

Message from President PUAAViC

- *Rohini Nilaweera*

Dear Members and Alumni,

I am pleased to bring you this message at the verge of completing my responsibilities as the PUAAViC President for 2019. Together with the Executive Committee and the subcommittees, I am very pleased to announce that we have just come to the end of another flourishing year for PUAAViC with great success.



Serving the committee for last five (5) years as the secretary for two terms, and the vice-president for one term has given me a lot of opportunity to work towards fulfilling the objectives of PUAAViC to the satisfaction of our members and alumni. It is a great pleasure to witness that our association PUAAViC has grown to be a strong alumni chapter today since its humble beginnings in 2004. I have no doubt that the PUAAViC helm in 2020 will be much stronger, and we, the PUAAViC community will be navigated in the right direction.

It is our tradition to dispatch a newsletter at the end of the term describing a summary of the achievements that have been accomplished during the year. It also provides opportunity for our PUAAViC community to share their experiences, thoughts and poetic and artistic creations.

As usual our annual calendar tasks were enthusiastically organized and successfully delivered by our designated subcommittees which are described below in this

newsletter.

As the President this year I was fortunate to witness a long awaited PUAAViC task to become a reality. To the relief of many, this year we have completed the establishment of a PUAAViC Trust Fund to sustain our scholarship program into the future.

Another significant achievement is the establishing of the "Pera Help Line" which is the brainchild of a young committee member enabling PUAAViC to reach effectively towards young and needy PUAAViC alumni in Victoria. More details of this project can be found on the PUAAViC webpage. At the moment PUAAViC webpage is under construction with the guidance of our IT specialist committee member. Once completed, our webpage will be more user-friendly and attractive with more facilities for members.

This year too we participated in the inter university Cricket carnival. It was a great pleasure to witness the cricketing skills of the Peradeniya Cricket team.

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I sincerely acknowledge the faith bestowed on us the present committee by our members and hope we have done our duties to the satisfaction of the PUAAViC community.

I wish to end my message with thanks to all committee and subcommittee members for their hard work and dedication in PUAAViC matters despite various other commitments and involvements personally and professionally.

Wishing PUAAViC a prosperous future.

The Scholarship Program

– The Way We Alleviate

By Bernard Silva

Peradeniya University Alumni Australia Victoria chapter is a volunteer association of likeminded alumni of Peradeniya University (formerly University of Ceylon, few of us are still around). The main purpose of PUAAViC is to build and foster the Alumni community in Victoria and generally in Australia. Since its formation we have come a long way and pleased with the progress we have made so far in achieving this objective. Second purpose being the most pertinent and widely accepted proposition to assist and support the University. Our alumni, as well as well-wishers, expressed a tremendous interest towards projects such as scholarships and helping undergraduates with special needs initiated by the association. Twice a year we successfully raise funds through flagship events such as the Hanthana Night and Father's Day celebrations. In addition,

we have been promoting cultural and similar forms of activities to garner support for our programs while giving an opportunity for members to enhance their talents.

Our members rather than resigning to the fact that it is difficult to bridge the gap of fulfilling the needs of financially challenged and/or differently abled undergraduates, we have all shown courage and accepted the challenge of closing this gap. This came about due to our bond and affection to the University and is inextricably intertwined in the Sri Lankan concept of giving (Dana).

Progress Review

Upon reflection, what we have achieved since 2012 is truly remarkable. It is more so pleasing to see the outcome of our members' worthy efforts.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have been able to successfully channel funds towards scholarships and special needs programs. So far 508 studentships have been awarded covering almost all of the faculties, approximately to the tune of over Rs 8 million.

Faculty Based Studentships

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| Agriculture | 41 |
| Arts | 106 |
| Allied Health Sciences | 15 |
| Dental | 14 |
| Engineering | 70 |
| Management | 04 |
| Medicine | 78 |
| Science | 84 |
| Veterinary | 10 |
| Special Needs | 45 |
| Merit Based | 41 |
| Total | 508 |



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Under the Educational Resources Facilitation Program, we were able to donate two, much needed, motorized wheelchairs at a cost of Rs 548,000.00 in January of 2019. We are hoping to contribute much more in the future for needs-based projects.

