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Collins Connect acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we live and pays its respect to the Elders past and present.

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter for 2025.

The Collins Connect team have been on a summer break, making many memories of family time, summer time and no doubt keeping the daily family routine and busyness going.

This edition of the newsletter is rather brief, conveying many happy events as well as the loss of some of our Collins family members both in the UK and Australia.

We hope that in 2025, as part of the mission of Collins Connect, we will host family social events with the purpose of bringing family and friends together in a social environment. This is not an easy task, given the current fiscal environment that we all live in. All Collins Connect events are not-for-profit with any funds raised utilised to fund the event itself. As a team, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Collins Connect founding members and committee members who donate their time, talent and contribute funds to the outlay of these events.

So until then, stay connected !!

Congratulations



The start of the year brought in many happy joyous occasions for the Collins family.....in particular MILTON Collins' family.

Melville Rafferty and Dayanna Torres married on the 10th January 2025. Melville is the grandson of Milton Collins and the son of Lauren (nee Collins) and Grenville Rafferty.

Continuing with the same family, engagement wishes goes out to **Joshua Collins and Cassandra Carnevale** on their engagement. Joshua is the grandson of Milton Collins and the son of Elvis and Karen Collins.

Lets keep it in the family... engagement wishes continue for **Cassandra D'Silva and Michael Elliott** on their engagement. Cassandra is the granddaughter of Milton Collins and the daughter of Angel (nee Collins) and Winston Collins.

Collins Connect wishes all our couples all the best as they embark on a wonderful journey together!



Can you guess what berries these are?



When many of us lived in India we called these fruits 'Jumblums'. It is a popular indigenous fruit of India that has many health and Auyurvedic properties. It is loaded with a spectrum of vitamins including vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron, fibre, magnesium, potassium, glucose, protein, carbohydrates and other essential nutrients. It is believed to be beneficial for diabetic patients. Many would have loved picking them off the tress including those off the ground. They had an unusual taste and would stain the fingers and tongue purple. Years later we learnt that these are known as 'Jamoons' and make great wine. Perhaps you might have tried them.

IN LOVING ♥ *Memory*

Since the last newsletter, the Collins family have lost many family members and share their grief in the loss of their beloved family member.

One of our oldest matriarch **Monica Theresa (Fernandez) Dubier** passed away in the UK on the 13th December 2024 surrounded with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. What a blessing to have lived to the beautiful age of 98 years.

Condolences to Corrine, Chicky, Neil, Keith, Lloyd, Sharan and Sabrina Collins on the sudden loss of their youngest brother **Ronald Bosco Collins**. Ronald is the grandson of Victor Collins and the son of Henry Collins. Ronald's decline in health saw him enter his eternal home on the 16th December 2024 in Melbourne, Australia.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Andrea Gargano on the death of her son **Dax Richard Joseph Moss** on the 17th February 2025 in Melbourne, Australia. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. Dax is the grandson of Sherrel (Shirley) D'Souza and Eugene D'Sylva.

Collins Connect and family send our deepest sympathy to all the family members.



Anyone celebrating a special birthday, anniversary or special occasions, and would like a special mention, please feel free to drop us a line at collinsconnect.2018@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

As a family group, we welcome all families to be involved whether its ideas, suggestions and most of all participation. Why not reach out to a team member or drop us a line?

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Want to help?

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If you would like to contribute to the Collins Connect newsletters, we encourage you to get in contact with any team member.