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# INTRODUCTION TO THE ASSOCIATION

## GOTHAMI GIRLS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC (GGAA INC)

Gothami Girls Association Australia is a not-for-profit organisation established in March 2019 by a group of enthusiastic past pupils of the school.

The association was formed with a vision of bringing together the community of Gothamians living in Australia, fostering a spirit of union and friendship among past students, teachers and their families.

In addition, it will also support the current students and its Alma Mater in a meaningful manner.

Gothamians treat and refer to their school as 'Mother' – as reflected in the school anthem (Gothami apa matha), and as such the daughters of the school become sisters of one another. GGAA endeavours to provide a platform upon which this sisterhood can be cultivated, and further relationships and bonds can be developed.

The inaugural event of GGAA, Gothami Gala 2020 Dinner Dance is the first of many wonderful events to come in the coming months and years.

Among other things, GGAA strives to achieve these objectives:

- Organise gatherings and events on behalf of the community of Gothamians in Australia
- Reach out far and wide to find old girls of the alma mater living in Australia and invite them to become members and/or participate in the events organised
- Organise fund raising activities to run the association and for charitable events
- Encourage formation of batch groups and development of relationships between past pupils, teachers and batches
- Undertake activities conducive to development and progress of welfare and honour of the school
- Render opportunities to past pupils to help the school and/or the current pupils in the school
- Undertake activities to promote wellbeing of the members
- Encourage, promote and assist religious, educational, cultural and recreational activities of the past and present pupils of the school in line with our school motto – Pangnga Lokassming Pajjatho
- Work closely with the past pupils' association of Sri Lanka to promote and assist in the advancement of the alma mater and its current pupils



## Message from the **PRESIDENT**

**Poorni Rasangika**

President  
Gothami Girls Association Australia INC

Gothami Girls Association Australia (GGAA) are proud to present the “Gothami Gala 2020” dinner dance for the very first time in Australia. The association was established in March 2019 with the vision of developing relationships cultivating the sisterhood among all fellow Gothamians living in Australia. The association also aims to support the school and its current students in need.

The committee members of the GGAA have been actively engaging in the community together with other past pupils of the school for social as well as religious events in Melbourne with great dedication and commitment. In November 2019 a commemoration ceremony was held at the Keysborough temple in memory of our deceased teachers, Gothamians, family members and close friends of past pupils. We endeavor to organize this ceremony every year.

We launched our official GGAA website as ‘[www.gothamiag.com.au](http://www.gothamiag.com.au)’ last year with great success. The association also has a Facebook page with around 400 followers. Our aim is to increase the engagement and interaction of past and present pupils of the school, their friends and families through these digital platforms. These platforms also enable Gothamians to share their precious memories, achievements, news and information with others in the digital community in Australia, Sri Lanka and other countries around the world.

We’ve always shared the dream of starting an association that gives the opportunity for everyone to gather and feast and to recall our beautiful memories gathered under our Alma Mater, our second mother! We have been very blessed to bring our dream into reality with a great support group of committee members, teachers and fellow Gothamians. This year we also plan to contribute the proceeds of the dinner dance event and raffle to support disadvantaged students of Gothami Girls School. Details about this initiative will be published on our website and Facebook page in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members and their families, friends, past pupils of Gothami Girls School, our teachers, well-wishers and all our valued sponsors for your extensive support and generous contributions towards the success of our inaugural dinner dance event. Without you the “Gothami Gala 2020” would not have been possible.

Finally, on behalf of the Gothami Girls Association Australia, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for attending this event and hope you will continue your support in the coming years to raise our school flag sky high.

Thank you.



## Message from the **PRINCIPAL**

**D. A. Subhashini  
Dematagoda**

Principal - Gothami Balika Vidyalaya

It is a great pleasure to give my heartiest congratulations to the inaugural dinner dance event; “Gothami Gala 2020” organised by the Gothami Girls Association Australia. It has been brilliant to know that the past pupils have gotten together and formed a committee in Australia with a vision of uniting Gothamians as well as supporting the school. Gothamians are very humble, generous, optimistic and talented individuals who glorify their school around the world.

