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# **WA SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION**



# **MEMBER CONNECT NEWSLETTER**



# President's Message

Dear Members,



Yes! As I said in my opening line at the recent Seniors Luncheon event, ***“Resilience is accepting your new reality even if it is less good than the one you had before”***.

As we are all well aware, this year, (in terms of the WASLA tenure of the President & Committee of the year just gone), has been quite traumatic and disconcerting on account of the Covid 19 pandemic, resulting in practically no WASLA events in the past months.

You are also probably well aware that in some countries if not most it has been catastrophic. By comparison we in this wonderful adopted homeland and especially in our home state should consider ourselves extremely blessed. In so saying it would be remiss of me, as President of WASLA, if I fail to extend our commiserations, thoughts and best wishes to any families that have been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Your new committee which took over after the AGM is full of renewed vigour and enthusiasm and this has been evidenced in the many event suggestions that have been proposed and proactively, vigorously discussed at our first two Committee Meetings.

We are also extremely conscious of this year being **WALSA's Golden Jubilee** year. In keeping with this special year, rest assured we plan to have many memorable and unique events to celebrate this milestone. One of the special events will be *“Down Memory Lane”*, an event we have been working on since last year.

Unlike in years gone by your committee will be meeting in mid-December and in January to ensure we keep the enthusiasm flowing and also are on stream with our event plans. As always, budgeting and underwriting costs are absolutely critical and your committee is extremely conscious of this fact and also WASLA's lack of income in the year gone by resulting in extremely diminished operating capital. To this extent we would welcome any introduction to suitable sponsors, patrons or event partners through businesses you run or are employed in.

**The Seniors' Lunch** was a tremendous success and the write up in this edition of the Newsletter gives credence to this. A Big *Thank You* to the current committee and the previous committee for their commitment and dedication. On account of a seamless transition and hard work of both committees this memorable event was made possible.

Our next event on the calendar is the traditional WASLA Children's Christmas Party & Pageant culminating in community carol-singing is to be held at the Redcliff Community Centre in Belmont on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The enclosed flyer has full details of the programme.

We look forward to your patronage by way of attendance with your families which includes your grandees too. Please feel free to contact anyone of your committee should you wish your child or grandchild to take part in the pageant. Roles and costumes are available even at the shortest of notice. Trust me! I mean it. Last year and the year before we included kids who turned up on the day.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you & your families a blessed & merry Christmas and a bright & prosperous New Year bereft of any further pandemics and the like.

Ayubowan!

Yours truly

Ken

November 2020

# Editor's Note



Dear Members

Hopefully you are all celebrating the reopening of the Borders as you read this. Alleluia!!! We seem to have escaped almost unscathed.

The traditional *Break-Up Party* was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October and members and their partners had a great time with a fantastic old-fashioned sing-song led by Ken and Ranjit. Max's account of the event and the pictures are sure to make you smile.

This is an exciting time for WASLA, with a new and invigorated committee taking over after the AGM. The AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> October was a lively affair with the highlight being the awarding of Life Membership to four senior WASLA members. Abridged citations and pictures are in this issue.

A Special Ammendment was passed at the AGM and I have included this as well.

The Senior's Lunch was organised very soon after the AGM , on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. This was an enormous success and you will find an appreciation by Joyce Keong and some memorable photos in the Newsletter.

I have also included another humourous contribution by Max Gerreyn. This may cause a few grey hairs – as some of the puns are a bit obscure!!

On a more serious note, two famous Sri Lankans who have made their mark in Australia are featured in this issue- Professor Tissa Wijeratne and Dr Anjalee de Silva. There's also a small note on a big achievement- WASLA Committee Member Dr Ranil Coorey and his team were the winners of a prestigious Curtininnovation Award in the category of Science and Technology. Something for us to be proud of!

As always, I have included the WASLA Membership Form and request you to invite new members to join. I welcome advertisements for future publications to fund the Newsletter and WASLA administration costs.

