



# Annual Report – 2019/2020

## (SCF AGM – 2020)

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SINHALESE CULTURAL CENTRE

NOVEMBER 29, 2020



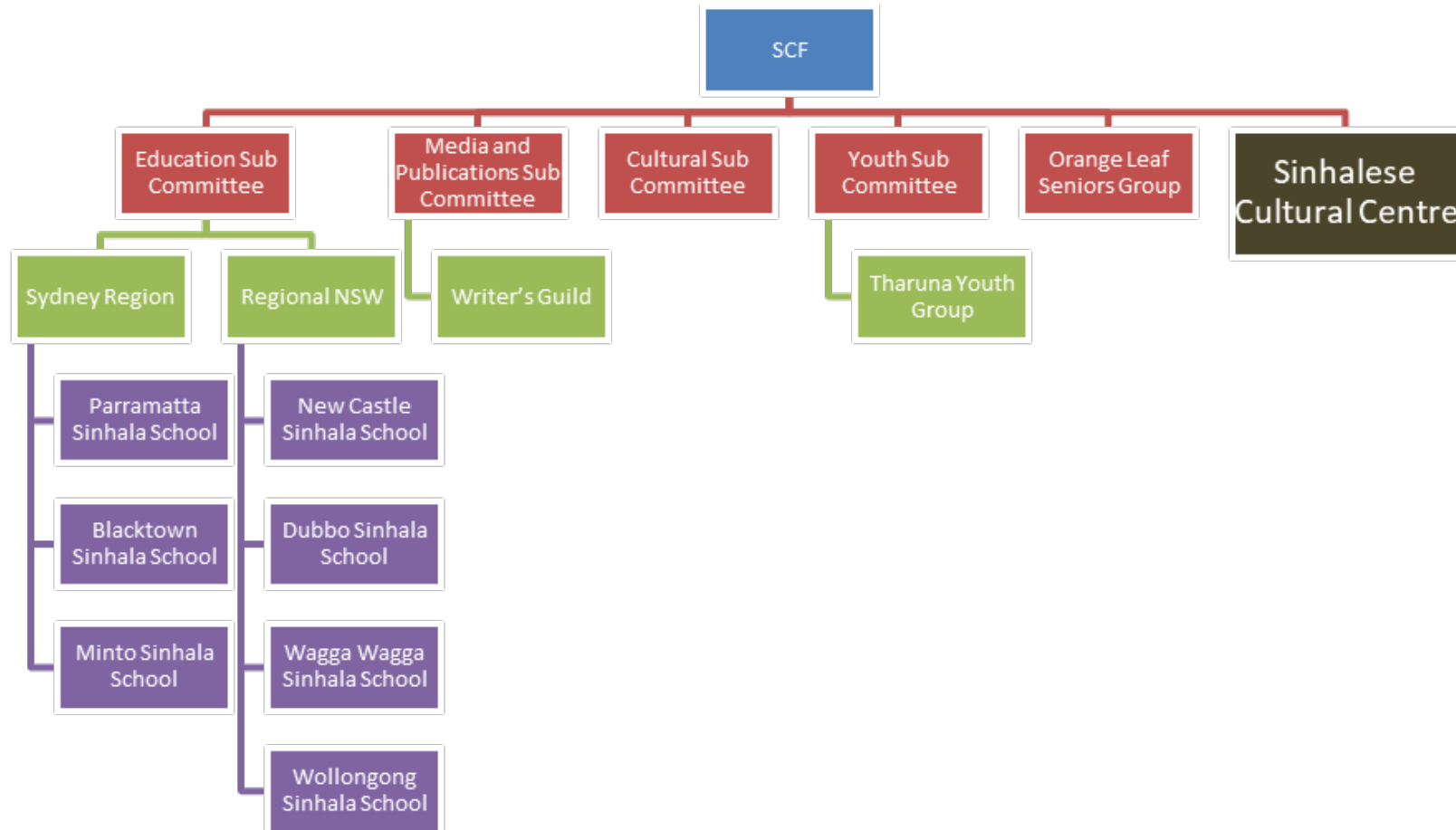
# SCC in Context



- Approved the establishment of SCC in the SCF AGM 2015
- Sinhalese Cultural Centre Limited – Not-for-Profit company registered on 22nd Dec 2015
- First Board of Directors appointed in the SGM held on 13th March 2016
- Key Objectives of SCC
  - Provide a permanent place where Sinhalese cultural activities can be conducted
  - Raise and source funds, acquire land, design and construct the Sinhalese Cultural Centre
  - Manage and operate the Sinhalese Cultural Centre
  - Preserve, hold, and keep safe items of Sinhalese cultural heritage
  - Provide performance space and facilities to allow promotion of cultural performances activities including music, drama, dance and literacy
- SCF & SCC Structure & Relationship
  - The sole member of the SCC is SCF, represented by the SCF membership
  - The President and another nominated member of the SCF Executive committee are directors of SCC by default
  - The SCC board members are elected by the SCF members at the AGM of the SCF



