



SLESA

SRI LANKAN ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia



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SLESA COUNCIL

2021/22



SITTING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Asanka Nuwanpriya (Vice President), Singithi Ginige, Guna Hewa (President),
Chrishanthi Weerawarna (Past President), Saman Paranavithana (Treasurer)

STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Ishari Jagoda, Irusha Jayawardena, Ruwan Jayaneththi, Anuruddha Uswatte, Sanath
Abeygunasekara (Secretary), Wineya Wijesinghe (Assistant Secretary)

Guna Hewa

PRESIDENT 'S MESSAGE



Within the last four years, SLESA has made a significant contribution to the Engineering community in SA and is now 159 members strong, of which 40 are student members. I pay tribute to the past and present leadership and council members for all these efforts and beautiful achievements.

2022 has been a year of excitement and celebration as SLESA embarked on several initiatives and hosted several significant events. As the fourth president and a continuing council member since the launch of SLESA in 2018, it is my great privilege to write this note.

This year, we extended our focus beyond the engineering community and aimed at serving the broader Sri Lankan community in Adelaide and those in need in Sri Lanka as well.

Though some of our plans were modified to accommodate various government restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we embarked on many exciting activities described in the "flashback" of this report. Of all the events hosted this year, SLESA's inaugural *"Engineers Night and Awards"* ceremony has been the year's highlight.

The Social Events & Community Engagement team's achievements are commendable this year. SLESA raised over six thousand dollars by hosting hoppers stalls at two Sri Lankan food festivals to support our motherland with the "Hope for a Breath" and "Helping Sri Lanka" fundraising projects. As part of the new year celebration, SLESA launched the "New Year Hampers" event to provide much-needed support to low-income families in Sri Lanka and supported 80 families in April 2022.

As the restrictions related to COVID-19 were eased, the Professional Development & Student Engagement team gradually re-instated "SLESA-Kids Club" activities and student support services by running workshops and securing internship positions. I acknowledge UniSA STEM for the sponsorship towards the professional development activities and for allowing us to host our meetings, workshops and seminars at the Mawson Centre throughout the year. The Communication, Promotion & Policy Development team significantly progressed SLESA's ability to manage events, finances, and members' engagement. One of the significant achievements of the communication team was the introduction of "mySLESA" to membership management.

Since the launch of SLESA, with the sheer dedication of the councils in each term, SLESA has become one of the fastest-growing professional community associations in South Australia and I am so proud to have been a part of the journey. I acknowledge your continuous engagement and support in SLESA activities.

I am wholeheartedly grateful to my incredible team for their commitment and contribution to making a long-lasting impact on the SLESA community this year.



Sanath Abeygunasekara SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Over the last two years, I have had the privilege of seeing SLESA gradually transition from the forming stage to performing stage. The credit goes to the Immense effort made by the current council members and the solid foundation set by the previous council members.

It has been a very successful year for SLESA. With a consistent focus on building capability, service and comradery, we organised many events, which included Professional Development sessions, a New Year Hamper Project and the Engineer's Night & Awards Ceremony.

This year, SLESA have made significant improvements in how we communicate with interested parties via SLESA Web site. Membership applications can now be submitted via SLESA Web site. SLESA Web site also enormously helped with the event management via online registrations etc. The launch of mySLESA for membership management is the year's highlight.

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One of the most memorable events of this year was the inaugural Engineers Night & Awards Ceremony. It was an honour to be part of this organising committee and it certainly lifted SLESA to a higher standard.

Our memberships are steadily growing and interest in SLESA is rapidly increasing. This is evident from the inquiries we receive, which even extended to interstate and overseas Sri Lankan engineers.

I would like to thank the current council for helping me in my secretary role. It was certainly an experience I will treasure. SLESA needs to continue the current momentum and I have no doubt SLESA will become one of the most sought-after community organisations in SA.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your continued engagement and support.



