

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9th April 2017

Redcliffe Community Hall  
Cnr Morgan Road & Field Avenue  
Redcliffe

Commencing at 10.30 am

### **Financial Members Only**

All nomination forms and any resolutions must reach the Secretary by close of business on Friday 31st March 2017.

Address: PO Box 875, Cloverdale WA 6985

If attending and for catering purposes (if you have not already placed your name on the list at the March Lunch) you must call Carol Richards on 9454 6897 or 0411 812 981 by the 3rd April 2017.

Lunch, Tea & Coffee provided.



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## PRIZE DRAWS

Congratulations to our Winners

### *Lucky Numbers*

**\$25 Con de Rozario**

**\$15 Phyllis Woulfe**

**\$10 Thelma Green**

### *Member's Draw*

**\$40 Rosalee Falk**

**\$40.00 Jackpot**

Remember you have to be  
there to win it

## SUGGESTION BOX

### **Regular Sunday Lunches**

Venue : Redcliffe Community Hall  
Corner Morgan Road and Field Avenue  
in Redcliffe  
(entrance also from Grand Parade)

**Tickets given out strictly on a first  
come first served basis, we  
are unable to give out tickets for  
those who are yet to arrive.**

Lunch served from 12 noon.

Members bringing guests,  
please sign in the Visitors Book  
at the door.

**Hope to see you there!**

The Management Committee  
encourages and welcomes  
constructive feedback from  
members. All signed suggestions  
will be responded to in writing.

Should you object to your Photos  
being posted or published in the  
Newsletter, on the website or  
facebook pages please  
advise the committee members  
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removed.



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Hello Members, another year in the life of the AEWAWA is coming to an end and at the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> April a new year begins, but I am getting ahead of myself, our March lunch was another great day, thank you to the cooks, drinks stall, band and helpers on the day, I know it sounds like I keep repeating myself with the thanks and appreciation to everyone who helps on the day, but without their help the Association would be in a very sorry place.

One of the visitors at the March lunch was Michael Singho the President of the Malacca Portuguese Eurasian Association (MPEA) and his family and during his visit Michael kindly presented the AEWAWA with a copy of his book Beng Prende Malaka (Papia Cristang) which when translated means Come Let's Learn Portugues Malaka (Papia Cristang), the book teaches you to speak Kristang. The book is for sale and if you are interested in purchasing a copy please let me know and I will liaise with Michael.

By the time you receive this newsletter we would have had our Anniversary Dance, which was a great night again where we were very well entertained by Klassworks, thank you to all those who attended and helped us in the celebration.

Now on to the serious business of the AGM this will begin at 10.30am sharp so if you are attending please try and be on time, also if you have already not informed me of your attendance please do so by the 3<sup>rd</sup> April for catering purposes. Please note that only **Financial Members** may attend and vote at the AGM.

This year we will be looking to fill the positions of Vice President and 8 Committee Members, and some of the current Committee Members are intending continue and have re-nominated but if you think you would like to help out with the management of the Association please note that nominations must be received by the Secretary by close of business on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Also at the AGM will be the presentation to the winning recipients of the Andrew Clark and Ida da Silva Awards.

Our May lunch we celebrate Mother's Day and this is the only lunch that is **the first Sunday in May** so please note the date change.

The Christmas in July event will be going ahead but as a stand-alone event open to members and non-members more information will be in the May newsletter.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support and encouragement during the year it is very much appreciated.

Take care and hope to see you at either the AGM or the May Lunch.

Carol Richards  
President



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AEAWA AGM held 12 April 2016  
at Redcliffe Community Hall

Commenced: 10.35am

Present: 95 members attended per attendance book.

Apologies: John & Leslie Sutton; Robert & May Harding; Dennis & Joan Arklie; Carole Richards; Dickie Hendroff; Robin Reakes

Visitors: Moved: Heather McKenzie Seconded: Philip de Mello that Deborah Beins visiting from Singapore be permitted to attend the AGM as an observer.

**Carried**

Minutes silence: A minutes silence was observed in memory for all those who had passed before us.

Minutes of the Previous AGM: Moved: Carol Richards Seconded: Derrick Holmes that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted. **Carried**

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

President's Report (Chad Beins):

Chad commenced by acknowledging past presidents, office bearers, life members and all members present at the AGM, bidding all welcome.

Chad related a vision he had of AEAWA seven years before he became President. He envisioned a clubhouse teeming with members, both adults and children, all participating in activities including games, music from our talented Eurasian muso's, dancing, sampling favourite traditional dishes while being graced with the presence of members from other associations, and even a couple of local MPs. The sounds of laughter and fun would fill the air ...all this in the confines of our very own clubhouse. It was a goal in his mind!

