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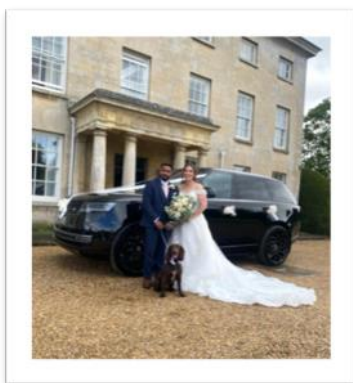


Its spring in Melbourne... time for blossom, noisy birds and hay fever too !

SPRING.. brings a sense of new life with the warmer weather means families can get outside and stretch their legs and head out into nature.



Time to focus on eco-friendly family projects, such as starting a compost pile, planting a tree or shrubs or reducing landfill trash. Dust off the winter cobwebs and venture into the crisp air with a renewed lease of energy.



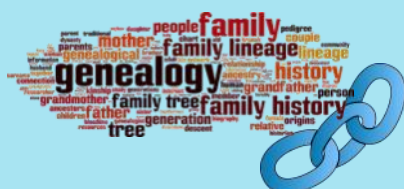
WEDDING

Congratulations to Dominic Conaghan and Beth (Cook) Conaghan on their wedding on the 12th August 2023.



Dominic is the son of Rebecca (Becky) Conaghan, nee Dubier and Don Conghan, and the grandson of Mona Dubier.

What better way to celebrate the joining of two families than to have family witness their special day. Overseas family attended included Red Dubier, Mark Dubier both from Australia and Beresford (Buddy) Dubier from India. A grand family reunion it would have been.



Birthday corner



This edition celebrates many birthdays that have occurred since the last newsletter. When a team member is informed of a special celebration, permission is sought before any publication is considered. Collins Connect encourages the sharing of special occasions, birthdays or celebrations, after all.... **We are family !!**

SABRINA (BINA) COLLINS celebrating her 60th birthday on the 29th May. Wishing you a wonderful day and a great year being sixty. Life's milestones are not supposed to be counted, they're supposed to be celebrated, so this is one big celebration year for you!



Special birthday celebrations were held for **ANSLIE COLLINS** celebrating his 80th birthday on the 6th August.



There are some traditions that continue no matter where you may live.

Keeping with this family tradition, a warm welcoming home and meal was the only way to celebrate Anslie's birthday. With the love of family and friends, Anslie spent a momentous birthday.

What's the secret to looking good for your age??

CONGRATULATIONS to **Justine Rogers** on her 30th Birthday. *"When you turn thirty, a whole new thing happens: you see yourself acting like your parents."* Justine, the youngest and only daughter of Sharan (Cathy Collins) and Dallas Rogers and the granddaughter of Henry Collins celebrated her birthday with family, cousins and friends, Justine (Juss) continued the birthday celebrations with a overseas holiday to Europe.



MONA DUBIER - COLLINS OLDEST

MATRIACH at the ripe old age of 97 years.

Surrounded by her five children Redver, Benita, Buddy, Mark and Becky, Aunty Mona spent her birthday filled with the love, admiration and respect of her family.



L-R: Buddy, Benita, Mona, Becky, Mark and Redver



On 10th August 2023, Our darling beloved Mum , affectionate know as Mona Dubier, celebrated her 97th birthday with her 5 children and spouses and some grandchildren and great grandchildren residing in the UK. Mum has been blessed with 13 Grandchildren and 19 Great grandchildren. Although well, Mum is very frail but sharp at certain times, still full of conviction, love and laughter. Her memory can surprise you at times and perplex you too. She read the Gospel to each of us: Mark, Becky, Benny and Red. Spending the time with Mum brought us such joy, comfort and profound thankfulness to God for this special reunion with Mum. XX - Redver Dubier

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy 30th Birthday to **CASSANDRA D'SILVA**, daughter of Angeline (Collins) and Winston D'Silva and the granddaughter of Milton Collins.

Memorable birthday celebrations with family and friends, lots of food, drink and laughter. *It was goodbye to the rolling twenties and hello to the fabulous thirties.*



Cass also celebrating her birthday with an overseas European holiday.

***CONGRATULATIONS** to all family members celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries.*

"Choosing to be a family together takes far more strength and love than genetics."

The Annual Collins Connect Reunion 2023 is on Sunday 22 October 2023.

Who imagined that a casual conversation and idea would have this family social group celebrating their 5th year of Collins Connect.

What's the definition of 'family'? In these modern times, families share more than bloodlines but include emotional bonds, common values, goals and responsibilities that contribute significantly to the wellbeing of each other.

We encourage all Collins families to put aside any indifferences or family misunderstanding and join in with the one purpose of reuniting with all Collins family members.



COLLINS CONNECT CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Three months to go and its that time again when we turn our mind to all things Christmas... buying gifts, visiting family overseas and of course making traditional Christmas goodies.

Christmas fruit cake, kul-kuls and rose cookies just to mention a few.

Calling all Melbournites come join in the Collins Connect Carols. Bring one bring all !! This event is open to all family and friends.

Contact the team for more details.

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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.

That's the Anglo Indian way!

by Willis Langford



They say we live for the day
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Well dressed yesterday or today
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Integrity always on display
That's the Anglo Indian way!



What we do is what we say
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Talents unlimited to weigh
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Trains on time without a delay
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Defence Forces keeping enemies at bay
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Precious postal letters not gone astray
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Secretarial elegance unparalleled even today
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Sincere educationists who taught to obey
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Best sports personalities on display
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Party time any part of the day
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Unique dishes in the buffet
That's the Anglo Indian way!

Fun, music but always pray
That's the Anglo Indian way!



Best music bands to jive and sway
That's the Anglo Indian way!

A talented community people say
That's the Anglo Indian way !!