Saman Parनावithana

TREASURER'S MESSAGE



Building an account balance was never our priority, instead running SLESA activities while sustaining a healthy financial buffer was our goal.

In 2022, we have taken SLESA finance handling one more step forward. We introduced a number of changes (including mySLESA) which will lay a great foundation to the way SLESA handle finances while there are many things that still require attention before we can be at a 'gold standard', at least the approach and the roadmap is clear. It is all about step improvements and I invite future treasurers to take a role in further implementing the roadmap.

The SLESA budget is small and contains few transactions. I hope the audit report contained within this document provides a clear picture of our financial position – it is stable. Building an account balance was never our priority, instead running SLESA activities while sustaining a healthy financial buffer was our goal. There is no need for me to explain financial details here, so instead, I am taking an unorthodox approach to highlight 3 items which I thought were more relevant than the numbers.

Firstly, we set an example of a good team. While we all had different personalities and opinions, we achieved many things due to mutual acceptance, valuing diverse opinions and simply respecting each other's views and allowing a creative space to flourish. Why am I saying this? Not to brag about our team, but because it is important to offer some guidance for future SLESA committees based on the success of this year. Team should stick together in good times and the bad. Team spirit should uplift its potential. Team members should listen to each other and be grateful for each other's contribution. All these I believe helped us make a small difference.

Secondly, 'thinking outside the box' or sometimes I call 'higher order thinking' is crucial if SLESA to become a successful organisation. Rather than staying at a micro level, doing procedural and mundane upkeep, we looked at what actions make a real difference. It is not easy in an environment where everything is scripted, however I am glad we tried, and saw many good things come out. Again, it is something for future committees to think about.

Thirdly, enjoy the ride. No matter which way you look at it, SLESA is mostly a social environment. Look at it from that perspective. It will put minds in a positive mode and whether you are a committee member or a member of SLESA, it will help you ride the ups and downs of our small community.

I wish to thank three major sponsors (the University of South Australia, Resilient Asia Pacific and Key Tubing) and the five co-sponsors for their immense support and the members for their continuous financial contribution towards various events including annual subscriptions. All these keep SLESA ticking.

I am truly privileged to serve as your treasurer in 2021/2022 and thank you for all the support and love given to me.



2022 FINANCIAL REPORT



SRI LANKAN ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. (SLESA)

Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ending 30 September 2022

Income	2021/2022	2020/2021
Membership Fees	2,801.00	2,320.00
Donations Received	-	-
- Covid 19 Donation	-	1,600.00
- UniSA-STEM sponsorship for SLESA activities	3,000.00	-
- Square Machine	329.00	-
Engineers Night	16,647.52	7,425.00
Other Income - EFTPOS	0.99	2.00
Food Stall (Oxygen Project)	1,350.00	-
Coding Session	512.32	-
New Year Hampers	4,165.00	-
Roonka Camp	507.00	-
SL Food Fair	194.20	-
Sale of T-Shirts	-	990.00
Total Income	29,507.03	12,337.00
Expenses		
Donation Paid	-	-
- Covid 19 Donation	-	1,600.00
- Donation - SL Uni Student Association	-	150.00
- ASLSA NY Donation	200.00	-
Engineers Night	15,341.57	6,847.53
Food Stall (Oxygen Project)	1,256.01	-
Coding Session	1,252.01	-
New Year Hampers	4,165.00	-
Roonka camp	500.00	-
Temple New Year Festival - April 2021	124.50	107.60
Purchase of T-Shirts	-	1,056.00
PD 1 Session	60.00	-
Fee for Changing Constitution	-	74.50
SL Food Fair	194.20	237.33
Bank Charges	160.26	-
Annual General Meeting	1,238.70	475.35
UniSA Room hire	50.00	-
Total Income	24,542.25	10,548.31
Net Surplus for the period	4,964.78	1,788.69