Today, the reality is:

- we have an aging membership and our members are beginning to fall ...slowly
- our attendances at lunches and dances are beginning to fall ...slowly
- the number of committed volunteers are aging and beginning to fall ...very quickly
- costs are increasing, but falling numbers equals falling income ...very quickly
- the number of young members ...pretty much non existent

BUT on the positive side:

- we have a great social club
- we have a very strong attachment to our heritage and culture
- although very small, there appears to be an emerging interest in our almost lost language, culinary delights, and special traditions

As an example, Chad made a passing paradigm with Singapore – a small island and in its early years had little infrastructure and nothing much apart from village life. Today it stands among the worlds' best, both commercially and financially, with all credit to its meteoric success to its people. In comparison, we too started with an idea and a few good people. 27 years later we are still here. But it is people who make the difference, in other words we need people, and hard work needs to be put in. With success comes some failures, but we all need to do our part.

The following are Chad's observations and comments:

- where are the member's children, their families, their grandchildren? If every member family had say a gathering of 10 in their homes and we multiply that by say our 300 members, it equates to 3000 - all running together and having fun.
- many have approached Chad and committee members with great suggestions and ideas, but when asked to help in fulfilling these propositions they shy away, instead leaving it to the regular volunteers many of whom are getting older.
- imagine if every award winner and every life member continued to support AEAWA in one way or another, could this assist in overcoming the volunteer dilemma!



Chad emphasized that his remarks were not a criticism, but an attempt to find solutions. It was not about doom and gloom, but reality as the club is literally in the hands of the members.

Lastly, Chad thanked his family for their moral and emotional support, and his standing down from the Presidency was, in the words of Winston Churchill, “a change is as good as a rest” or as some may say, “as refreshing as a holiday”. And his final words, “thank you members as you have now become my friends too. I hope I have served you well and I wish the incoming President and management committee all the very best and Godspeed”.

Chad went on to thank individual committee members after they had delivered their reports.

## Vice President's Report (Gary Fernandez):

Gary stated that on reflection much had been achieved over that last two years since the 25th anniversary. In October 2015 our Eurasian Family Fiesta day was held followed by talks organized by the Community Services sub-Committee (CSC) comprising Kevin de Souza, Valarie Conier, Carol Richards and himself as chair. Talks included *'immigration matters'* and *'unlocking the equity in your home'*, and *'how Landgate calculates how your Rates are assessed'*. All these sessions are free to attend. A further function of the CSC is to provide transport to our luncheons for those who find it difficult to get to our lunch venue.

In 2016, our Association strengthened its ties with the City of Belmont with Val Conier volunteering to join Belmont's Cultural Diversity Focus Group. Val selflessly attended many meetings, and word got back that City of Belmont considered AEAWA the most organized cultural group in the City and there was much to learn from us. Gary's journey with the management committee has been fulfilling, forging friendships with fellow committee members, but all this took a turn due to the bereavement of a very close friend, and he considered giving up his role as vice president, all this amidst leading the Family Day fiesta preparations, so he is grateful to Chad for stepping in to help with the coordination. With a \$5000 grant secured from the City of Belmont we were graced on the day by the attendance of Minister Dr Mike Nahan, Belmont mayor Glenys Godfrey and our loyal members. I would like to acknowledge all those who assisted on the day from the Seniors group who helped man the car park under the blazing sun to our children who sacrificed their time (parents included) to attend Portuguese dance practices – a huge thank you and sincere gratitude.

The Awards and Scholarships are overseen by the CSC group – and this year, in addition to the usual three Awards, are two academic scholarships on offer to Year 11 and 12 students. Furthermore, the family of the late Tony Quintal have offered a new educational scholarship to students about to enter first year university. The Management Committee has gratefully accepted the offer and we herewith record our sincere appreciation to Jean, Vanessa, Sean and Troy Quintal. Details of the scholarship will be available towards the end of the year.

Gary thanked the management committee for their tireless work during his term and due to personal reasons now was the time to hang up the sponge, dishwashing liquid and scourer pads in the kitchen and offer them to the new vice president with a word of caution ... “the sink is very low”.

## Secretary (Brian Leicester):

Brian reported that there was no relevant correspondence of interest to the AGM. He was stepping down, but there was a nomination to fill the position. Brian wished EA the best for the future.



## Treasurer's Report (Carol Richards):

Carol reported that the management committee had endeavoured to keep general expenses down over the past year with success. As interest rates continued to drop there was a need to generate income to cover operational costs elsewhere, some of this had come from holding successful dances and this would continue in the future. Monthly lunches had increased to \$7 plus a small increase in beverage prices.

A major expense is the monthly production of the newsletter which has increased from \$1.50 to \$1.80. Therefore members are encouraged to opt to receive the newsletter by email. As a gentle reminder, in order for the Association to maintain its tax free status we are unable to give rebates or subsidy's on any function or activity held by the Association.

