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Happy New Year!

*Let us look forward to a peaceful  
and sustainable future*

As we are approaching the end of an eventful year, on behalf of the Committee of the Sri Lankan Radio Group, let me wish all our listeners and well-wishers a very productive and prosperous 2008.

Reflecting on the events in Sri Lanka, although the recent political developments have hindered or delayed our achieving a meaningful solution to the armed conflict, let us hope that the parties involved will bring about a solution that will ensure a conducive environment for Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and Burgher people to live in harmony in the near future.

At the global level, irrespective of the country we live in, Mother Nature has unleashed her anger over our irresponsible ways of wealth creation in the past by showing early signs of environmental degradation. Whether we are living in Sri Lanka or Australia we will be facing the challenge of agreeing on a global agenda to avoid our children being punished for our irresponsible acts in the past.

As a community radio group we have continued to facilitate a dialogue among listeners on important issues affecting Sri Lankans. We have supported all the Sri Lankan associations in Brisbane by facilitating communication between them and their target audiences. The Radio Group Newsletter has gained strength by increasing its reach whilst maintaining a consistent quality. It's becoming a powerful communication tool that provides a forum for radio listeners as well as Sri Lankans of all ages



living in Brisbane to nurture and develop their talent. In the area of program delivery there is a lot to be done to ensure continued delivery of quality radio programs. In particular, during the forthcoming year we will need more panel operators to replace the depleting numbers.

The Sri Lankan Radio group is a living and breathing institution requiring new talent to tackle the emerging challenges in community broadcasting. Let us dedicate ourselves to build a stronger radio group.

Best wishes,

**Jayasiri Weerawardena**  
Convenor, Radio 4EB Sri Lankan Group



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**Mater Children's Hospital Pyjama donation.....**

The Radio 4EB Sri Lankan Group made an appeal to the Sri Lankan audience to contribute to the pyjama appeal project of the Radio 4EB. Our listeners were very generous and the collection exceeded all our expectations. In fact, although the Sri Lankan Group is only one of over 50 nationalities associated with Radio 4EB our collection was the highest. The pyjamas were handed over on 17 December 2007 to the Mater Hospital.

The commitment we had from the children of the Sinhala school was outstanding and members from different societies worked together in the drive to collecting pyjamas.

We can be proud that we did a worthy community service towards a nation who has adopted us and allowed us to live together as a happy nation in a truly multicultural society.

The happiness and the smiles on the faces of the sick children will give blessings to all those who contributed to this worthy cause.

To all the members of the organising committee who went out of their way to make this great event a success we say thank you.

And finally to Peter and the 4EB team who coordinated the event with the staff of Mater Children's hospital we offer our deepest gratitude for coordinating the task well.

**Jayantha Weerasekera**

**For and behalf of the Sri Lankan 4 EB Group**



**The volunteers**

It was an evening filled with happiness and joy when we all met at the 4EB auditorium last week to pack the collected pyjamas. The collection topped 325 and we were all thrilled. The ladies, who were at the forefront of this campaign, were extremely happy that their efforts have been fruitful.

The Sri Lanka community, being generous, took the appeal very seriously and felt that we should share the burden of the Radio 4EB by collecting pyjamas for comforting sick children in the Mater Children's hospital.

It is just unbelievable that we achieved 20% of the targeted quantity of pyjamas by the Radio 4EB and the enthusiasm and the volunteer donations that came towards the appeal were encouraging right from the first day.



**Committee members of the Radio 4EB Sri Lankan Group with Peter Rohweder, 4EB Station Manager and Anna Thompson from Mater Hospital**

**Radio Programme Schedule**

Sunday Radio 8.30 AM	Producer/ Panel Operator	Tuesday-Sandella 10.00 PM	Producer/ Panel Operator
6 January 2008	Ananada/Ananda	1 January 2008	(Youth) Nuwan with Aravinda
13 January 2008	Aravinda/Aravinda	8 January 2008	Prema/Jayasiri
20 January 2008	Jayasiri/Jayasiri	15 January 2008	Udaya Madugalle/Ajith Kosinna
27 January 2008	Dushyantha/Aruna	22 January 2008	Seetha/Ananda
		29 January 2008	(Bi-lingual) Wimal



### Upcoming Events

#### ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND BOOK LAUNCH

*January 19 at 6pm at MacGregor Primary School, McCullough St, MacGregor*

An Art and Craft Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the "Book Launch" mentioned on Page 3 to allow our Sri Lankans to exhibit their talent. The exhibition is open to everyone interested in taking part including those who excel in photography, graphic art, poem writing and music.

To obtain more information please contact Aravinda Rubasinghe (33425778 or 0412745700) or visit the 4EB Radio Web site and check the Sri Lankan page.

**SATURDAY 19 January**  
**Have a Chat Party**

**SATURDAY 16 February**  
**Club Night**

#### SILVER FAWN CLUB

For information contact  
Susan on 0409 262 855 or  
Davenal Flanderka on 041 902 4506  
Email: [dfla@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dfla@bigpond.net.au)



**Celebration**  
60 years of  
**Independence**  
1948 - 2008

**Cultural Evening and Dinner by  
The Sri Lankan Community in Brisbane**

Tickets can be purchased from the following

Anton Swan Tel 0433 194 852  
Jayantha Pathikirikorala Tel 3808 2299  
Aravinda Rubasinghe Tel 04 12 745 700  
Hiran Cooray Tel 04 11 450 334  
Davenal Flanderka Tel 04 19 024 506  
Jaya siri Weerawardane Tel 3 715 54 15  
Nuwan Bellanthudawa Tel 0433 758 979

Mary Mac Hall,  
616, Ipswich Rd,  
Annerley

Saturday, 2nd February 2008  
6.30 pm - 11.30 pm

Dress Smart Casual  
Licensed venue - no BYO

Adults - \$35.00  
Children - \$15.00  
(under 12 Y)

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