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

Assets		
Cash at Bank	6,398.74	2,095.86
Square Machine	329.00	-
Fabric Red Carpet Banners	1,032.90	-
SLESA Banners	132.63	132.63
Gazebo	193.00	193.00
Total Assets	8,086.47	2,421.69
Equity		
Retained Surplus	7,386.47	2,421.69
Payables for Engineers Night	700.00	-
Total Equity	8,086.47	2,421.69

President
Guna Hewa

Date of report: 15 October 2022

Secretary
Sanath Abeygunasekara

Treasurer
Saman Paranavithana

Auditor's opinion:

Above financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis and my audit on the association's income, expenditures, assets and liabilities was limited to the amounts recorded in the above financial statements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion. In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the professional ethical pronouncements.

In my opinion, based on the financial report, the bank statements and the supporting evidence provided, in all material respects, the financial position of Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia Incorporates as at 30 September 2022 and its financial performance for the period from 01/10/2021 to 30/09/2022 provide a true and fair view of transactions.

Indika Udugampola, CPA (Australia)
15 October 2022

FLASHBACK 2021/22

The year started with an ambitious plan to host many professional development sessions, Kids-Club activities and several social events. While the COVID-19-related restrictions caused us to postpone or cancel some of the scheduled events, we invested our time and effort to improve SLESA communications, to help the motherland through three projects; "Hope for Breath", "New Year Hampers", and "Helping Sri Lanka" and to launch "Engineering Night and Awards".

SLESA AGM 2021 at ARC, Campbelltown- 9/10/21

The exciting new term 2021/22 started with the AGM 2021. Before the AGM, a professional development session on "Pathways to becoming a chartered engineer" was delivered by Dr DC Bandara. The seminar was well received and appreciated by the participants. Dr Bandara provided a wealth of information and guidance on becoming a chartered engineer and offered a free mentoring session for interested members.

The contributions of the five outgoing members of SLESA : Ajith Juan, Subhash Kodithuwakku, Ravindra Athukorala, Saarithi Perera and Darshana Hewage were acknowledged before welcoming the new members. The returning council member Wineya Wijesinghe and four new members, Saman Paranavithana, Singithi Ginige, Ishari Jagoda and Anuruddha Uswatta, were warmly welcomed to the SLESA council 2021/22. The AGM was followed by networking and light refreshments.



FLASHBACK 2021/22

Professional Development & Student Engagement

Despite the COVID-19-related restrictions, we delivered several exciting events to cater to various groups, from school children to young engineers. The SLESA committee proudly extended these services to the broader Sri Lankan community.

Welcome New students : Community Gardens, UniSA, Mawson Lakes - 09/03/22



SLESA hosted a lunch for these individuals as we welcomed four new students at the University of South Australia. We acknowledge current members: Dinesh Ratnayake, Thanussan Pakiyarajah, Kokila Fernando and Guna Hewa for making the new students feel welcomed.

How to Be at Your Best: Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes - 20/03/22



The presenter, Mr Sam D Sri, the founder of IntuVision, designed this session to provide a fundamental but powerful process to assist individuals in discovering their true potential in their careers. The session was well attended and appreciated by participants. It was delighted that over 50% of the participants were engineering students.

Kids coding: Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes - 17/04/22



The SLESA Kids club promotes STEM activities among school kids. The session was specially designed by Mr Nimesh Wijerathna to promote; logical and critical thinking, focus and creativity, and to build confidence and resilience. During the session, kids developed skills in developing a physical programable circuit board and a piece of software that runs on the computer using ARDUINO. We greatly acknowledge Inudith, Vidunethu, Ishari, Anuruddha, Ruwan and Nadikani for their great contribution to delivering this session. The participants were delighted to receive a SLESA Kids Club certificate.

FLASHBACK 2021/22

SLESA Social Events & Community Engagements

Anstey Hill Hike: Tea Tree Gully - 20/11/21



The first social activity for the new term allowed participants to be active in the outdoors and explore Anstey Hill in the Tea Tree Gully area. It was delightful to see several members of the SLESA kids club also taking part alongside adult members, hiking over 8 km in this event.