Transparency and Accountability

Selection of undergraduates for scholarships is done by the selection committees of each faculty headed by the Dean. After the selection process the list of names is forwarded to our parent body, the Alumni Association of Peradeniya University, which consists of academic staff who opted to do this work voluntarily. We are grateful to all past and present members of the parent association for the services rendered by them. Once the vetting process is completed, the list is forwarded to us for required funds, which we remit to AAUP. In turn they award studentships to selected recipients as per agreed criteria. At present one studentship award is worth Rs 3000 a month with a total value of Rs 30,000.00 per academic year.

Reflection

Perhaps one may think that our efforts providing assistance to the needy undergraduates to continue their education is comparatively too little. However, considering the overall economic and social Sri Lankan landscape, even a miniscule contribution, takes off a huge burden of a needy undergraduate, so that he/she can realize the lifelong ambition of obtaining a degree. Most of the

undergraduates have undergone severe economic hardships in completing their secondary education and are unable to further depend on already helpless, economically drained parents. Nothing short of sheer academic brilliance of these undergraduates got them into the university.

After such adversity one cannot let these worthy undergrads wither away and become yet another statistic. This is where our studentships and special needs programs become more relevant and important. These positive interventional programs have helped the university and country at large to hold them together in a good stead.

Continuity

We are living in a rapidly developing and fast changing world. If we do not take correct steps to stay ahead of times, all our good efforts may go to waste. Therefore, with prudent foresight, our members decided to shift the program from a volunteering based to a statutory umbrella of the university senate. Very recently (2019) PUAAViC and the Senate came to an understanding and an agreement to set up a Trust Account in our name to award studentships under the University Act of No 16 of 1978. By doing this our studentship program becomes a part of University administration and the implementation responsibilities are entrusted to the Senate. This system of operation will be fully transparent, accountable and perpetual. Thereafter our role will be to provide funds and meet our statutory obligations to the State and Federal Agencies.



Fathers' Day Event 2019

By Muditha Senanayake- Coordinator, Fathers' Day Sub Committee

Subcommittee members: Muditha Senanayake (Coordinator), Rohini Nilaweera, Ranabahu Wickramasinghe, Mangala Jayasinghe, Kithsiri Dassanayake, Prasanna Kalusinghe, Sanjeeva Manamperi and Somarathne Godellewatte

Annual Fathers' Day celebrations of PUAAViC were held on Sunday, 1 September 2019 at St. Simon's Parish Hall, Rowville. This year's celebration was the 8th consecutive time the event has been held since its commencement in 2012. The focus of the event was to grant studentships to underprivileged students and provide educational resources to needy faculties of the University from the funds raised on the day.



This year a couple of new items were added to the program to educate and entertain the audience. Dr Jarrod White presented an excellent talk on wellbeing, a particularly relevant topic of today. A trivia session was arranged to attract both the young and the not so young audience. Another activity was organised to encourage the young participants to create Fathers' Day greeting cards by

themselves and presenting them on stage to their fathers. In addition, the participants were treated to several singing performances mainly by two well-known Sri Lankan musicians in Melbourne. The coordinators of the Studentship and Educational Resource Facilitation Programs provided presentations on the current progress and future of the programs. The participants were treated to a complimentary delicious 'koththu roti' lunch.

The event assisted in contributing a net sum of approximately \$5,500 to both the Studentships and Educational Resource Facilitation Funds. The total expenditure for the event was approximately \$2,000. It was observed that the attendance at the event and

the amounts being contributed by donors have gradually declined over the years. The post-event analysis suggests changing the format of the event or introducing a new fundraising program to move forward.

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PUAAViC Secretarial 2019

Subcommittee: *Ranjan Mendis (Secretary),
Bernard Silva (Assistant Secretary)*

In accordance with PUAAViC rules the notification of the new Secretary's appointment for 2018/2019 to CAV was lodged and the required payment to maintain PUAAViC registration with CAV was made.