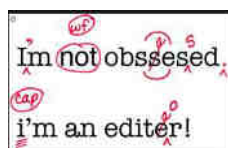
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We love hearing from you so please do send me anything you feel may be of interest to the Sri Lanak community in WA. Please send your contributions to: Editor, WASLA Newsletter, c/o Australian Asian Association, 275, Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6000 or direct to me at [Radha.DeMel@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:Radha.DeMel@communities.wa.gov.au).

As always, a big 'Thank You' to Sharifa for helping me to finalise the Newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Stay Safe! Kind regards



Radha

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## **Membership Matters:**

A friendly reminder to please check that your WASLA membership fees are up to date. Fully paid up members are eligible for Members' Prices on most events, and of course voting rights.

Please call Anne Jansen on 0412 532 729 or email on [evelynj912@gmail.com](mailto:evelynj912@gmail.com) for confirmation of your membership status for this year.

Thank you to all those of you who have already paid up your subscriptions. As of 14 September 2020 we received subscriptions for the current financial year 2020-21 from only 17 members totalling \$335. We encourage the rest of our membership to remit their subscription at your earliest convenience.

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### **Our Subscription rates for 2020/2021**

Single Membership:	\$15.00
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Student Membership	\$10.00

We look forward to receiving your subscription which will ensure you are a paid-up member of WASLA for 2021.

**Thank you for supporting WASLA, its events and objectives.**

Anne Jansen

## WASLA 'Break-up' 2020 - A Great 'Katha' and 'Bajaw' Party

One of the best perks to be offered – especially when one has been fortunate to get to the age that I am – is to be driven/taken to parties or places of entertainment particularly after the sun has set. Such was my privilege when my worthy young cousin Ken picked my wife and self to enjoy a night of conviviality and fun on Friday 2nd October. It was the occasion of the traditional **'Break-up Party'** that follows the final official Committee meeting for the calendar year.

It had been a wet evening and the car-park at the Innaloo venue was full. I'm certain that even if I had –miraculously – been able to have cycled there I would not have found a spot to park my bike.. The Sasuke Isodaya Japanese Restaurant/Bar with an upstairs location was the chosen space for the night's doings. Though the short but steep climb was a tad perilous for my dodgy old pins the interior was warm and cosy.

Including the supportive partners of the WASLA Committee there was a gathering of over twenty bodies in the restaurant. Reflecting– it seems all this happened a much longer time ago – a phenomenon that may be attributed a 'psychological mind-play' due to the disastrous pandemic that has devastated the world in this Year of the Rat.



**WASLA Committeee 2018-2020 at the Break-Up Party**

The WASLA Committee concluded its formal final procedures in a very tolerable lapse of time and then it was sing-song '*welawa*' with members and invitees attending to their personal watering and feeding needs. To be truthful – though the location and the 'brand' was Nipponese in name and ownership – the fare – in my reckoning' was 'pseudo-Japanese, but tasty. Table service – mainly by a tall polite and pleasant young Indian man- was spot on and the Manager and his partner too were very friendly Whilst the meeting was in progress we invitees occupied ourselves with the usual interchange of harmless gossip and our individual acquisitions of the latest in FB and other cyber knowledge. I - self-appointed 'official photographer' went around harassing and intruding on the others with the click of my humble Canon hoping at least some of the 'candid' come out fine Though there was a licensed bar that served all types nearly every one of us carried in their own favoured BYO wine - for a minimal charge,.

Getting back to the sing-song – Cross my heart – on and off – I have had the enjoyment of being either a serving Committee Member or an invitee for nearly 40 years at these get-togethers – the vibes and song on this occasion **REALLY ROCKED!** It was one of the best of many great previous '*bajaws*' and was filled with warmth, jollity and happy camaraderie. Everyone contributed their bit base,soprano, tenor, falsetto, Ken on spoons, Ranjit on guitar – Roshan –specialist bailas vocals and even 'Pope' Don Francis - light vocals - excelled. It truly was a *Damn Fine Party* – fabulous mutual exchange of the warmest of camaraderie. Keep On Carrying On – Break-Ups ...Loong may they live on!