Sri Lankan Food Fair- "Hope for a Breath" Fundraiser : Athelstone School Ground - 05/12/21



The "Hope for a Breath" was a community-driven project administered by Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara (ASBV). The project's objective was to donate a fully equipped oxygen-generating plant to the National Hospital, Kandy, in Sri Lanka. The food fair of 20 stalls from Sri Lankan community associations attracted over 700 customers and raised \$25,000. SLESA sold hoppers and raised \$3095.

Adelaide Sri Lankan Student Association (ASLSA) New Year Festival: Rymill Park - 30/04/22



Like in the past, SLESA sponsored and participated in the ASLSA new year celebration in 2022.

FLASHBACK 2021/22

SLESA Social Events & Community Engagements

ASBV New Year: Athelstone School Ground - 10/04/22



Continuing the custom of engaging with the Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara (ASBV) community, SLESA members volunteered and actively participated in various events of ASBV Sinhala New Year Festival. The game, "Andayata Kirikaweema" organised by Ishari, Irusha and Ruwan on behalf of SLESA was one of the day's most popular games.

New Year Hampers Project: Sri Lanka (Kudamadua, Bandaragama, and Hakmana) - 13/04/22



The year 2022 was challenging for the people in our motherland due to the country's economic crisis and the setbacks due to COVID-19. As part of the new year celebration, we extended our support to 80 selected low-income families in three villages: Kudamadua, Bandaragama, and Hakmana in Sri Lanka. Ms Chrisanthi Weerawarna, former president of SLESA for 2019/20 and 2020/21 and her son, Keshawa Weerawarna, visited Sri Lanka to deliver food hampers. The recipients were extremely appreciative of this kindness and awarded a lot of blessings to all involved. We acknowledge SLESA members, families and friends for their donations and the coordinators from the three villages in Sri Lanka for their support in accomplishing this mission.

FLASHBACK 2021/22

SLESA Social Events & Community Engagements

Helping Sri Lanka Food Fair: Fogolar Furlan, Felixtow - 01/05/22



The "Helping Sri Lanka" project aimed to donate essential medical supplies and equipment to Sri Lankan hospitals. The food fair consisted of over 20 Sri Lankan community association stalls and catered for nearly a thousand people. SLESA's hoppers stall raised \$3160 of the total \$31,250 from the event.

Australia Sri Lanka Association (ASLA) Food Festival: Fullarton Park - 18/09/22



Continuing SLESA's engagement with ASLA, this year, we ran an exciting stall that attracted a significant crowd. \$709 was raised by selling paintings, toys, and bookmarks crafted by Inudith, Vidunethu, and Linka towards the "Helping Little Hands" charity. We also hosted an augmented reality sandbox that allows mesmerising experiments with geographical topologies and rain cycles designed by Dr Kalana Ishara, various robotics games and UniSA's WSUD models. The participants were entertained and educated on several aspects of engineering. Honourable Jing Lee commended the SLESA's engagement with and contribution to the broader community in Adelaide.

FLASHBACK 2021/22

SLESA Social Events & Community Engagements

The SLESA Engineers Night and Awards: Sicilia Social & Sports Club, Klemzig - 30/07/22

Promoting Sri Lankan engineering excellence among peers is one of the five main objectives of SLESA. The council was proud to introduce SLESA awards in 2022 and acknowledge excellence within the Sri Lankan engineering community across five categories. We celebrated their achievements at the inaugural Engineers Night and Awards ceremony. The glamorous night was attended by over 200 consisting of members & their families, students, special guests, and representatives from the other community associations in Adelaide.

The night started with a fabulous traditional Sri Lankan welcome performed by students of the Sihala Kala Academy. The awards were presented in the event's first half, followed by the celebration of SLESA community achievements (graduations, promotions, weddings, family achievements and, charity work etc.), a raffle, door prizes, and music & dancing. SLESA wish to express their gratitude to Professor Abelardo Pardo, acting Executive director for UniSA STEM, as the chief guest who presented awards to the night's winners. The other special guests for the night were Mr John Fullbrook MP for Playford, Mr. Vincent Tarzia MP for Hartly, and Dr Charitha Perera, Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in South Australia.

