali & Tamara Mallawaarachy**



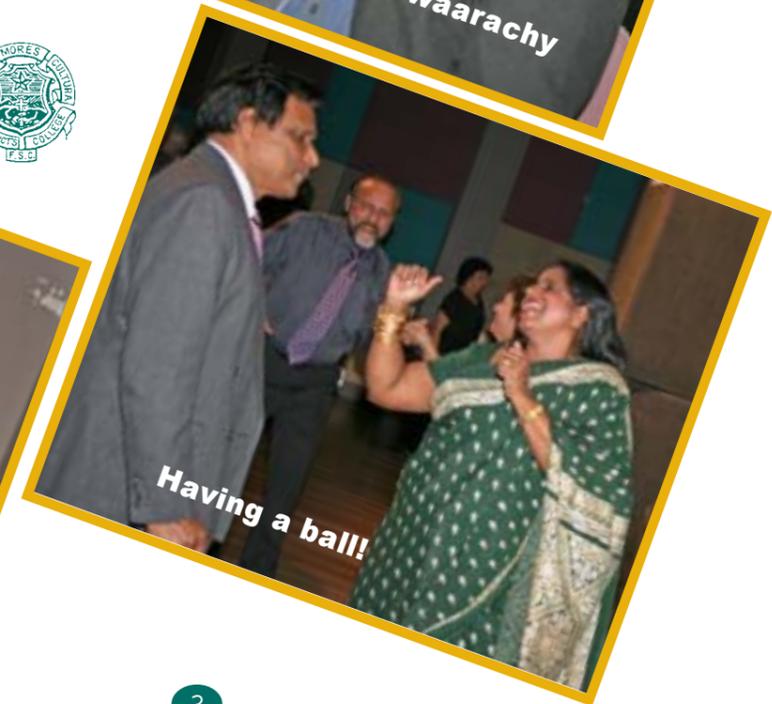
**Shirrel & Cecil Masefield**



**Sherrie & Dinal Jayamanne**



**Ciano & Margot Schroter**



**Having a ball!**

# The Boys of St Benedict's

This is a complete list of Sydney Bens. All Life Members have asterisks against their names.

Ronnie Almeida\*\*  
 Shiran Anthony  
 Tony Appathurai\*\*  
 Darryl Arnolda  
 Mario Barrington  
 Tyrone Casie Chetty  
 ECT Candappa\*\*  
 Robin Candappa  
 Harold Christie-David\*\*  
 Trevor Christie-David  
 Noel Christie-David  
 Clement Christie-David  
 Peter Cramer  
 Kenward D'Abrera  
 Wolston D'Abrera\*\*  
 Milroy de Silva  
 Jerome De Zilwa  
 Hilary Dias  
 Razikin Dole\*\*  
 Desmond Don Paul  
 Benildus Fernando  
 Peter Fernando  
 Prabhu Fernando  
 Ramsford Fernando (QLD)  
 Sherwell Fernando\*\*  
 Malcolm Fernandopulle\*\*

Prakash Fernandopulle\*\*  
 Sri Rajan Fernandopulle\*\*  
 Russel Fernandopulle  
 Alster Firth  
 Dr Dan Godamunne\*\*  
 Percy Gunasekera  
 Errol Gunasekera  
 Gerard Gunasekera  
 Denis Herft  
 Fred Herft\*\*  
 Alistair Herft  
 Malcolm Herft  
 Bernard Jason  
 Michel Jason\*\*  
 Dinal Jayamane\*\*  
 Denzil Jayasinghe  
 George Johnpulle  
 Douglas Jones\*\*  
 Hugh Keir  
 Cammy Kuveju  
 Everard LaFaber  
 Fitzroy LaFaber  
 Hynsworth LaFaber\*\*  
 Basil Loduwick  
 Lionel Machado\*\*  
 Upali Mallawaarachy\*\*

Cecil Masefield\*\*  
 Dr George Martinus\*\*  
 Anton Massillamany  
 Clement Miranda  
 Hilary Mitchell  
 Anton Motha\*\*  
 Garrick Mutukisna\*\*  
 Bernard Paiva  
 Greg Pathinather\*\*  
 Roshan Pathinather\*\*  
 Yohan Pathinather\*\*  
 Cedric Pereira\*\*  
 Anil Perera  
 Max Perumal\*\*  
 Lucien Perumal  
 Reggie Perumal  
 Torrel Perumal  
 Maurice T. Peries\*\*  
 Felix Pieris\*\*  
 Chris Pietersz  
 Annesley Pillai  
 Julian Pillai  
 Dr Sellappa Prahalath  
 Dr K.Ramanathan  
 Rama Ramakrishnan  
 Darnell Rebeira  
 Gordon Rebeira  
 Royce Rebeira  
 Joe Rodrigo\*\*  
 Marcelline Rodrigo  
 Rienzie Rupasinghe(ACT)\*\*

Mervyn Samarantunge (QLD)  
 Dr Joe Sandanam\*\*  
 Francis Sandanam\*\*  
 Francis Santiago  
 Mario Schwallie  
 Martino Schwallie  
 Stanley Sebastian  
 K. Sebastian  
 Dr Srilal Silva\*\*  
 Jayantha Silvaria  
 Randolph Simmons  
 Desmond Smale  
 Easwaran Subramaniam  
 Kumar Subramaniam\*\*  
 Dr K.Tharamarajah  
 James Vannitamby\*\*  
 Roy Vander Straten (QLD)  
 Ranjith Velayuthen\*\*  
 Roger Weneden\*\*  
 Eslanta Wickramaratne  
 Patrick Wickramaratne\*\*  
 Clifford Willenberg  
 Elmo Young\*\*

## When Old Bens meet...



Vancouver (West Coast Canada)

With (from left), John Fernando, Pat Livera and Eric Motha.

On a recent visit to Canada and the US, I had the honour of meeting with Old Bens domiciled there. Meeting them was an inspiration. Both Canada OBUs and their New York counterpart are imbued with a depth of devotion to the Alma Mater that's beyond the call of duty.

That said: in Vancouver (West Coast Canada) I met with Eric Motha and his family in the Surrey home of his very youthful son-in-law and loyal Old Ben John Fernando Jr. Eric gave me the greatest surprise of my life when he invited Patrick Livera (a contemporary of mine) and that made my night! Then across to



New York (USA)

From left: Chitra Benedict (wife of late Edward Benedict) Nimal Fernando, Luke De Silva, Anton Anandappa, Ranjit Swaris, Juventinus Thampoe, G. Yogarajah.



From left: Bernard LeGrand, Emmanuel Thiruchelvam, Lucien Alles, Afzal Hamid, Mohan Fernandopulle, Brian Alles, Priyan Ranasinghe, Nagendran Meiyappan and Francis Doss.

the East in Toronto, I was invited to a committee meeting of that branch. An

eye-opening evening to the dedication of these Old Bens in "doing the duty".

Several days later, in New York, I met with another dedicated band of Bens. Some of them travel inter-state or long distances within their state to attend meetings. These guys deserve a medal for their loyalty. Stamp-sized photograph such as these are inadequate a tribute to these youthful, dynamic and stalwart Old Bens from the North American continent.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **AUGUST 25** -  
 Saturday AGM  
 10.30 AM at Curry Leaf Restaurant.
- **SEPT 27** – Golf Day  
 Rosnay Course  
 Auburn Tee off 8.30AM
- **DECEMBER 22**  
 Saturday Carols & Christmas Party  
 7.00 PM Dunmore Hall, North Rocks