# SCC in Context .. Continued





# Board of Directors – 2019/2020



- Nihal Fernando (Chair)
- Dayawansa Siriwardena (Deputy Chair)
- Anil Fernando (Secretary)
- Susil De Zoysa (Treasurer)
- Upul Padukka Vidana (President – SCF)
- Renuka Kaluthanthri Liyanage (Nominee – SCF)
- Don Wickrama
- Pramuk De Silva
- Eranga Ranasinghe



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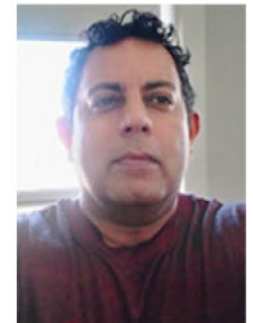
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# 2019-2020 Year - Highlights



- Very special year – COVID-19 & SCC Property Acquisition!
- SCC successfully acquired the property 28 Cacia Avenue, Seven Hills to establish the Sinhalese Cultural Centre (settlement took place on 16th October 2020)
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the SCC Nite 2020 was postponed just few weeks before the scheduled date. The planned food fair in July 2020 was postponed number of times. Finally, the first Food Take Away event was held on 21st November 2020 very successfully under COVID-19 restrictions.
- For the first time, SCC received the Multicultural NSW grant (\$5,000) to develop the Ozlanka community website. Ozlanka website further development is currently in progress.
- SCC received a COVID-19 Community Support Grant (\$5000) from Multicultural NSW
- In the property acquisition fundraiser, SCC raised 64K+, just in four weeks, with the excellent support from the community
- As a part of the property acquisition, SCC successfully received the stamp duty exemption from NSW Government (Revenue NSW)



# SCC Property Acquisition – Our Plan

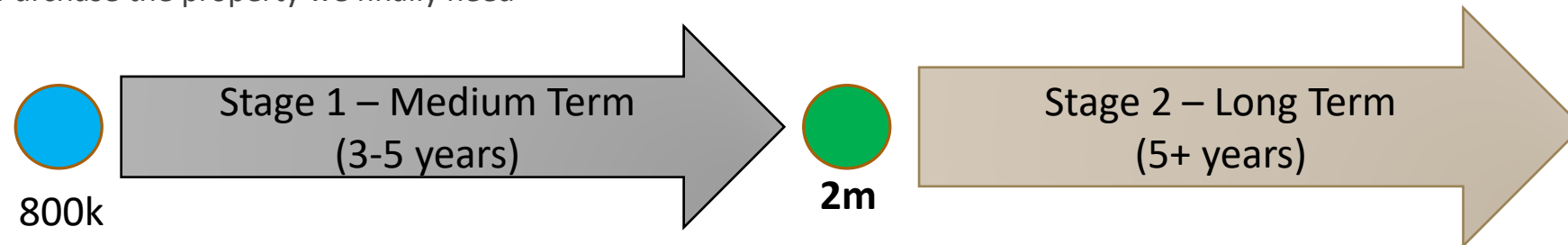


## Number of key factors to consider

- Needs to be a viable plan
- Financing is the key driver
- The risk needs to be acceptable

## Adopt a two stage process to get where we want to be

- Purchase a low value property at a suitable location (e.g. value: \$800k, 600-800 Sqm land with old house in a low cost suburban area )
- Establish the Cultural Centre and operate for few years in lower scale
- Pay-off the mortgage and generate the equity
- Purchase the property we finally need







# Stage 1 – We Initiated!

## SCC acquired a property in Seven Hills

- Address: 28 Cacia Avenue Seven Hills
- Land : 771 SQM
- Old House – 5 bed rooms (small) + +
- Adjacent to parks, foot/cycle tracks and other amenities (Council Property)
- Public Transport – 850m to Seven Hills Station, 250m to busses
- Property zone allows community facilities with Council permission
- Price - \$780K
- 90 – days Settlement
- Contract exchanged on 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Settlement on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020







# Stage 1 – We Initiated! ...







# Financing the Property – The Challenge!



- CBA Loan Approved – 80% finance (\$624K)
- SCC cash reserves were : 130K+
- **We had a deficit of \$60K (assuming no stamp duty exemption)**
- Launched Crowdfunding in Ozlanka
- **Raised \$64K in 4 weeks!**
- Stamp duty exemption received!
- JanaShakthi and general donations were the key!
- Many organisations contributed!