We acknowledge the following sponsors, without whom this event would not have been possible; Resilient Asia Pacific Pty Ltd, the major sponsor for the Engineers Night; KEY Tubing for the awards; University of South Australia, Dental Excellence, PK Auto Electrical, Kadalla Mortgage Brokers, Define Cabinetry and the Republk. All guests enjoyed delicious food provided by Café Anthony and Music by DJ Trapsick. Mr Sudeep Priyaviraj of Flash On Photography is acknowledged for capturing all the beautiful moments of the event.



ENGINEERING AWARDS



There were five categories: Honorary Engineer, Inspiring Engineer, Innovative Engineer, Emerging Engineer and Engineering Research & Innovation project. While the awardee for the honorary engineer category was selected by the SLESA council, the awardees for the remaining categories were decided by an independent panel of five members representing Engineers Australia (EA), Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL), the engineering industry, and the University of South Australia. Dr Tony Ladson, Director Moroka, representing EA, chaired the panel for the Inspiring Engineer, Innovative engineer, and Emerging engineer award categories. The members of his panel included Professor (Mrs) Ratnayake, Emeritus Professor at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, representing IESL, Dr Shan Athukorala, team leader in modelling analysis at SAAB Australia, Mr Peter Evans, Director and Solution Consultant of Resilient Asia Pacific, and Professor Mahfuz Aziz, Professor of Electronic Engineering at the University of South Australia. The assessment for the Engineering Research and Innovation project award was decided by the panel consisting of Dr David Kemp, representing EA, Dr Harsha Sapdhare, Research Manager at Space Down Under, and Professor John Boland, Professor of Environmental Mathematics at the University of South Australia.



MR DARSHAN PARAKRAMA EDIRIWEERA

Honorary Engineer

Mr Darshan Parakrama Ediriweera became the first honorary engineer of SLESA. Mr. Ediriweera is a chartered engineer, who completed a BSc degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Masters's in Physics and Electronics. He has spent 50 years of engineering career as a global engineer in Sri Lanka, the UK and Australia, making significant contributions to the field, and inventing several rules and practices. Some of his significant contributions include his introduction of the Planetary Position Slide Rule, a new rule that identifies Lagna (star) and a new rule to estimate the moment of inertia for a prism and a special three-wheeler for Sri Lanka. Other notable academic accomplishments include publishing two books alongside published research articles. He has mentored and supported several young engineers and actively engaged with the Sri Lankan community in Adelaide.



DR DON WENURA DISSANAYAKE

Inspiring Engineer

Dr Don Wenura Dissanayake is the first recipient of SLESA's Inspiring Engineer award. Don completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Computer Systems and a PhD in Electronic Engineering. He is an enthusiastic and energetic educator, entrepreneur, research scientist and research & development engineer possessing over 17 years of multi/interdisciplinary research and development expertise in Electrical and Electronic, Embedded Computer Systems, and Biomedical Engineering. He has gained collective technical and professional experience from various defence, commercial, and academic organisations. Don is the founder and managing director of three educational institutes: Tutors SA, STEM Centre for Australia Pty Ltd and MedPrep Pty Ltd. Don has mentored more than 1000 students to achieve successful outcomes in SACE Stage 1 and 2 subjects. Don's goal is to develop leaders by becoming a leader in educational and training development related to students' academic success. He strives to promote integrating new technology into education, making it more accessible and enjoyable.



