



The Year in Review – 2019

Report from Amal Wahab, President

2019 was a very successful year for the Old Peterite community of New South Wales, in that we achieved almost all of the Goals that we targeted.

The primary objectives of the 2018 Committee were:

- Governance: Update the Signatories for the Bank Accounts in Sri Lanka and Australia;
- Communications: Launch our own Old Peterite Website and communicate regularly with the Peterite community via social media and regular emails;
- Fellowship: Organise events that foster fellowship among the Peterite community, catering to Peterites of all ages; and
- Social Duties: Raise funds to help continue our philanthropic activities.

Some of the highlights of the year were:

February – Saints Quadrangular Cricket Tournament

We didn't achieve a Three-Pete in 2019, but we won the Joe-Pete (again) defeating the Old Joes convincingly scoring 118 in our allotted 12 overs, to which the Old Joes were restricted to just 85 runs.

Senarath Seneviratne was awarded the best Batsman for the tournament with an average of 85 runs scored in only 24 balls!

Thank you to the team for sacrificing their evenings and weekends to practice - you made us proud with your achievements again.

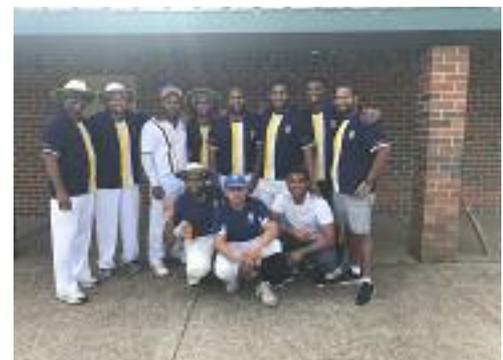
Thank you also to the Peterite supporters and families for turning up on a very hot day to cheer our boys.



• March – Friendship Trophy

We competed in the 12 school limited over Cricket gala and exited in the Semi-Finals, where we were narrowly defeated by Ananda College, the eventual winners of this competition.

It was fantastic to see our boys going beyond the annual Quadrangular tournament and competing in this event organised by the old Boys of Richmond and Mahinda.



Thanks to the efforts of our Old Peterite network, we were able to secure Peterite insignia Cuff Links for purchase by our members.

We still have about 20 sets available for sale - \$15 per set

Feel free to phone me on 0411888182 to place your order.



- **October Spectacular – Annual Fund Raiser**

This event was Spectacular in every sense of the word.

For what was advertised by us as our bi-annual “low key fund raiser”, the guests were treated to the best that Sydney had on offer at any Dinner-Dance.

There was non-stop music from Sydney’s leading dance band and DJ. We also had a Guest Artist – the Reggae maestro Trevin Joseph. The dance floor was always packed with the dancers showing off their dance moves to the fantastic dance music. The only break came when the floor was cleared for the Peterites to sing the College Anthem – what an emotional rendition that was!





- **November – Remembrance Service**

This was the 4th Remembrance Service that was organised by the Old Peterites to celebrate the lives of the deceased staff and past pupils of both Holy Family Convent and St Peters College. We were fortunate to, once again, have Old Peterite Rev Fr Isuru Weliwatte *mgl* celebrate mass in the Canisius College Jesuit Chapel. The choir led by Harsha Weerakody and Nipuna Dias, supported by Dinease Fernando, on the organ (wife of old Peterite Dinuka, niece of old-Peterites Edgar, Claude and Vernon) and past pupils of HFC and SPC sang beautifully. The congregation of around 100 also joined in the singing and filled the Chapel with beautiful sounds.

No event will be complete without “Food” – this year we sought the contributions of the attendees who, if able, were asked to “bring a plate”. They certainly brought plates loaded with food and the Peterite/Familian families enjoyed the feast and the beautifully manicured gardens of Canisius College.





- **December – AGM followed by a “Beer & Pizza” Lunch**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

December 14, 2019 at 11:30 am

Ku-ring-gai Town Hall

Meeting Room

1186 Pacific Highway

PYMBLE, NSW 2073

The AGM will be followed by a Fellowship Lunch with Beer and Pizza

2019 DASHBOARD

- ❖ Awarded 30 Full Scholarships to needy under-privileged Peterite students;
- ❖ Raised almost \$5,000 from October Spectacular;
- ❖ Organised and/or participated in 5 Events;
- ❖ Attracted a record attendance at the Remembrance Service organised in November;
- ❖ Increased Peterites on our database; and
- ❖ Launched our own website.

Scholarships



In March 2019 we awarded 30 Full Scholarships to needy under-privileged Peterite students.

This year, for the very first time, we included students from St Peters College Gampaha and who were awarded 10 of the 30 Scholarships.

It's fantastic to see the way this initiative has grown over the 10 years of its existence.

Old Peterite Website

We recently launched our Website. This is still a “work in progress”, but once completed with all its features, it will help us in informing you of our events and also share with you the news from College, other OBU's and the Peterite community.

Centenary Celebrations 2022

We are fast approaching our Centenary Year. There will be lots of activities in Colombo and Australia during most of the year. We have already commenced discussions with the Colombo OBU to play a role in this milestone event.

Acknowledgements

I wish to thank the entire Committee for contributing towards the success of our various activities. Despite having to focus on corporate governance matters like updating Bank accounts and Trust Deeds in 2019, it's gratifying to know that we succeeded in accomplishing the goals that we set for 2019!

Finally, on behalf of the 2018/2019 St Peters College Old Boys Union Sydney NSW Committee, I wish to thank you, the Old Peterites of NSW for providing us with the opportunity of serving you. I also thank our spouses and families who gave us the time and support to serve the Peterite community.

I wish the incoming President Shehan Vilathgamuwa and the entire 2019/2020 committee all the success in their endeavours and assure them of my fullest support in their activities.