Carol stated that since there were no Achievement Awards last financial year the Association had inherited a savings, but this may not be the case for 2016/17. The educational scholarships are covered by donations, and it would be a great help if we could obtain sponsors or donations to cover our Awards.

Finally, Carol thanked the management committee and members for their continued support and assistance over the past 12 months. Carol then tendered her treasurer's report together with the auditor's report.

**Moved:** Shirley Hendroff and **Seconded:** Rex Frugtniet hat the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

## Sub-Committee reports:

### Seniors (Joan Reincastle):

Joan expressed her thanks to the management committee and senior's sub-committee comprising of Robert & May Harding, Dennis & Joan Arklie, John & Leslie Sutton, Francis & Hellen Tay, Philomena Noronha, Judy Koek, Lorna Hedges, Margaret Chowdhurie, Thelma Green, and husband Charles.

The recent weekend away at Geographe Bayview Resort with 42 in attendance was a resounding success, and gratitude goes to all who helped organise the bookings, games, activities and entertainment. Joan paid tribute to Robert Harding and Dennis & Joan Arklie for their enormous input.

Joan advised, that on a sad note, she would be stepping down as the senior's coordinator after 18 years in the role. Joan emphasised that the 'Seniors' activities were for everyone - young, not so young, and young at heart.

### Functions (Carol Richards):

The Association held two functions during 2015/16 being the Winter and Spring dances. While a profit was made, one major aspect was that members attending was far greater than non-members. The recent anniversary dance figures will be reflected in next year's account report, but she was pleased to say that 114 were in attendance.

The children's Christmas party attracted 15 children and grand children with the main attraction being the farm animals. A special thanks goes to Graeme and Marian Mitchell for helping out with Santa Claus. Also, the functions committee would like to thank the management committee and all members who helped to sell tickets, set up and clean up the function halls.

### Catering (Derrick Holmes):

Derrick extended his gratitude to those who helped in the kitchen including Judy, Carol B, Carol L, Carol H, Philo, Joan and Charles, Joyce, Kevin, Francisca and Dawn. A thank you was also extended to Philip, Weng, Rex, Jermaine, Dudley, Dennis and various members who helped at the drinks stall. Derrick referred to all helpers as excellent examples of hard work and dedicated 'change champions' who he can't thank enough. Prices have been kept to a minimum achieved by our regular cooks and contributors, but at times food had to be bought in to supplement the home cooked food. To this end, more volunteer cooks are needed otherwise there is the possibility that we could lose that Eurasian flavour of traditional cooked food.



## Members Affairs (Charles Reincastle):

Charles thanked all those who renewed their annual subscriptions. 14 new members joined but unfortunately 32 had not renewed while two resigned.

As of 8 April 2016 the total adult membership is 343 made up of: family members 152 or 44%; Life members 9 or 3%; Pension members 157 or 46%; Single membership 25 or 7%;

We have 24 children. Children under 18 years = 16; children over 18 years = 8.

Total membership fees collected during the year \$3112.80

Charles informed the AGM that he was stepping down as a committee member having previously served as Treasurer for seven years and as Members Affairs coordinator for the last 10 years.

## Games and Sports including youth (Garrath Ishiguchi):

Garrath said that the Eurasianlympics had run for six years with the last seeing a great turn out though participation could have been better.

A new volleyball and new witches hats to set up games have been acquired with a cricket tournament in the pipeline. A 10-pin bowling competition is planned for September targeting youth and younger families with young children.

## Web Administrator (Carol Richards):

Carol indicated that they were still working on the website – the aim is to make it more user friendly.

## Awards (Carol Richards):

The Community Services Committee (CSC) comprising Gary Fernandez, Kevin de Souza, Val Conier and Carol Richards held a meeting on 22 March 2016 to discuss the AEAWA Awards and Scholarships for this year.

Carol reported that no nominations were received for any of the awards, likewise, no new applications for the scholarships. The committee then moved on to last year's recipients of Emilia Neo and Claire Fernandez to ascertain if both were eligible for the second part of the year 11 scholarships. Carol reported on a conversation she had with Erik Neo the father of Emilia, and was informed that Emilia would not be participating in the second part of the scholarship. At this time Gary left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The final report of Clair Fernandez's year 11 was presented and accessed by the remaining committee members with a unanimous decision being made that Claire was eligible to receive the second part of the scholarship as she has maintained her excellent grades and conduct during year 11. On behalf of the CSC Claire was congratulated on receiving the second part of the AEAWA Scholarship and wished the best in her future endeavours.

## **General Business:**

Ernie Lopez acknowledged Chad as being the best president in the last 23 years, a person who had involved his family to support the cause of AEAWA. This was greeted with overwhelming acclamation.

