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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.



COLLINS CONNECT ANNUAL REUNION

The 5th Collins Connect Annual Reunion was held on Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

Although attendance was down it was understandable, as Melbourne was back again with an influx of new covid cases; with the growing fear of exposure to covid for our elderly and vulnerable family members, their non-attendance was unavoidable.

Having missed out on two years of meeting face to face, the common thread of feedback from our faithful family members that did attend was that, as always, they enjoyed the day with good food, activities, games and chatter.

We had the pleasure of having Darryl Collins and Damien Collins visiting from India, and Denzil D’Cruz from Sydney to represent our overseas and interstate family members.

The opening entertainment of the Reunion was none other than our talented Collins family members. Talent and music does run in the blood !

Introducing the opening of the event was David Selvey (Adelaide and Joseph Fernandez tree) recapturing his introductory words as follows:

“Over the last 2 years, the COVID pandemic has kept us all apart & taken over our lives isolating a lot of our families, friends and loved ones.

Today, we have the opportunity to once again re-connect with each other, – to share our stories

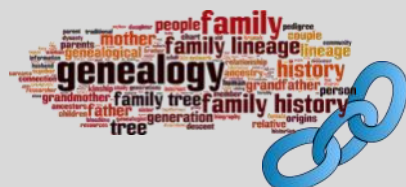
Our ancestors instilled into all of us.....

A little giving, to build a dream for the world we live in

A little patience & understanding, for all our tomorrows

A little love and peace, for the future of our children and our grandchildren

The legacy of the Collins name, is synonymous with music, singing but most importantly our love for God. Performing “A little Peace” are ONLY SOME of the Collins descendants.



Welcoming to the stage representatives from Adelaide Collins, Peter Collins, Victor Collins and Joseph Collins family including:

PETER COLLINS Darryl Collins and Conchita Jasmy

JOSEPH COLLINS Vonita Mansoor

VICTOR COLLINS Corrine Collins, Lauren Rafferty, Marian Collins, Elvis Collins and Angeline D'Silva accompanied by her husband Winston D'Silva

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Check out our website to view the video of the group singing 'A Little Peace'. A very appropriate song in the current international environment.

Recalling Christmas.....

Christmas was an exciting time in our house.

Two months prior to Christmas the prep work had begun.

The mixed fruit for the Christmas cake was soaked; The basket of grapes bought and prepared for the Christmas wine. The grapes or beetroot fermenting in stone jars started the tedious yet fulfilling process of Christmas wine making. Testing frequently for the clarity and taste of the wine to ensure that the wine was ready for Christmas day. Ragi and mustard seeds sown for the crib.

Weeks before Christmas, a fresh Christmas tree was cut and carried to the house; the star placed on the top of the tree and children helped decorate it. The fresh smell of the pine tree drifted throughout the house, heralding the start of the Christmas activities.

The house was white washed and curtains cleaned. The paper star hung out in front of the house. Crib paper bought and the sown ragi and mustard seeds ready for decorating the crib.

If we were lucky, we got new Christmas outfits from Moore market that was also worn for the Binny's dance.

Family gathered round the table making rose cookies, kul kuls and thol thol on the stove.

There was no microwave.

The heavily soaked mixed fruit ready for the cake to be made and baked at the local bakery.

Kneading the cake mix with a wooden mutthu tested the strength of all family members.

The Christmas wine was now ready for consumption on Christmas day.

Advent saw the start of carol singing or serenading going house to house on bicycles. It was the opportunity for new found love to blossom, girlfriends secured and lovers made the most of the night carolling.

Family and friends from overseas would start arriving; the wedding season was due to start after Christmas.

Christmas wouldn't be complete without the family attending Carols and Midnight mass.

Back at home after mass was more carol singing before a light breakfast in the early hours of Christmas morning.

Christmas lunch was chicken, duck or turkey with trimmings and stuffings prepared. There was non-stop laughter, music and food consumed.

Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it...I'm just getting old?



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Want to help?

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



COLLINS CONNECT wish our Collins family

The gift of love.

The gift of peace.

The gift of happiness.

May all these be yours at Christmas.

*And may the good times and treasures of the present become the golden
memories of tomorrow*

- Drayton and Lizzie Thomas, Jarryd Fernandes and Sheldon D'Silva

*Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.*

- Corrine Collins, Lauren Rafferty, Elvis and Karen Collins