- Max Gerreyn

*Thank you very much Max! Lovely hearing from you again! 😊- Ed.*

Past Committee at the Break-Up Party







*With great fanfare and unanimous acceptance, Senior WASLA members **Max Gerreyn, Shereen Gerreyn, Chris Bramananda and Mercia Bramananda** were awarded Life Memberships at the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The following tributes are abridged and edited versions of the citations that were read by **Ranjit Ratnayake and Radha de Mel.***

## **MAX GERREYN & SHEREEN GERREYN**

Max, Shereen and their children Shiran (8), Jeremy (7) and Melinda (2 ½ ) arrived in WA in 1977, four years after I did. Not long after their arrival they were blessed with another baby girl- Michelle.

Max did not take long to make friends. His extraordinary attributes, outlook, pleasing manners, and his ability to use humour to make people forget their troubles endeared him to the young and old, and especially to new arrivals in WA.

In spite of the pressures of migration and dealing with four young children, Max and Shereen threw themselves energetically into WASLA and began a strong bond with the Association which has lasted the test of time. Max would willingly design publicity material for WASLA events and his amusing cartoons and caricatures are the stuff of legend!

He soon became a well sought-after Committee Member, as he had the ability to take up varied positions. With his amusing anecdotes, cheerful humour and amazing drawing and literary skills he was a popular Vice President and one of WASLA'S most energetic and talented editors.



At the Children's Christmas Party and Max was in his element - playing Santa Claus and distributing gifts and good cheer to the many children who gathered around him.

Max voluntarily took on the role of official and unofficial photographer, and it is thanks to him that we have been able to capture and reproduce many precious memories. Although he no longer serves on the Committee, Max is actively involved in all WASLA activities. Often he is in charge of Front of House- Enrolling members, collecting subscriptions and donations, selling raffle tickets and generally helping out and whenever and wherever he can.

In those early years Shereen was no less active in the Association. Although she was working full time and running a busy household, she faithfully accompanied Max to all WASLA events and activities and supported the Committee in every way she could - cooking, decorating, and helping with events.

As soon as the older children were able to baby-sit the younger ones Shereen joined the Committee as Secretary, and went on to serve actively on the Committee for many decades. In 2008 she took on the mantle of President. During her tenure and working closely with her committee, WASLA organised many fun-filled and enjoyable events. Her planning, organizing and executing skills contributed in no small measure to the success of these events, but it was her good humour, kindness, flexibility and leadership which made serving on the Committee such a pleasure.

Max and Shereen Gerreyn have made an enormous contribution to WASLA for over four decades and they are indeed very worthy recipients of Life Memberships in WASLA.

Myrna and I wish them the all very best for the future.

**Ranjit Ratnayake**

**CHRIS BRAMANANDA AND MERCIA BRAMANANDA**

Chris and Mercia arrived in Perth in 1995 and became members of WASLA very soon after. They have both been valued and active members ever since. Chris joined the Committee in 1998, and held various positions including that of Treasurer, until he took on the yoke of President in 2003- a position he served with great integrity, commitment and grace.

Those were halcyon days for WASLA, with the Sri Lankan community in Perth coming together in great numbers for regular celebrations and events including dances and food fairs, which were hugely successful.



The events were organised with meticulous attention to detail, and reflected the style and grace of the man at the helm and the woman who so efficiently and generously assisted and supported him at every turn.

Chris was greatly influential in galvanising WASLA support for Romeish Fernando who represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games. During his tenure of office the Alan Driberg Award was presented with great pomp and pageantry to the Sri Lankan student who achieved the highest marks at the TEE (or ATAR as it is now called).

This was an encouragement not only to students but also to the younger Sri Lankan generation to be connected to the Organisation.

Always polite and respectful, Chris continued to serve on the Committee on and off for many years and his quiet wisdom and clear thinking have guided and steered WASLA through some turbulent waters

It is often the case that behind every successful stands a woman – and in this case, never a truer word has been spoken. Ever impeccably dressed and full of warmth and good cheer, Mercia supported Chris to the hilt. Together with her daughters Rosanna and Angela, Mercia has organised and provided mouth-watering food and fabulous hall décor for WASLA on countless occasions.