Six (6) new Life members were welcomed to PUAAViC during this year.

A total of eight committee meetings were held in accordance with PUAAViC rules. Approved and signed copies of minutes of committee

meetings were stored electronically in the Secretary's email folder.

Acknowledgment letters for Father's Day contributions from Alumni and well-wishers for event held in year 2018 and event held in 2019 were sent out. During the year all necessary emails re: PUAAViC events were sent to Alumni and membership to notify upcoming events.

Official communication between PUAAViC and AAUP was established to obtain Studentship funds required for academic year 2019/2020 from PUAAViC and letter of acknowledgement of funds received from AAUP.



PUAAViC membership drive/Australia day event 2019 & Interuniversity Cricket Carnival

Kanchana Senarathna

Coordinator, PUAAViC Membership drive/ Australia day event & Interuniversity Cricket Carnival subcommittee

Annual PUAAViC membership drive/Australia day event

It is a great pleasure to announce that the ninth annual PUAAViC membership drive/Australia day event was held on 28 January 2019 at Heatherbrae Reserve, Officer with great success. Many of the hugely enthusiastic members, their families, friends and all well-wishers came along under their relevant university banner to take part in the event. It was a bright sunny day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the great atmosphere.

On arrival in the morning, everyone enjoyed the delicacies sourced by member families. Then, both the Sri Lankan and Australian national anthems were sung by the crowd to celebrate our motherland and the second home, which also marked the start of the events. The first to come was the most anticipated Kelaniya and Peradeniya under forty men's cricket match. Both teams fiercely fought and eventually, the Peradeniya team grabbed the title. Then came the over forty men's cricket match which also saw the title going to the same university. After lunch, the ladies' cricket match was also as interesting as ever and the ladies of the Kelaniya university were so determined to bring some respect to their side and won the title. The triumphant ladies of the Kelaniya university went on to win the ladies' netball match as well equaling the titles won by both universities. No second to the adults, the kiddies also enjoyed the day by being sporty with the amazing company they had.

The day was concluded with handing over the prizes to the winners, some brilliant speeches and most importantly, with the hopes for a similar successful event in the next year. The refreshments were continued and filled with so much fond memories of the day, much of the crowd didn't want to leave the premises till sun set.

My thanks, as the coordinator, go to all those who helped make the event so successful. This includes all the university members, their families, the venue management, all other who helped in various ways towards the success of this annual event and of course, the competitors who were the stars.

Annual Inter University Cricket Festival

It is also a pleasure to report on the highly successful Inter University Cricket festival which was held on 24 March 2018 at the Templestowe Cricket Club. After a very fruitful series of discussions, the foundation was laid for a get together of members of six Sri Lankan Universities for a memorable day. The result was the first time such an event was organized and it was a great success. The participating universities were Colombo, Kelaniya, Moratuwa, Peradeniya, Ruhuna and Sri Jayawardanapura. Almost all universities were represented in cricket and men's



cricket match was won by the Ruhuna University team while the ladies' cricket match was won by the Colombo University team. The support and the encouragement that was received from all participating members and their families were greatly appreciated and the enthusiasm which was seen in the faces was a sure sign of another wonderful day next year.

It is my duty to offer a few words of appreciation to the wonderful sub-committee members; Sunil Rathnayake, Satta Gunasekara, Bhagya Premajith and Ranjan Mendis who were so dedicated to make these achievable. Thank you so much.



PAAVIC Annual Trip 2019

Subcommittee: Tikiri Ranaweera (Coordinator), Upali Ileperuma, Sarath Jayasuriya, Rohini Nilaweera, Chamila Fernando, Ranjan Mendis and Sunil Ratnayake.

The annual trip was held from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th of April in 2019 at the Forest Edge Christian Youth Camping in Neerim East, situated in a bush setting with magnificent views where all the facilities for the event were available on site. Beautiful weather embraced two wonderful days and we are the sole occupiers of the entire premises during this period.

This fabulous event came out as a result of a great team work of all our members and it certainly showed the true “Pera Spirit” including Sri Lankan cultural and traditional values, talents and spirit that still remains in our hearts!



