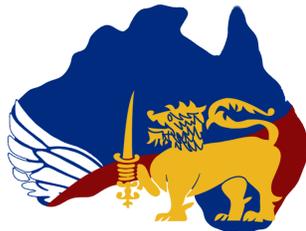


# Sri Lankan Graduates' Society

University of Melbourne



**SLGS**  
Sri Lankan Graduates' Society  
of the University of Melbourne

To  
Inspire  
&  
Achieve

**SRI LANKAN GRADUATES' SOCIETY**

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**SPREADING THE LOVE**  
By Ven. Ajahn Kalyano

**VESAK EVENT**  
Dhamma Talk and Alms-Giving Food Stall (Dansa) on 17th May 2019 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Prest Theatre, FBE Building, The University of Melbourne

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Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations 2020  
Organised by the Sri Lankan Graduates' Society  
16th March (Union Hall of University of Melbourne)

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A NIGHT FILLED WITH SRI LANKAN TUNES AND ENTERTAINMENT  
AUGUST 23, 2019 | 6.00PM ONWARDS  
STONEY MEER ASIA CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE  
YASUO HIRAOKA MYER ROOM (LEVEL 3)

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As we mark the beginning of a new year, it is time to look back at 2019 in retrospect. **2019** was indeed an eventful year where we took a successfully refreshing outlook on how we celebrate as a community, to **"inspire and achieve"**.

Our objective for the year was to organise events and other platforms to **facilitate networking and friendship** within the community, and actively advocate the **welfare of Sri Lankan graduate students**, while also **organising a plethora of cultural events** to introduce the true Sri Lankan identity to the multicultural community at UniMelb.

Despite our greatest efforts, none of it would not have been possible if not for **YOU!** Therefore, we take this as an opportunity to **thank you** immensely, for your participation, well-wishes and feedback which helped us grow as a community!

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## Walking back the memory lane...



### Candlelight Vigil (May 2019)

SLGS is a home away from home to all Sri Lankan students at UniMelb. Thus, we organized a **silent candlelight vigil to pay respect to the lives lost during the tragic Easter attacks in Sri Lanka**, while also emphasising the significance of walking through such difficult times together. The vigil was well attended by students and staff of the university, with some much needed words of wisdom and courage

from Prof. Saman Halgamuge, Prof. Shanton Chang, Prof. Priyan Mendis,  
Dr. Harshini Weerasinghe and Dr. David Wilson.



## Vesak Celebrations (May 2019)

SLGS in collaboration with the **Melbourne University Buddhist Studies Society (MUBBS)** hosted a public event to celebrate Vesak, commemorating the birth, enlightenment and the passing away of Lord Gautama Buddha on the 17th of May at the Prest Theatre of the University of Melbourne. The event included a **Dhamma talk** themed **“Spreading the Love”** by **Ven. Ajahn Kalyano** from the Buddha Bodhivana Monastery (East Waburton), followed by a **Dhamma discussion** and an **alms-giving (dansala)** for all attendees.



## මියැසි රාමි (August 2019)

On the 23rd August, we marked the dawn of the Winter with a colourful and an entertaining **Party** named “මියැමි රාව 2019” at the Sydney Myer Asia Centre. The invitation was open to all, to enjoy **a night filled with Sri Lankan classical hits and entertainment**, followed by a much anticipated **Kottu** dinner.



## **Euphoria (November 2019)**

The SLGS annual get-together took a new form in 2019, to mark the beginning of a new decade. “**Euphoria**” was a phenomenal success, where we **danced the night away** to live music by “**Gravity**”. The event was held on the 29th of November at the Kensington Town Hall, with the presence of **Mr. Kapila Fonseka** (Consul General of Sri Lanka to Victoria, South Australia & Tasmania), the SLGS Alumni and well-wishers. It was a night to remember, with much loved **Sri Lankan delicacies** and **dancing and exciting games**.



## SLGS Magazine (November 2019)

The SLGS magazine was the **culmination of creative efforts** of the Sri Lankan student community at University of Melbourne. The magazine was a remarkable milestone to allow our community to showcase their creative talents as **write-ups, poems, art, and photography**. The magazine was published and released to the public on 29th of November at the annual SLGS get-together **"Euphoria"**.

## SLGS Scholarship Program 2020

Aim of this program is to assist Sri Lankan undergraduate students to pursue their academic endeavors. Our goal was to raise funds for two scholarships, each worth **LKR 60000** for two students to be awarded for 1 year on a monthly basis.

We are glad announce that **Miss WHYS Fernando** and **Miss UGNU Wimalasiri** second year undergraduate students from the **Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Sabaragamuwa, Sri Lanka** were selected according to our selection criteria to award these two scholarships this year. We hope that this money would support to complete their studies well.

We take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and well-wishers for their financial support for making this scholarship program a success. Indeed, your contribution will make a huge difference in their life.

## Upcoming Events...



### **Annual General Meeting (March 2020)**

The SLGS Annual General Meeting will be held on the 16th of March 2020 at Union Hall, University of Melbourne. This year's AGM agenda will include a brief **summary of the committee's activities** over the past year, followed by **Treasurer's report**, passing **amendments** to the SLGS constitution and **appointing the new committee** for the year 2020/2021. We warmly invite all SLGS members and friends to attend the gathering to mark the beginning of a new year as a community.



## Launching the SLGS Website (March 2020)

To enhance our **visibility, accessibility** and **digital presence**, we will launch an official website for SLGS at the Annual General Meeting on the **16th of March 2020**, at the Union Hall of University of Melbourne. The website is expected to provide a **platform for new students and well-wishers to join the community**, readily **communicate with the SLGS committee** and **be informed about our events** and activities in future.



## New Year Celebrations (March 2020)

**Mr. Kapila Fonseka** (Consul General of Sri Lanka to Victoria, South Australia & Tasmania).

The event will include many festivities, including a **New Year's lunch** serving many Sri Lankan delicacies. Lunch will be followed by a **variety of traditional New Year games** conducted at the **South Lawn** of the university, which is expected to attract the participation of students, families and well-wishers from diverse nationalities.

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