MR DARSHANA HEWAGE

Innovative Engineer

The first Innovative engineer of SLESA, Mr Darshana Hewage completed his BSc degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering. This was further complemented by completing the CIMA professional qualification and MBA. His solid academic foundation enabled him to become a business manager for several highly reputable organizations. He has implemented many innovative solutions during his engineering career, including a well-working mobile phone system. The most challenging innovation during his journey so far has been the designing, fabricating, and commissioning an air conditioning system that uses waste heat to generate hot water for domestic use. He was faced with many challenges, however, with great persistence, he found a workshop in China that could manufacture the unit that complied with the technical specifications and, legal and regulatory requirements in Australia. His project has demonstrated successful results, now the system is working as planned, taking care of the supply of hot water as well as the heating and cooling of his house.



MR TIDASA TENNAKOON

Emerging Engineer

Mr Tidasa Tennakoon completed a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. He started his career as an Electrical consulting Engineer in 2016, and since then, he has developed various skills and gained experience in multiple fields. One of his career highlights was successfully deploying modelling software to automate manual day-to-day processes. Tidasa has a great interest in fields such as cybersecurity and space. He hopes to branch out to them in the future. His personal goal is to try and incorporate lessons learnt from past projects and deliver sustainable engineering solutions.



MR SALIYA RANDENIYA

Emerging Engineer

Mr Saliya Randeniya completed BEng. (Hons) in Electrical and Electronics majoring in power system modelling. This was further complemented by his completion of the CIMA. Saliya is currently working as a Generation & Load Connections Planning Engineer for a state-wide DNSP, with significant experience in assessments for utility-scale renewable generation projects. He is a key player in a leading global company in renewable penetration. As a recent migrant to Australia, Saliya was able to swiftly arm himself with knowledge and competence of relevant Australian standards applicable to his industry, and he has become a highly regarded competent engineer. Saliya's adaptability, proactiveness and ability to do self-research have helped him become who he is today.

Research and Innovation Project Award



**MR DARREL
PERERA**



**MR RAVINDU
COLOMBAGE**



**MR GAYAN
WANNINAYAKE**

This award recognises engineering students who have excelled in completing research and innovation projects during their undergraduate or postgraduate degrees. SLESA Engineering Research & Innovation Project award in 2022 was won by three graduates; Darrel Perera, Ravindu Colombage, and Gayan Wanninayake of the University of South Australia, for their outstanding research project, "Innovative concrete structures using 3D printed formwork" completed in 2021.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS



A major interest of SLESA is how we can support engineering students by procuring internships. Due to the restriction related to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not possible for the past two years. In 2022, SLESA procured internship positions for one student from the University of Adelaide and three students from the University of South Australia. The students are grateful for SLESA's endeavours in securing these positions.



RAVINDU RAJAPAKSHE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Construction Management)

"I had a great opportunity to get an internship at Space Down Under, a Research-Based Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) company focused on linking sustainable stormwater solutions. At the end of the internship, the management offered me a graduate position. None of these was possible if I was not supported by SLESA."



SHAMARA KURUPPU, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Construction Management)

"Thanks to Dr Guna Hewa of SLESA for liaising with several organisations on my behalf to find a suitable internship position. I was able to gain valuable experience with the project management and design team of the Port Adelaide Enfield council during the last summer."



KOKILA FERNANDO, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)

"It's been a pleasure working with SLESA, especially because Dr Guna Hewa went above and beyond to help me find a worthwhile internship. I also want to thank Dr Harsha for her great mentorship and advice throughout my internship. I truly value SLESA's mission to assist international students in locating excellent internship opportunities while studying."



DULAN GAMAGE, ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)

"I had an incredibly insightful and exciting learning experience during my summer internship at Southfront as a Stormwater Intern. I am grateful to SLESA for providing me with the networking opportunity with the relevant engineers to help me land the role."

FLASHBACK 2021/22

Communication, Promotion & Policy Development

The team has made significant improvements in how SLESA communicates with the members. The launch of mySLESA for membership management is the year's highlight in this strategic direction. mySLESA provides convenient multiple authentication options, and it is a one-stop self-serving online portal for members to:

- Update the member's profile
- View subscription status
- Access transaction record and
- Download the invoices

SLESA webpage was modified to have an event calendar, better event management and easy navigation of the information. Further we have initiated "constitutional changes" to provide more flexibility to the members in joining SLESA council for a new term.