Who can forget the famous *Hopper Stalls* at food fairs and other events which are always such a hit! Mercia has an enviable reputation as a first-class cook, fabulous designer and hostess extraordinaire – donating time, money and creative energy to add glamour and grace to dances, musical evenings, Christmas parties and other WASLA events.

Through Chris and Mercia's diligence, generosity and attention to detail, our funds were considerably enriched, and at the end of Chris's stint as President WASLA was a vibrant and very liquid entity with a reputation for excellence. We are indeed proud to have people of their ilk as Life Members and wish them all the very best in their future together.

### Radha de Mel



## So you think you're Punny?

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.



Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A lot of money is tainted - taint yours and taint mine.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.-



and, finally, one for Christmas!



Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

## Vision for today ?

A man goes to the optician for his annual eye test. The optician puts a contraption on his face, and asks him what he can see.

"I see empty airports and empty football grounds," he says. " I see closed theatres, closed pubs, closed restaurants."

"That's perfect," says the optician, "you've got 2020 vision!"

- Contribution by Max Gerreyn



## Neuro-Surgeon Non-pareil – Professor Tissa Wijeyratne

November 2020

Professor Tissa Wijeratne is a world-renown Australian-based Neurologist and is currently on a special mission. Professor Tissa Wijeratne is the first ever visiting Professor of Neurology to be appointed to a Sri Lankan University. He was appointed as a Visiting Professor of Neurology at Rajarata University, Sri Lanka as well as at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya to promote neurology education in Sri Lanka.



*"Born and raised in what I describe as "the jungle," my life started in one of the remotest parts of Sri Lanka: a village called Kirioruwa-Bandarawela in the central mountainous area. Electricity, hot water, television, and telephone were all miles away from us at the time."*

Dr Tissa Wijeratne was born in Kirioruwa – Bandarawela of very humble beginnings. He began his medical career in the University of Peradeniya in 1987, and at the completion of his internship, was handpicked to be the youngest junior lecturer at the University. He counts himself fortunate to have been trained in neurology and stroke medicine under the mentorship of Prof. Nimal Senayanake, who is currently the Chair of the Dept. of Neurology at Western Health, and the first Sri Lankan born neurologist to lead an academic department of neurology in Australia.

Dr Wijeratne lived through tumultuous political and civil unrest before completing his internship. In Sri Lanka, he also showed much promise as an aspiring journalist and contributed over 3000 articles to leading newspapers and magazines.

A specialist in stroke, seizures in the elderly, neurocysticercosis, quality of life in multiple sclerosis, neurophysiology of central and peripheral pain and young stroke, and Chronic Migraine, Dr Wijeratne has served in New Zealand, South Australia and Victoria.

***A patriot to the core, he has made innumerable visits to Sri Lanka and conducted over 150 master-classes in stroke medicine since 2007.***

A humble and modest individual, he has dedicated his life to healing people with complex neural conditions, and to educating other medical professional:

*"I will continue to do my very best to dedicate my life to making life better for my fellow human beings. I have no boundaries for this purpose."*

In 2016 he overcame a near-fatal health experience, but recovered well, and thankfully, is currently in good health. Tissa is married and has two adult children.

- Contributed by Max Gerreyn and Radha de Mel



## From Moratuwa to Monash - Human Rights Lawyer Anjalee de Silva: Monash City Council’s First Sri Lankan Councillor

Sri Lanka-born **Anjalee de Silva** was recently elected to Monash City Council in Victoria, Australia. She was endorsed by the Australian Greens Party and is the only Councillor of Sri Lankan origin to be elected in Victoria for the upcoming four-year term. As part of her role as a Councillor, she has also been appointed a member of the Monash Council Gender Equity Advisory Committee and the Monash Council Multicultural Advisory Committee.

Anjalee migrated to Australia as a four-year-old, with her younger sister Saranee and her parents Dr Saman de Silva and Mihiri de Silva (nee Premathilake).

Anjalee graduated from The University of Melbourne with First-Class Honours in Law. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in Media and Communications from the University of Melbourne. Commencing her career as a commercial lawyer with Linklaters, a Magic Circle law firm in London, she has also practised in top-tier law firms in Hong Kong and Melbourne and completed in-house client secondments at Barclays Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland in London, as well as a pro bono secondment at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne.

