

NEWSLETTER

December 2023

The 5th Annual COLLINS

Sunday, 22 October 2023 and

CONNECT was held on

what a wonderful day it

Introducing our newest

additions to the Collins

turned out to be.

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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.





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Connect descendants, living in Melbourne....

Gerry and Julie Suares, the eldest son of Aster Suares and the grandson of Adelaide Collins.

Darryl and Alma Jeremiah, the grandson of Margaret Collins.



has now achieved the impossible dream, to have six of the seven descendants of Paul Collins. The six being: Alexander Collins, Adelaide (Collins) Fernandez; Peter Collins, Joseph Collins, Margaret (Collins) Jeremiah and Victor Collins. The missing link being Stephen Collins.

We were also privileged to have in our midst, the first time attendees: Miriam Rosario (great

granddaughter of Peter Collins), Karina (granddaughter of Arthur Collins) and Kevin Bellett and families.



Our entertainers of the day were none other than Redver Dubier performing a classic Frank Sinatra's rendition of 'That's Life'. The husband and wife team of Meghan (granddaughter of Gordon and Maureen Borthwick) and Dan Fraillon entertainment had the audience spell bound in awe at their singing talent.



Meghan (D'Souza) and Dan Fraillon

Updating the Family tree charts

Redver Dubier (grandson of George Fernandez)

The celebrations continued during the day with special birthday wishes for our October birthday celebrants. Overall, everyone enjoyed the day, the awesome wall of the family tree and eagerness to update their own family details was quite a buzz.

The Collins Connect team thank each and everyone who attended to make the 5th anniversary a special occasion, one to be proud for what has been achieved over the past five years. From our humble beginnings and the simple idea to a family social group welcoming the Collins family to reunite annually. A BIG thank you !

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." –Jane Howard

COLLINS CONNECT team wishes our Founding Member Lauren Rafferty

(Collins) a very Happy 70th birthday. Celebrated with family and friends, Lauren enjoyed her early birthday celebrations.

With a theme of 'Boot scooting' Lauren showcased her enjoyable pastime of line dancing.





Happy 70th birthday Lauren and hope the year ahead will be a great one for you.

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Happy 1st Birthday Valencia Rafferty

Happy 1st birthday to beautiful darling Valencia, the greatgranddaughter of Victor Collins. Valencia enjoyed the company of big brother Orlando and has developed her own personality. Spoilt by grandparents Lauren and Grenville Rafferty, Valencia celebrates her birthday as only a 'Collins' can, with family and friends.

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT—DR PAULA REBEIRO

Congratulations to Dr. Paula Rebeiro, the granddaughter of Beryl Collins and the daughter of Maureen and Gordon Borthwick on completing her PHD in Business Leadership (Organisational Psychology) in the UK. Paula completed her Masters &



PHD at York St. John / Silenus University in the UK (one of the oldest institutions in the UK established in 1841).



Paula's Doctorate Thesis was centered around the Leadership behavioral shift in organisations during and post pandemic. Paula's educational journey saw her move through her Undergrad, Graduate Certificate, Master of Business Leadership, culminating in her PHD in 2023.



Paula chose this pathway of a PHD to benefit her own capability growth as a Leader but to also grow her already successful business, PR Executive Coaching since it

commenced in 2016. Paula's business specialises in Executive Coaching, HR Consulting Services, Leadership Program Development & Facilitation both in Australia and Internationally. Paula's aim as an Executive Coach is to support the capability uplift of leaders by coaching them to become more effective and high performing leaders within organisations. Dr. Paula Rebeiro has and currently holds Board of Director positions across Not for Profit businesses within Australia. Paula is now preparing to embark on her second PHD journey commencing in 2024.

Paula attributes her passion for study and personal development to the nurturing support of her amazing parents who are her role models. She is also grateful for the encouragement from her husband Dion, her siblings Dean, Sally Ann & Paul and her extended family.



Congratulations Dr Paula Rebiero. Collins Connect and the extended families wish you all the success in 2024 and beyond!