Gothami Balika Vidyalaya was established by the father of free education Dr. C.W.W Kannangara in 1946. The school was initially formed with a principle, three teachers and fifteen students. Over many years past principals, teachers, past pupils, students and parents have put on an extensive amount of effort in moulding the school into its present status. From humble beginnings, our school has risen to the position of one of the leading girls schools in Sri Lanka.

In 2021, we will be proudly celebrating our school’s 75th anniversary in a grand manner. We hope to receive extended support from the Gothami Girls Association Australis to develop the school further.

I wish you all the best for your future endeavors.



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# **MESSAGE FROM PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION SRI LANKA**

We are very excited about the formation of GGAA in Australia which will expand the Gothamians' community beyond our shores. We expect to work in close collaboration with GGAA to support and nurture our school.

We would like to thank the association for the help and support extended for our events thus far, and look forward to developing a great partnership to accomplish remarkable outcomes above and beyond.

Wish you all the very best for the inaugural dinner dance Gothami Gala Night 2020.



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE



**Front Row** *(from left to right)*

Shamika Lansakara  
Poorni Rasangika (*President*)  
Rangika Perera (*Secretary*)

**Back Row** *(from left to right)*

Udanie Seneviratne  
Menasha Perera (*Treasurer*)  
Sachitra Botenne (*Vice President*)  
Dinushka Senaratne  
Wasana Fernando  
Surekha Mendis Gunasekera

# INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE



Poorni  
Rasangika



Sachitra  
Botenne



Rangika  
Perera



Menasha  
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Milini Chamarika

## Program

**7.00 pm**

Welcome to Gothami Gala Night  
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**7.30 pm**

Light the lamp and let the excitement begin  
School anthem to respect the reason why we're here  
Cultural Kandyan dance will make you speechless  
Your official welcome by our President  
Treat your taste buds with some appetizers  
Good music comes and goes in waves  
Keep calm and let them dance  
Let the party begin

**8.30 pm**

Dinner is better, when we eat together  
Music changes your cravings

**9.15 pm**

Hope you saved room for dessert  
Let's rock the floor

**10.00 pm**

You can't win the raffle, if you don't buy a ticket  
Dance, Dance, Dance till you drop

**12.45 pm**

It's time to go home!

# Menu

## **Entrée**

### **Confit Pork Belly**

*Salad of charred broccoli & fennel with teriyaki sauce*

Alternate with

### **Chargrilled Calamari**

*Heirloom tomato, rocket, scallion dressing*

## **Buffet Mains**

**Sri Lankan Noodles** cooked with carrots, leeks, eggs and Sri Lankan spices

**Basmati Biryani Rice with Mutton**

**Plain Rice**

**Chicken in Black Curry Sauce**

**Mustard Pork Curry**

**Dry Prawn and Calamari Curry** with onion, capsicum and spices

**Cashew in Yellow Curry**

**Potato and Dry Fish**

**Fried eggplant, tomato and onion salad**

**Egg salad**

**Mint sambol**

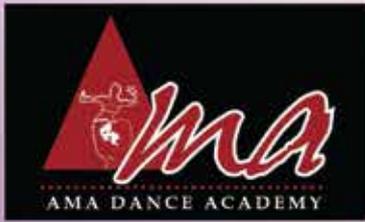
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## **Desserts**