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**Centre for All Sri Lankan Community**  
The Sinhalese Cultural Centre is acquiring a property to establish the "Sinhalese Cultural Centre"

Seven Hills- Central to where our community is living, It is adjacent to parks, foot/cycle paths and amenities, Close to public transport, potential for future.  
28 Cacia Avenue, Seven Hills

**Your support is vital at this moment!**  
You can financially support through

- Direct Donations
- Jana Shakthi Contributions
- Crowdfunding Project

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**  
For details please join live **zoom** meeting  
**Sunday 16th Aug 2020 7.30 pm**  
**Meeting ID 897 1703 5940 Password 804079**

**Contact**  
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Upul - 0425 272 945

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# Thank you for the Contributions!



- We have received over \$122,000 of JanaShakthi Contributions
  - 71 community members
  - Contributions from \$100 - \$23,000
- We have received over \$9000 of General Donations
  - 73 community members
- Number of community organisations have contributed so far:
  - Sri Lankan Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology & Social Welfare Inc, NSW (SCATS - NSW)
  - Mutual Assistance Society, Sydney (MASS)
  - Sri Lanka Hotelliers & Caterers Association
  - Orange Leaf Seniors Group
  - Blacktown Sinhala School
  - North Parramatta Sinhala School
- Mrs Visakha Ratnapala (VI Ratnapala Solicitors) provided conveyancing services to successfully complete the property acquisition

Thank you for all!





# Brief Plan of the Sinhalese Cultural Centre



- We have now given the notice to the tenants to vacate. The property is expected to be available in early next year
- Planning to do an initial renovation (minimum expenses, voluntary work)
  - Remove some partitions
  - Minor repairs to bathrooms
  - Painting
  - Flooring
  - Minor landscaping
  - Tidy up in general
- Occupy the premises after initial renovation
- Discuss with the Council and apply for change of use
- Further renovations to meet Council Requirements
- Further negotiation with the Council and Plan the new development!





# Lanka Cuisine, Sri Lankan Food Fair – Spring 2019



- Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at Roselea CC
- First SCC Food Fair
- A great start to the SCC food fairs and similar fundraising events
- Food stall from number of community organisations
  - Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Old Boys' Association NSW Inc (CGTTIOBA-NSW)
  - Peradeniya University Alumni Association (PUAAN)
  - North Parramatta Sinhala School (NPSS)
  - Blacktown Sinhala School (BSS).
  - SCF!
- Raised an income over \$13K
- Raised a net surplus over \$6K considering donations, re-usable equipment and consumables
- Thank you for everyone supported!







# SCC Nite – 2020 – Postponed ☹

- Planned to be held on 28th March 2020, at the Roselea Community Centre
- Entertainment was planned to be provided by the popular “Desmond and the Impressions”
- Buffet style food was organised
- Sponsorships were arranged
- Many reservations were in the guest list
- However, postponed due to COVID-19 Pandemic ☹
- Plan to hold this event (as SCC Nite 2021) next year





# Sri Lankan Food Take Away with Limited Dinning In



- Held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020, at the Roselea Community Centre
- SCC and SCF joint effort
- Original plan for a food fair. Later changed to a food take away
- Original date was 4<sup>th</sup> July, postponed to 8<sup>th</sup> August, again postponed to 21<sup>st</sup> November
- A great start to the SCC food take-away type of events
- COVID-19 restrictions needed extra planning and resources
- Sold 960+ food packs
- Raised an **income over \$11.5K** including event related donations
- Raised a net **surplus over \$8.5K** including event related donations
- Thank you for all the volunteers including our team of Chefs!

Please pre-order by 19th November!

## Sri Lankan Food

Take away with limited Dinning In!

