



The Sinhala & Tamil New Year 2012 *Special Issue*

The Sri Lankans will be celebrating the Sinhala and Tamil New Year on the 13th of April 2012. Astrologically the New Year dawns when the Sun moves from House of Pisces, known as 'Meena Rashiya' to House of Aries (Mesha Rashiya). The new year or 'Aluth Avurudu' (in Sinhala) and 'Puththandu' (in Tamil) is an important national cultural event that is celebrated by all Sri Lankans irrespective of their ethnicity, religion, cultural and social differences.

The Sinhala and Tamil New Year is probably the only major traditional festival that is commonly observed by almost all Sri Lankans. Its non-ethnic non-religious character is another distinctive feature.



The Sinhala & Tamil New Year is a great national festival which has persisted in all its natural glory for no less than 2000 years.

Sri Lankans attach great importance to New Year customs and traditions. Important activities associated with the New Year are performed according to auspicious times. The auspicious times for various activities such as the lighting of the hearth, partaking of the first meal for the New Year and first financial transaction are determined by the astrologers.

This year the Sinhala & Tamil New Year celebrations commence on the 13th of April and below are the auspicious times pertaining to the New Year rituals and celebrations.

COLOUR FOR THE NEW YEAR : White and light blue

NONAGATHE (PERIOD WITHOUT ANY AUSPICIOUS TIMES):

Commences on April 13th at 12.56 pm

LIGHTING OF THE HEARTH:

Friday April 13th at 7.42 pm dressed in New Year colour of light blue facing South. Prepare 'kiribath' Milk rice mixed with ghee, jaggery and sesame seeds



PARTAKING OF THE FIRST MEAL AND FIRST

FINANCIAL TRANSACTION: Friday April 13th 10.28 pm facing South and dressed in light blue coloured clothes



ANOINTING OF OIL: Sunday April 15th at 7.08 am facing South

(The times given relate to Sri Lankan times)

Courtesy Sri Lanka Jyotisha

The Management Committee of the
Sri Lanka Society of Queensland wishes its
members and friends and their families a Happy,
Peaceful and Prosperous New Year

THE 34TH NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

On April 14th 2012 the Sri Lanka Society will be celebrating the Sinhala & Tamil New Year for the 34th consecutive year. The Silver Fawn Club is joining us in organizing the function this year. The celebrations will include a cultural concert including Traditional, Indian, Baila and modern dances. The cultural concert will be followed by a Sri Lankan Dinner and live entertainment for dancing and your enjoyment, provided by one of the leading Sri Lankan Bands "MIRAGE" flown in from Colombo.

The function will be held at the Croatian Community Hall, 194 Dunn Road, Rocklea commencing sharply at 5.00 pm.

(Please see the attached flyer)

For tickets please contact:

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Tickets could be bought for group reservation (10 per table) or individually.

The SLSQ invites all Sri Lankans and their friends in and around Brisbane to join unitedly to celebrate the Sinhala & Tamil New Year 2012.

The Sri Lanka Society of Qld acknowledges the grant received from the Multicultural Affairs Queensland for the Sinhala & Tamil New Year Festival

The Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebration 2012
Cultural Concert
Followed by
Dinner Dance



SRI LANKA SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE 34TH NEW YEAR CULTURAL CONCERT
AND DINNER DANCE
JOINTLY WITH
SILVER FAWN CLUB

On April 14, 2012
At the Croatian Community Hall
194 Dunn Road, (off Suscatand St) Rocklea
Commencing at 5.00pm
Dinner Dance will follow the cultural show
Music by "MIRAGE"
The leading band from Sri Lanka

Members \$60
Non Members \$65
Seniors/Student \$50
Children (6 -12 yrs) \$25

Dress: Traditional/ Smart Casual



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Bar Facilities & Free Car Parking available at the Croatian Community Hall