**Sticky date pudding**

**Ice cream for kids**





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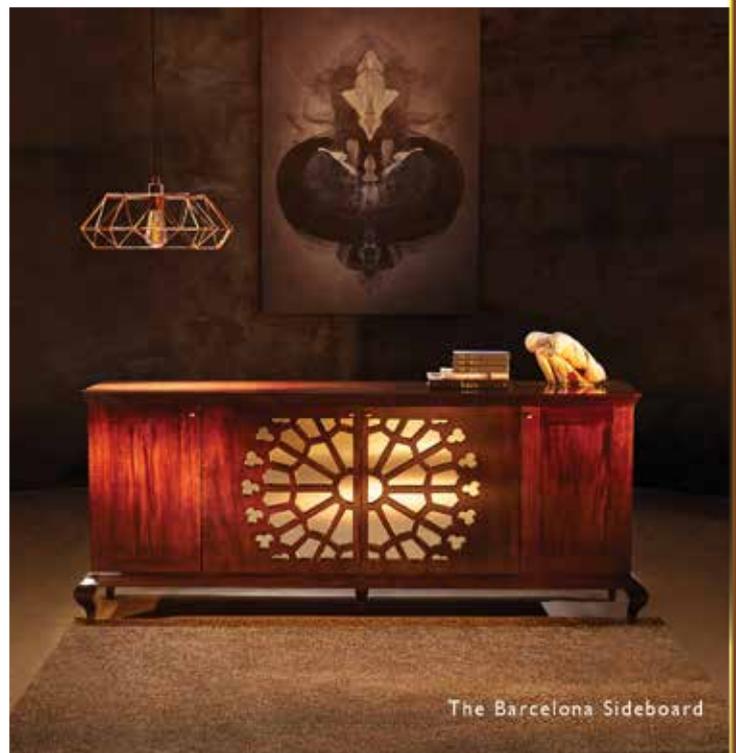
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**Secretary**

**Gothami Girls Association Australia INC**

The journey of coming together and forming Gothami Girls Association Australia is a dream come true. As in any successful organisation, it needed the right people to come together at the right time, which was evident through the committee we formed in 2019. I am forever grateful to this team, the “founders club”, and their impeccably supportive families. Without their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work it wouldn't have been easy reaching the set goals.

The journey started since 2009, where we organised small gatherings to share our most valued memories of our time at mother Gothami. For me, the fondest memories were made in the Western Music room during early morning band practises, under our iconic tamarind tree and the list goes on. With the increased interest of my beloved Gothamians, in 2018 we were able to fully commit towards establishing an association to formally carry out our extended help to mother Gothami. As the first step, we organised a High Tea event “Gather the Girls”, to bring all Gothamians who are now living in Australia to create awareness about the future plans. I should sincerely pay my gratitude towards my childhood friend, Menasha (Treasurer of the new committee) for trusting me and not letting me down during the process of organising “Gather the Girls”. The event was a great success with a fifty plus participants including two teachers. A committee of 9 Gothamians was formed with majority votes, Poorni Rasangika being selected as the president of the association, myself as the secretary and Menasha as the treasurer. Our journey to a long lasting commitment began and now we are a legally registered association in Australia. In Feb 2020, we are proudly presenting our inaugural dinner dance with the support from wonderful Sri Lankan and local community.

My commitment towards mother Gothami started when I was raised by a proud Gothamian, my late mother. In fact all the strong female figures around me, including my sister, my aunts and cousins were all Gothamians. I had such eager and passion towards the life lessons I learnt at mother Gothami which made me the person I am today. With this strong background of being a Gothamian, it is my vision to see the association we formed deriving benefits to our alma mater and its future endeavours. In doing so, with my suggestion the committee have decided to support disadvantaged/low income pupils of Gothami Girls School, in Colombo from the proceeds of our inaugural dinner dance event.

A big thank to each & every one of you who has supported us in many ways. Without you all we would not be here. Our teachers who are now residing in Australia have encouraged and supported us in this journey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gothami Girls Association Australia would like to extend our earnest gratitude to everyone who contributed and supported us towards making our inaugural dinner dance “Gothami Gala 2020” a great success

## ***Our sincere thanks go to...***

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- Friends and family members for extending their support and care leading up to this event
- The committee members who have dedicated much of their time and effort towards ensuring a flawless evening
- Finally, to all of you who are here with us today to make this a night to remember