## **Election of Office Bearers:**

All management committee positions with the exception of Secretary became vacant. As there was no nomination received for President, nominations were called from the floor. Carol Richards then put up her hand to serve as President and stood down from the Treasurer's position. Further nominations were called from the floor resulting in the following positions being filled:

President: Carol Richards; Vice President: vacant; Secretary: Rex Frugtniet; Treasurer: Chad Beins Jr; Committee Members: Gary Aviet; Garrath Ishiguchi; Corinne Boudville; Francisca Scully; Brendan Augustin; Michelle Welschbillig; Phillip de Mello; Dennis Koek

## Election of Auditor

Lucy Tan was elected auditor for the coming year.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 12 noon.





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March 2017  
Sunday lunch





## Help Wanted

The following email was received from Brendon Fernandez and if you would like to help him please contact him direct, his email address is [brendon.fernandez@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.fernandez@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Carol

“My name is Brendon Fernandez, and I am a Eurasian actor from Singapore. I have the pleasure of visiting Perth quite regularly, as it is where my wife grew up, and where her family still lives.

I am currently in rehearsals for a new musical called “Tropicana”, inspired by the real-life Tropicana nightclub near Orchard Road in Singapore that operated from the 1960s to the 1980s. Here is a link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tropicanathemusical/>

One of the characters I play is a Eurasian radio DJ who ends up leaving Singapore for Perth in 1977. As part of my research, I am trying to find stories of Eurasian families or individuals who made the same journey, and their reasons for doing so.

I wonder if you or your members might have any stories you would be willing to share with me?

The answers I have managed to collect so far have been rather vague, and tend to be variations on two broad themes: 1. the promise of better prospects in Australia, and 2. fear of racial discrimination in post-independence Singapore. I’m trying to find specific details, anecdotes, or stories. Something like “I left Singapore because of \_\_\_\_” or “I moved to Perth because of \_\_\_\_”.

If it makes it more comfortable, your members might answer anonymously if they wish. None of the information would be used directly in the play – the script has already been written. Any stories you or your members share would help me construct the background of my character, and hopefully play him more authentically.

I hope you do not mind me addressing my question to you, as President of the Association. I thought you might know who best to send it along to.

Thank you very much for reading, and hope to hear from you soon! :)

Sincerely,  
Brendon Fernandez”



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## Members Affairs Carol Richards

*Please welcome New Members*

*Shoshanna Beins*

*Jerry & Margaret Dawson*

*and*

*Eian & Jean Lopez*

### Visitors

**Members please feel free to bring Visitors to our Sunday Lunches, but we ask that you have them sign the Visitors Book so that we may welcome them to our Club.**

To become a member of the AEAWA you can obtain an application form from any member of the Management Committee or download a copy from the website—[www.aeawa.asn.au](http://www.aeawa.asn.au)

If you wish to renew your membership you can either post your payment together with the renewal form below, pay direct into the bank account or at any of the Sunday Lunches.

To pay directly into the bank please note the following information

Account Name:

Australian Eurasian Association of W.A. Inc.

BankWest BSB 306 042  
Account Number 082 139 5

**Reference:** Your name & membership number

### Fees for 2017

Pensioner :	1 yr	\$15	or	3 yrs	\$40.50
Single:	1 yr	\$19	or	3 yrs	\$51.30
Family:	1 yr	\$28	or	3 yrs	\$75.60



## MEMBERS RENEWAL FORM



Name(s) .....

Address .....

Amount \$ .....

Membership No .....

Send this form to  
AEA WA Members Affairs  
PO Box 875, Cloverdale WA 6985



*Our Warmest Thoughts are  
With..... all our members  
and their families who are  
unwell or grieving.*

*If you know of someone who  
would like to share their loss, or  
just need a prayer, please feel  
free to contact the committee or  
drop us a line.*

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Due to the ever increasing costs of printing and postage we encourage members to receive the newsletter by email.

To be added to the email list please email Carol Richards at

carolr29@bigpond.com

Thank you  
Carol  
Editor

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If you would like to become a friend of AEAWA please see Michelle.

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BankWest

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**Apr 2017**

*9th April*

*AGM*

*No usual Sunday  
Lunch*

**May 2017**

*7th May  
Mother's Day Lunch*

*Please note that this  
is the First Sunday of  
the Month and not  
the 2nd Sunday as  
usual*

**June 2017**

*11th June*

*Sunday Lunch*

**OUR  
CALENDAR**

## YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President  
Vice President (Acting)  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Catering  
Catering  
Sunday Lunch  
Sunday Lunch  
Sports & Games  
Committee Members

Carol Richards  
Gary Aviet  
Rex Frugtniet  
Chad Beins (Jnr)  
Phillip De Mello  
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