New year celebrations 2019

Everyone enjoyed the festivities in the salubrious surroundings of Neerim

PUAAViC AGM and Family Nite 2019: By Dr Rasika Kumarasingha - Coordinator

Subcommittee members: Mrs. Chamila Fernando, Dr. Padma Herath, Dr. Rukman Wimalasooriya, Mr. Amarasiri Herath, Mr. Muditha Senanayake, Mr. Kanchana Senaratana, Dr. Bhagya Hettiarachchige

The AGM and the Family Nite are the final events to conclude the past year for the PUAAViC members. The AGM is the official gathering to elect the new members of the executive committee of PUAAViC for the upcoming year and also to pass the duties of the departing office bearers to the newly elected committee. The Family Nite is where we celebrate the achievement of the year gone by with the families of Peradeniya university alumni in a relaxed family friendly atmosphere. This is also the way we display gratitude towards the members and families for their contribution over the year to make all the PUAAViC organized events successful.

The plans are underway by the subcommittee with the help of the alumni members to make this event as fun filled and joyful as possible. Special focus will be given to showcase special talents of our alumni members and their families. A buffet style Sri Lankan dinner has been organized for everyone to enjoy. The dinner will be followed by a “singing trivia” session and later you can all dance to the rhythm of Baila.

Special thanks should be given to the president and the PUAAViC Exco committee for their support, Mrs Hemali Dias for helping with table decorations, Roshan Kurera for music and entertainment, Lion’s Cabin Berwick for food, all the performers in the main program and alumni members and families for attending.



Finally, I would like to thank my subcommittee members for their tireless work, innovative ideas and specially for the excellent team spirit.

 Following is a brief article by a 10-year old daughter of an alumnus of PUAAViC. It is published without editing- Editor

Peradeniya Alumni Annul trip.

Here we go again. Hours of being trapped in the car, being so hungry that I could eat a horse, and listening to Evin complaining in the car. It's not all bad though, I get to watch Ammi and Thathi dance on stage. I also meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

I love to see all the different comedies, dramas, and songs that my parent's old university's students (including them) have to offer. I always feel like I belong there, with some of my kid friends as well. I feel special to be a part of this huge community that stretches so far across Sri Lanka, and even a small part of Australia too. I love how we all are united and our spirits carries on even by living in Australia. I hope my kids and grandchildren and great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren and- well that was going off topic wasn't it! You probably get what I mean. – will have the same gift to be able to share knowledge, learn new things, and bring a whole university together. Thank you for reading.

Sanomi , age 10

Hantana Nite 2019 in Pictures (Report on page 14)





Visit by Dr Sarath Senaviratne (PUAA- Sri Lanka) to Melbourne in 2019





New formal initiative in assisting new graduates to Australia – by *Don Thusitha*

1. Overview

Every year there is a significant number of alumni from University of Peradeniya arriving in Victoria either as skilled migrants or postgraduate students. It is well known that as soon as they step into Australia, they have to face several challenges including finding jobs and settling down. Many of us may be able to help these people in numerous ways, mostly at a personal level. However as a team PUAAViC can help them in a formal way to settle down smoothly into a foreign country which would be a very rewarding exercise.

2. Objectives

- To assist in the efforts of job-seeking migrants or those who have lost jobs of PUAAViC alumni in Victoria to find jobs or sources of income.
- To support new migrants from University of Peradeniya in their initial settlement.
- To build the image and goodwill of PUAAViC

3. Beneficiaries

- Incoming migrants of the University of Peradeniya and/or those who are stranded through redundancy and other forms of job loss
- Newly arrived alumni from the University of Peradeniya
- New post graduate students to Victoria from the University of Peradeniya
- Any family members of the above 1,2,3

4. Benefactors

All resourceful University of Peradeniya alumni and members in our PUAAViC community.