### 21st November 2020

12:00noon – 6:00pm

Roselea Community Centre,  
645-671 Pennant Hills Rd, Carlingford NSW 2118

Other pick-up locations  
Kellyville Glenwood Minto

## Chicken Biryani & Vege Biryani

Contact  
Daya - 0408 228 435 Nihal - 0417 660 646  
Pramuk- 0425 358 508 Upul - 0425 272 945  
Eranga -0401 326 921

**\$10**

Online orders  
[www.sccsydney.org.au/shop](http://www.sccsydney.org.au/shop)  
Email - [events@sccsydney.org.au](mailto:events@sccsydney.org.au)

All Proceeds go to the Sinhalese Cultural Centre



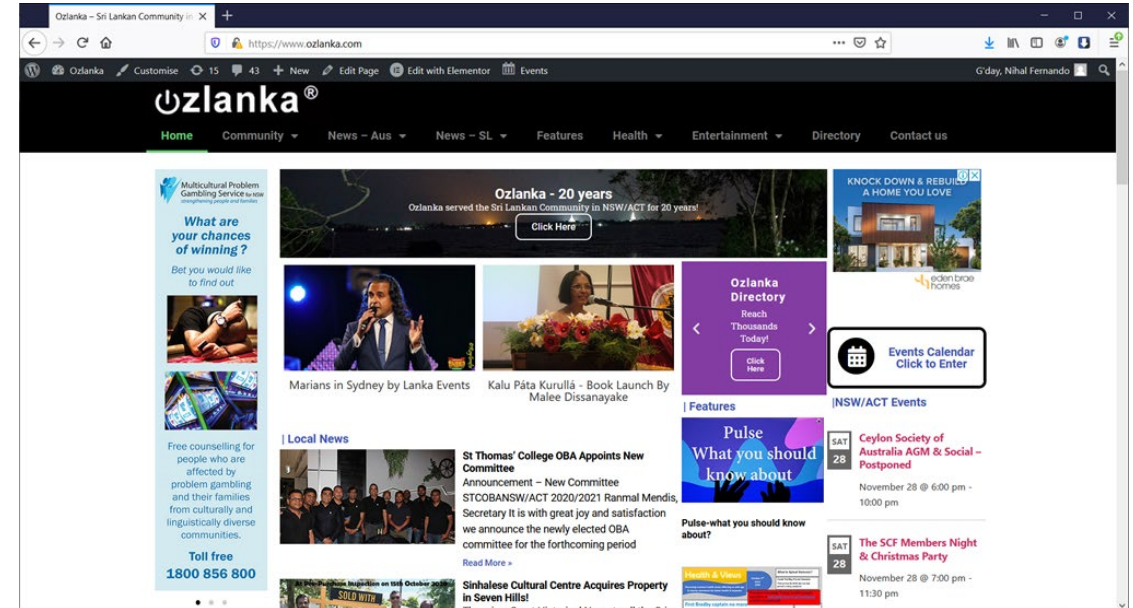




# Acquisition of Ozlanka and Further Development



- Ozlanka.com is the premiere community website for the Sri Lankan community in Sydney NSW
- Established by Mr Imtiaz Issadeen, 20 years ago
- SCC acquired in September 2019 for a value of **\$6000**
- Ozlanka.com website together with three ozlanka related domains, three IP Right deed and the existing content
- SCC expects to operate the ozlanka.com website as a separate operation serving the whole Sri Lankan community in the same way it has been operated in the past
- SCC received a grant (**\$5,000**) from Multicultural NSW for further development
- Website development work is currently in progress and largely completed
- SCC expects to further enhance the community services through Ozlanka website
- SCC expects increased financial return once the new plans are implemented





# COVID-19 Community Support Program



- COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge to all of us!
- SCC applied for a grant from the NSW Government (Multicultural NSW) and received (\$5000)
- Support program was aimed at providing food and groceries to the affected community members
- Provide “Woolworths Grocery Only Gift Cards” to the selected recipients
- Woolworths offered a discount (5%) on these gift cards considering the charity & DGR status of SCC
- SCC supported over 60 needy community members (families with children, couples, and individuals) in different ethnic backgrounds including Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim

**Are you affected by COVID-19 ?**

**WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP !**

With the Funding support from NSW Government  
Sinhalese Cultural Centre together with Sinhalese Cultural Forum continues

**COVID-19 Community Support Program**

If you are  
Sri Lankan Community member  
Affected by Covid 19 & need help  
Please contact us immediately we may be able to  
**HELP WITH FOOD & GROCERIES**  
Our resources are limited so first come first serve  
register yourself now - it ends 21st July 2020.