*A key motivator of Anjalee’s work throughout her career has been her passion for shaping law and policy reform in ways that affect social justice for vulnerable communities, especially women and girls.*

She recently completed her PhD thesis, titled **‘Addressing the Vilification of Women: A Functional Theory of Harm and Implication for Law’**, through Melbourne Law School on a University of Melbourne Human Rights Scholarship. She is a member of a number of key organisations including the Law Institute Victoria, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, International Association of Constitutional Law, Castan Centre of Human Rights Law, and the International Political Science Association.

She aspires to use her role on Council to continue to advocate for a just society that functions free of prejudice and discrimination and that serves the needs and interests of all, rather than just the powerful and privileged.

Anjalee is a vivid reader and a gifted writer since her early childhood and enjoyed reading in a wide range of topics, including politics and has demonstrated academic excellence throughout her career. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr Meemana Premathilake, the great poet and legendary editor of Silumina newspaper. She is also the niece of veteran journalist and exalted human rights activist Mr Sunil Madhawa Premathilake.

- **Mihi Perera** (contributed by Anne Jansen and edited by Radha de Mel)

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### Curtinnovation Awards – WASLA Committee Member Ranil wins prestigious award

**Congratulations to Dr Ranil Coorey and his team that won the Curtinnovation Award in the Science and Technology Division.** In a world-first, the Curtin University research team developed an edible spray coating with the ability to block or constrict the cut ends of meat capillaries and prevent fluid loss in a cost-effective and safe manner- a development of particular value and significance to Australia’s meat processing and export industry. Heraties congratulations to Ranil and his team!

There is still time for the Team to win the **People’s Choice Award**.  
Voting is open till 6<sup>th</sup> December and we encourage you to support Ranil and his team through this link:  
<https://research.curtin.edu.au/industry-partners/curtinnovation-awards/2020-awards/>

## *Seniors' Lunch – An Appreciation from Joyce Keong*

The venue at the Bowling Club was ideal and upon arrival we were greeted by happy, smiling faces of the committee members and the whiff of Sri Lankan cuisine from the kitchen. The hall was beautifully arranged and decorated and well-spaced so we could socialise with old friends and meet new ones. Each table had a beautiful floral arrangement, non-alcoholic drinks and a printed program for the day.

The proceedings began at 11:00 am with the President, Ken Jansen, giving everyone a warm welcome and a short narrative of the Association's affairs thus far. His warm personality made him a great compere for the day.

Advocare, under the umbrella of government services to aged care, gave an informative and interesting presentation on their aged care services. The Acting CEO (Justine) and a Specialist/Advocate (Leonie) provided a deeper understanding of what services were available to families and how they could contact Advocare specialists/advocates directly. We were happy to hear that most of their services were provided free of charge. A question and answer session at the end provided greater insights. At the end of the presentation we were presented a complimentary cloth shopping bag and informative brochures.

Next on the agenda was a line dancing demonstration by the **Fab Four**. Leader/Instructor Helen and her 3 dancers lived up to their name with a fantastic show, and many guests joined them on the floor for a final exhilarating dance.

By now everyone was ready for food, prompted by the glorious smell emanating from the kitchen. table). We had an array of sumptuous dishes....delicious and enjoyed all, in an informal and relaxed buffet-style.

And then it was time for some serious business! Ranjit Ratnayake rolled out the Bingo games with the assistance of Ken. A number of prizes were awarded, with laughs in between and many humorous anecdotes. At the same time we enjoyed a delicious dessert served to our tables.

Following that we had a raffle. Again there were a number of prizes and lots of lucky winners!

At 3.00 pm we reluctantly said our final good-byes. It was a truly memorable and enjoyable event, and a great success. We extend our thanks and congratulations to the WASLA committee and their helpers for a job well done. We look forward to attending another event in the not so distant future.

