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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Collins Connect loyal supporters **ANNE & ANSLIE COLLINS**

celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 20th January 2023 and what a grand occasion it was. It was a great privilege for Collins Connect and family members to be part of this special celebration.

Mass at St Kevin's Hampton Park with the choir lead by Alan D'Cruz, Barry Collins on keyboard and Collins family members Lauren Rafferty, Marian Collins, Angel and Winston D'Silva, Corrine Collins, Sharlene Heldt, Vonita Mansoor and a few friends joining the singing. It was a recollection of music from traditional Anglo Indian church music to some beautiful worship songs making this an all Collins thanksgiving celebration.



Following the thanksgiving mass was a grand reception held at Somerville Receptions, Hampton Park. And wow ! What a lovely celebration it was, with good food, music and heartfelt speeches

by daughter Tina and granddaughter Sarah including a number of friends only proving that both Anne and Ainslie are loved family and friends to many people. Having family attend from interstate and meeting co-workers from India after 50 years was indeed special. A surprise was the quick wit and humour of Anslie that proves every marriage needs the balance of love and laughter.

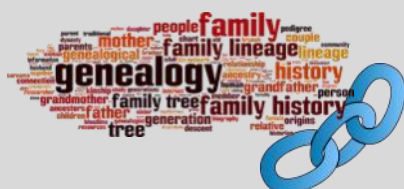


PHOTO ALBUM—ANNE & ANSLIE COLLINS



INTRODUCING.....

Collins Connect team members **Drayton and Lizzie Thomas** are now the proud parents of another baby **THEODORE (Theo) THOMAS**.

A doting sister, Evie is hands on with caring for baby Theo and smothers him with love and hugs.

Congratulations to grandma **CLAUDIA (Benham) THOMAS** on the first grandson.

Best wishes to the whole family from Collins Connect and the extended families.



SOCIALS

COLLINS CONNECT MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA for the Melbourne folks

Collins Connect invite family and friends to a 'Pound Party' afternoon tea with an opportunity to chat n chew:

SUNDAY, 21st May 2023

TIME: 2:00pm—5:00pm—BYO plate to share

VENUE: Christ our Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Oakleigh East

ENTRY: Gold coin donation

Who remembers the pound parties? What did it represent? What was the feature drawcard to these events? Jam Session with music by Jim Reeves, Tony Bennett and Elvis Presley?

Why not join in the fun, maybe a game of Bingo or two or maybe just a chat fest? What about a whist drive?

SOME LIGHT READING...

As Collins Connect continues to research on the Collins family heritage there are many editions of books that have come to be good resource material. Here's some books to consider if looking for some reading material:

- ⇒ The Secret Race—the Anglo Indians by Warren Brown
- ⇒ The Last Anglo-Indians by Sonina Matteo
- ⇒ The Anglo-Indians, a portrait of a community by Barry O'Brien
- ⇒ Domicile and Diaspora—Anglo-Indian Women and the Spatial Politics of home by Alison Blunt

AUTUMN IN AUSTRALIA