**Contact**  
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Pramuk - 0425 358 508 Madhuri - 0403 757 035  
Upul - 0425 272 945 Eranga - 0401 326 921  
Email - sccsecretary@sccsydney.org.au

   
**'to gether' we are stronger**

Funding support for this COVID-19 Community Support Program has been provided by the NSW Government  
Sinhalese Cultural Centre is a Registered Charity in Australia







# Plan for the Next Year!



- Renovate and start using the Sinhalese Cultural Centre
- Plan for the optimum use of the Centre
  - Use by SCF, SCC
  - Use by Writer's Guild, Orange Leaf, Sinhala Schools, TYG etc
  - Use by other community organisations
- Plan for regular activities at the Centre
- Negotiate with the Blacktown CC
- Roselea CC reserved for 4 days (March, July, September & November)
  - SCC Nite 2021!
  - 3 x Events (Food Take Away, Food Fairs)
- Crowdfunding - Go towards the \$780,000! (JanaShakthi and General Donations)
- Develop SCC Website
- Further Develop Ozlanka
- Be innovative to establish revenue streams for SCC!



# Financial Statement

## The Sinhalese Cultural Centre Limited

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Donations		200	285
JanaShakthi Contributions		9,980	36,640
Fundraising	2	13,432	63,475
Ozlanika Services Income	3	645	-
Ozlanika Grant	3	5,000	-
COVID-19 Support Grant	4	5,000	-
Miscellaneous Income		1	-
Interest		1,455	1,373
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>35,713</b>	<b>101,772</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Bank charges		36	-
Fundraising	2	9,126	49,831
Ozlanika Services Expenses	3	810	-
SunFest trade stall		100	-
Administrative, Stationary and Printing		45	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>10,117</b>	<b>49,831</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>25,596</b>	<b>51,942</b>

Susil De Zoysa  
Treasurer  
24 November 2020

## The Sinhalese Cultural Centre Limited

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Bank	6	136,289	115,544
Parramatta City Council Bond		-	500
Other	7	1,031	1,200
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>137,320</b>	<b>117,244</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Investments	8	6,000	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>143,320</b>	<b>117,244</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deferred revenue	9	480	-
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>480</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>142,840</b>	<b>117,244</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated Fund	10	142,840	117,244

Susil De Zoysa  
Treasurer  
24 November 2020

## The Sinhalese Cultural Centre Limited (SCC)

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SCC

### Review of Financial Affairs:

I examined the Balance Sheet of (SCC) as at 30 June 2020 and the related Statements of Income and Expenditure for the period then ended. I have reviewed all the presented information and explanations which to the of my knowledge and belief were necessary for purpose of the audit.

In my opinion, as appears from examination, proper books of account have been maintained by SCC and to the best of my information and per the explanations given to me, the Financial Statements referred to above, together with the notes referred to herein, give a true and fair view of the financial position of SCC as at 30 June 2020.

Prabath Amarasinghe  
Auditor SCC  
24 November 2020



# SCC Funds Today!

Account	Balance/Available	Notes
Cheque Account XXX449	\$8,134.10	
Cheque Account XXX947	\$20.98	
Incentive Saver – Public Fund	\$10,715.75	
Business Access Saver - XXX894	\$0.00	
CBA Society Cheque - XXX944 (Operating)	\$6,131.46	
CBA Society Cheque - XXX207	\$562.33	
CBA Society Cheque - XXX977 (Ozlanka)	\$460.12	
CBA Loan Account - XXX022 (Property Loan)	\$40,000.00	Balance: -\$584803.12
Paypal Balance	\$510.68	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$66,535.42</b>	

Total Cash Reserves in the bank - \$66,535

Net payables and receivables - \$2057

=> Total net cash available - **\$64,478**  
(Estimate only!)

Net Cash Asset - \$64,478

Property Equity - \$156,000

Ozlanka (base value) - \$6,000

=> Total net assets around **\$226K** (Estimate only!)



# A Proposal to Membeship



- Currently SCF President and another representative are directors of SCC
- It is very important a SCC representative to be present in the SCF Executive Committee Meetings
- We expect this to be included in the upcoming SCF Constitution amendments
- SCC and SCF co-ordination is very important, in particular for the next year, as we plan to establish the Cultural Centre
- **SCC propose to include one SCC representative to be present in the SCF Executive Committee Meetings in year 2020/2021**





# Thank you all!

- Thank you to our sponsors
- Thank you to our volunteers
- Thank you to our JanaShakthi Members
- Thank you to all the community organizations supported and contributed
- Thank you to our out-going directors
  - Anil Fernando
- Thank you to our Auditor Prabhath Amarasinghe
- **Thank you to the community who supported us!**