# Gothami Gala 2020!

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**1st Prize**

**Return Air ticket from Sri Lankan Airlines to Colombo**



**2nd Prize**

**Voucher from Piccoli Portraits for \$1000**



**3rd Prize**

**Voucher from Cocotown for \$500**



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**4th Prize**

**Full board one night stay for 2 pax at Heritance Ahungalla or Heritance Negombo**



**5th Prize**

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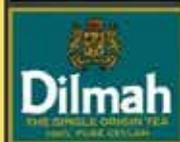
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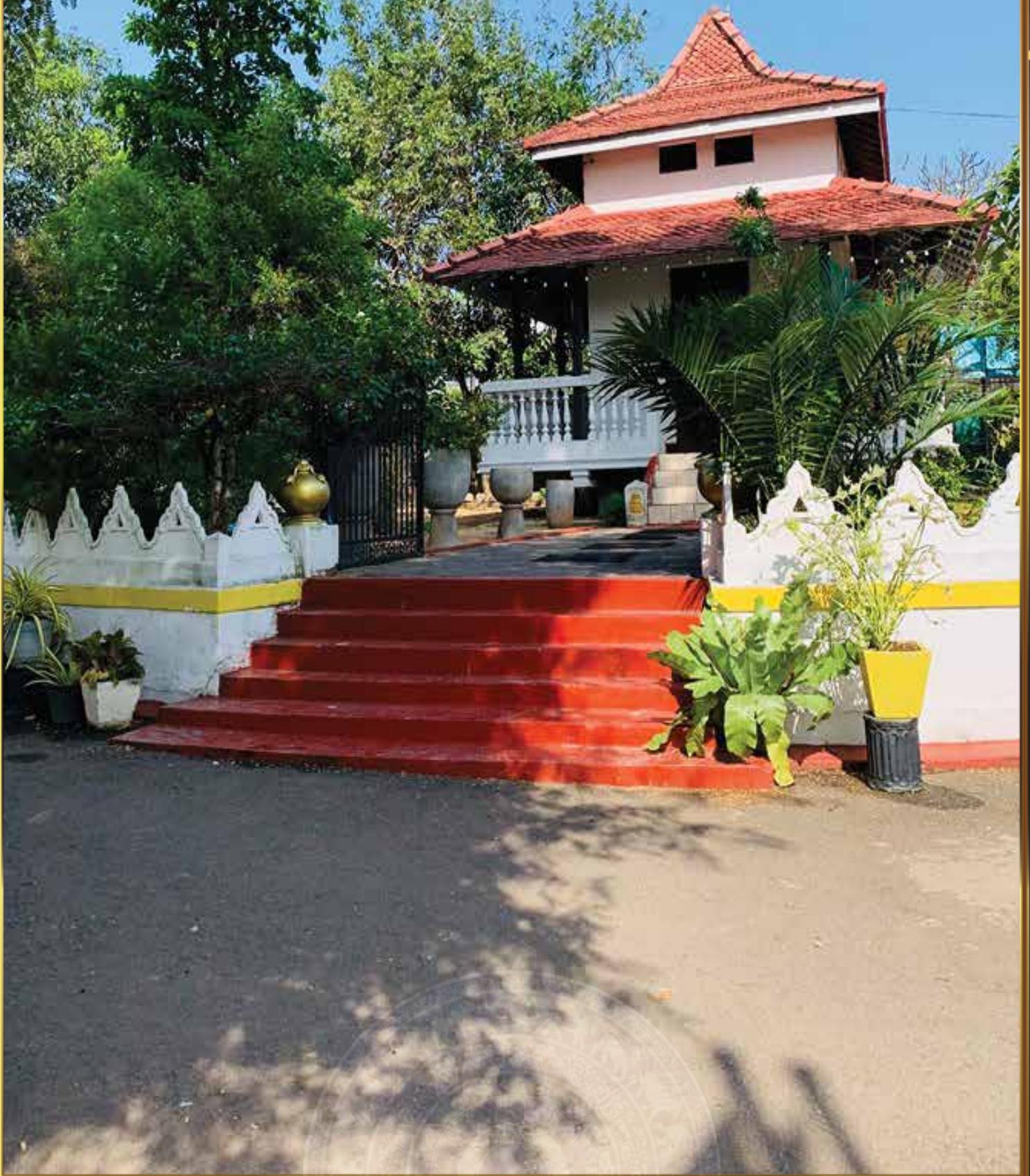
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