5. Operational Methodology

Everyone from PUAAViC alumni can participate in this project according to their strengths and willingness to achieve the ultimate goal of helping out newly arrived Peradeniya graduates to settle down smoothly with their families and pursue their career pathways. The President and Secretary of the year will function as advisers of the committee. Once a request from needed alumni is received via webpage, secretary of PUAAViC circulates the information among the alumni via e-mail. Alumni who have the potential to help the applicant can commence communication with the applicant privately and explore avenues of assistance such as:

- organizing workshops for newcomers to address how to build a career in Australia and how to initiate finding jobs in Australia.
- Preparation of resume as per Australian templates, addressing selection criteria, interview questions, and tips, etc. are worthy topics to cover.

6. Contact us through help line form

Please email as per below with SUBJECT: PUAAViC (Helpline/FAQ)
Secretary.puaavic@peradeniya.com.au

7. Our team for 2019

Rohini Nilaweera – Advisor
Ranjan Mendis – Advisor
Sunil Ratnayake
Tikiri Ranaweera,



Faculty representatives

- Faculty of Agriculture – Thusitha Abeywardene
- Faculty of Allied Health Sciences – TBA
- Faculty of Arts – Tikiri Ranweera
- Faculty of Dental Sciences – Kosala Rupassara
- Faculty of Engineering – Rohini Nilaweera
- Faculty of Management – TBA
- Faculty of Medicine – Kosala Rupassara
- Faculty of Science – Muditha Senanayake
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Animal Science – Rasika Kumarasinghe

Education Resources Facilitation Programme- by Ajith de Silva

The dawn of the year 2019 was a busy time for the sub-committee of Educational Resources Facilitation Program, planning and scheduling the donation of two motorized wheelchairs to the Special Needs Unit (SNU) of the faculty of Arts of University of Peradeniya (UOP).

The ceremony was scheduled and held on the 14th of January, and was well attended by the staff of the faculty, University and alumni. PUAAViC was represented by Sarath Jayasuriya and Ajith Rukman de Silva. Dean of the faculty Prof Dayaratne Banda and the president of AAUP Dr Sarath Seneviratne addressed the gathering, praising the invaluable assistance we rendered and appreciated the immense efforts of PUAAViC and its donor community in fulfilling their needs.

The meeting was also attended by the supported students of the SNU, and one of the recipients of a motorized wheel chair, addressed the audience emotionally thanking the donors vehemently. PUAAViC assured their continued support and assistance in matters such special needs of the SNU via proper consultation and coordination. We also reiterated, that with the mission of ERF to address the wellbeing of UOP students and support and uplift the facilities at Peradeniya University, we admired the opportunity provided to us to assist them.

The event prompted further liaison with AAUP on similar activities of PUAAViC and the necessary assistance we seek in future. Consequently, the president of AAUP Dr Sarath Seneviratne made a visit to Melbourne and met the executive committee members of PUAAViC. We note this development as a positive feature as we intend to work in association on future endeavors.

For our future missions the needs of Peradeniya University faculties are being sought and discussions have been undertaken and are to be continued on issues such as special student projects, jointly assist and develop student programs, and fulfill technological requirements of faculties etc. Continuance of discussions is of utmost importance as people change roles regularly. This sounds and cries for a perennial need of continuous ERF member involvement as our most valuable donors.





Treasurer’s Summary – by Dr Amarasiri Herath

As per the 2018-2019 Balance Sheet, the PUAAViC has assets valued at **\$56,679**. This includes \$34,389 in the Scholarships fund, \$2000 reserved for the Scholarships fund and \$2000 reserved for the ERF fund.

PUAAViC is in a stable financial position and is well placed to remain so into the future. The PUAAViC’s main sources of revenue are from the membership fees, Hantane Nite event, and Fathers Day Fundraiser for studentships and Educational Resources Funds. In addition, for the current year PUAAViC has organized a musical event “Sakuna Wasanthaya to raise funds for the Disability Unit of Peradeniya University.

With the help of PUAAViC members, alumni and friends, our executive committee continued to improve on reserves with a surplus.