**-Joyce Keong**



**Joyce (left) and her friend Belle at the Seniors' Lunch**

*Thank you Joyce! We love hearing from members and guests! Ed.*

Seniors' Lunch 8<sup>th</sup> October



Our most senior member Babs and Daughter Starlene

The talented Line Dancers: *The Fab Four*- Helen, Chen, Stephanie and Kanisha



Advocare Presentation: Acting CEO Justine Martyr and Senior Advocate Leonie



## *The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of WASLA - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020- In Review*

The weather was perfect in Perth on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The city woke up to many events- There was Radio car racing at Langley Park! The Targa City Sprint showcasing the classic movers of the past! Mustangs, Toranas ... Evos, and an exotic Spider or Porche. But to us members of WASLA there was only one interest , our Annual General Meeting at the usual watering hole of past- The Vic Park Bowling Club at Kent Street.

In the lead-up to the meeting there was an energetic lobby 'for' and 'against' the resolution to be presented. There was enthusiastic collection of proxies in the weeks prior, showing an avid interest in attendance and assuring us a timely commencement with the requisite quorum.

The meeting commenced with the usual welcome by me as President and acceptance of the last AGM Minutes subject to the need to regularize a particular detail with respect to registering the amendment of the constitution with the authorities. This was with regard to the appointment of a person to check and confirm the annual financial statements of the Association.

The Annual Report for 2020 was read out by me as the outgoing President. The treasurer Godfrey Weldt then presented his report and the salient details of the financial statements for the year.

The resolution to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Building Reserve Term Deposit to cover operating expenses during the year was passed by a show of hands. This was a one-off occurrence and would not require any amendment to the Constitution.

The highlight of the afternoon was the award of Life Membership to four long-standing members of the Association. Max and Shereen Gerreyn and Chris and Mercia Bramananda were accorded the honour to enthusiastic applause. Radha de Mel and Ranjit Ratnayake read out interesting citations covering their service to WASLA.

The incoming President Ken Jansen was elected, who, together with Secretary Shereen Gerreyn handled an uneventful appointment of office bearers and members of the General Committee. Ken then made his President's address.

The AGM this year was attended by several office bearers of past years, notably Kevin Wright, Prakash Muthu-Krishna, and Kevin Melder. It was heartening to have Prakash and Kevin join the Committee for 2021 giving further impetus to an already very enthusiastic and energetic team.

A sumptuous afternoon tea of delicious finger food, tastefully laid out, followed. My thanks to the Committee Members who worked towards making this event a success and very reminiscent of WASLA AGMs of past years.

### **Anne Jansen**



**Anne and Shereen at the AGM**



Photos from the Annual General Meeting





# **WASLA Children's Christmas Party & Pageant**

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2020  
3.30 PM TO 8.00 PM**



**REDCLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CITY OF BELMONT, 30 MORGAN RD, REDCLIFFE WA 6104**



**SANTA CLAUS, NATIVITY PAGEANT,  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT,  
FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT!**

**ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER 12 \$5  
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE**

**PLEASE BRING A TOKEN GIFT FOR SANTA  
TO HAND OUT TO YOUR CHILD**

**BRING A PLATE TO SHARE IF POSSIBLE**

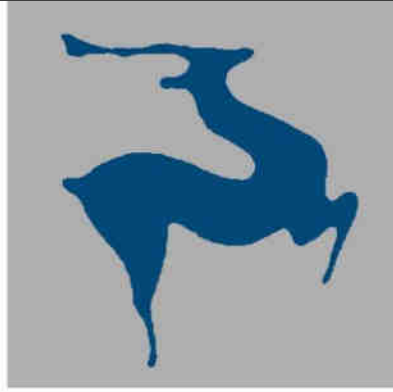
The children will be costumed for  
the Nativity Pageant on the Day

If you would like to join the WASLA  
choir or would like your child to  
have a role in the pageant, please  
contact:

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- SOCIAL SUPPORT/SHOPPING/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
- GARDENING
- NURSING
- ALLIED HEALTH/V.O.T./PHYSIOTHERAPY

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UNDER DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES/NDIS WE CAN PROVIDE

- DAILY LIVING ASSISTANCE – DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE/ PERSONAL CARE/MEAL PREP ETC
- ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY – ASSISTANCE WITH SHOPPING/DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS/VISITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND OTHER COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

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