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| Membership July-2018 – June-2019: Membership fees collected was | \$500 |
| Hantane Nite June-2019: Surplus from Hantane Nite was | \$5,485 |
| Fathers Day Event Sept-2018: Total commitment was | \$4,935 |
| Sakuna Wasanthaya Fund Raising Event : Surplus from this project was | \$5,077 |

Funds available as at 10/11/2019 is \$55,504, comprising of:

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| Total in General PUAAViC A/C | \$8,491 |
| Daily Transaction A/C | \$5,308 |
| High Interest A/C | \$3,183 |
| Total in Scholarships Fund | \$38,082 |
| Scholarships A/C | \$19,309 |
| Term Deposits – Scholarships | \$18,773 |

Total in ERF A/C \$8,930

I wish the new executive committee and its treasurer the very best in the 2019-2020 Financial Year.

PUAAViC WEBSITE Progress: *Saddha Gunasekara (Sub Committee – PUAAViC Website)*

The Current Domain Registration was extended for a further 2 Years and the Domain Hosting service was extended for a further 3 Years with the existing Service Providers Domain Central and BLUEHOST. Savings were made in the BLUEHOST Hosting subscription with additional value-add services.

Initial proposal to move into WIX was withdrawn and a decision was made to stay with WordPress to build the new site. Themes were purchased for a total of USD \$99

Subscription for Secure lock was withdrawn as we could not see the value add for the additional expenditure of approx \$15 per month. The new subscription will have this service once we move the current domain registration to BLUEHOST.

Current Link for PUAAViC Website is : <https://www.peradeniya.com.au/>

Proposed Website link (Phase 1 is developed & in the final testing phase):



<https://www.peradeniya.com.au/peratest/>

The current website will be replaced with the proposed website once all approvals are received from the new committee and all critical feedback has been addressed.

Phase 2 & 3 are likely to comprise the following high level features and activities.

1. Subscribe to a Test Domain
2. Rollout Phase 1 and decommission current website
3. Add high resolution University pictures to the current slide show and remove current pictures
4. Add a members only area / login feature/ upload & download feature for gallery
5. PUAAViC Committee only area for documents and blogging on an important thread
6. Review and improvements to PUAAViC Youtube site
7. Look for a better plugin for UPCOMING EVENTS timer
8. Gallery slideshow to have a mix of all events with pre-selected pictures
9. Procurement page to sell PUAAViC items
10. Merchandise page
11. Integration with bank
12. Review disclaimer
13. Review speed and security
14. Add Google analytics
15. Add SEO if required
16. Move Domain Registration to BLUEHOST the current hosting site
17. Feedback area
18. Unsubscribe to our news
19. FAQ
20. Like, Unlike on gallery pictures. Comments (may be for Members only)
21. Consider Language pack Sinhala / Tamil (might be a challenging task)

A special thank you goes to Mr Chamara Walaliyadde who was introduced to us by Mr Ajith de Silva (current Committee) for the development of the new web site for a fraction of the real cost to build a website.

Finally a thank you to Mrs Chamila Fernando and Deepal Fernando for helping us in providing assistance and proactive guidance with the current web site.

Hantane Nite Dinner Dance 2019: By Amarasiri Herath, Subcommittee Coordinator

Members: Ranjan Mendis, Mangala Jayasinghe, Koshala Rupassara, Chamila Fernando, Nimal Nilaweera, Newton Fernando, Rasika Kumarasinghe, Muditha Senanayake and Kanchana Senaratna.

Once again, this year we held the Hantane Nite Dinner dance at the Box Hill Town Hall on 15th June 2019. It was well attended. This was the members and well-wisher's day. Décor added colour to the event. Music was to the taste of young and old. The Alumni were in the mood making and taking steps to the rhythmic music provided by "Mystery". Eight-member band was conspicuous and filled the stage. Surprised appearance of professional dancers created uproar. Food was in plenty one could not possibly stop eating since food was so tasty.

This year we managed to obtain as a raffle price, a return air ticket to Colombo by the courtesy of Sri Lankan Airlines. All in all it was a success, where we made a surplus of more than \$ 5000.



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Sakuna Wasantha 2018 in Pictures



For new membership applications please visit our website:

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