SLESA

LOOKING FORWARD

The plan is to focus more on encouraging younger generations to join SLESA and help create a more inclusive and community driven organisation. Next year, the main focus will be on "Communication, Promotion & Policy Development". Further improvements on the members' engagement and management through the mySLESA platform and SLESA webpage one of the main targets. We will also focus on streamlining record-keeping and storage management for future reference.

In addition to the regular activities in the past, SLESA will support the followings:

- Sri Lankan engineering students and new arrivals through internships and one-on-one mentoring services
- The Sri Lankan community in Adelaide and Sri Lanka through various fundraisers and
- SA community by volunteering at selected social services such as "Clean up Australia"

Outgoing Council Members' JOURNEY WITH SLESA



CHRISHANTHI WEERAWARNA

Council member since 2018 and President 2019/20 & 2020/21

"It is with great pleasure that I am writing this message as an outgoing SLESA council member after completing four years from its inception. I have been honoured to be the SLESA president for two years and continue as a member, where I experienced the rapid growth of our association. I will cherish the opportunities I had to engage with a diverse range of Sri Lankan engineers and their families and to work closely with other Sri Lankan associations. Not to forget the beloved SLESA council members, whom I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude for the utmost support and encouragement given to me all these years. I wish all the best to the incoming SLESA council members and hope to see SLESA expand its wings even further in the coming years.



ASANKA NUWANPRIYA

Council member 2020 - 2022 and Vice-President 2021/22

It was both a great experience and a privilege to have been in the SLESA council for two terms. I enjoyed working together with a like minded, professional and friendly team. SLESA has achieved so much since its inception a few years ago, and I wish the new committee all the very best to take it to much greater heights.



RUWAN JAYANETHTHI

Council member 2020 - 2022

Working as a committee member of SLESA for the last couple of years has been a great pleasure. SLESA is an excellent platform for Sri Lankan Engineers living in South Australia to get together and support each other. Being able to help with various other projects and social events, especially in organising Kid's coding sessions and outdoor activities while learning from each other, was rewarding. The SLESA council, an enthusiastic family of members, has proven the capacity of SLESA on many fronts. I thoroughly enjoyed working with this incredible bunch of highly experienced people and wish SLESA to shine further.



IRUSHA JAYAWARDHENA

Council member 2020 -2022

"It was a great experience to work with such a passionate group of Engineers for the past 24 months at the SLESA council. I would like to thank all the SLESA members for their support during these challenging times and I wish all the best for SLESA's future activities



ISHARI JAGODA

Council member 2021 - 2022

It was a great honour to serve as a SLESA Council member during the 2021/22 period. I thoroughly enjoyed organising a game for ASBV new year festival, a raffle for Engineers Night, and helping with kids' coding. I want to express my sincere thanks to the entire SLESA Council for giving me such exposure. As an outgoing Council member, I would like to affirm my support to the incoming new SLESA Council and wish SLESA a successful and fulfilling New year.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS IN 2021/22

In 2021/22, we welcomed the following 18 Engineers and 16 Engineering students as SLESA members, expanding our current member base to 159.

MEMBERS		STUDENTS	
ID	NAME	ID	NAME
EM0101	Darrel Perera	SM0025	Janvi Premaratne
EM0102	Tharidu Maliduwa	SM0026	Raveen Hathagoda
EM0103	Darrel Perera	SM0027	Dewni Salpage
EM0104	Darrel Perera	SM0028	Nisakya Dias
EM0105	Deshani Ranathunga	SM0029	Teshani Fernando
EM0106	Manik Attigalle	SM0030	Nelaka Hewage
EM0107	Chamal Athenayake	SM0031	Jithma Senarathne
EM0108	Nishantha Rathnayake	SM0032	Sithmini Wijekoon
EM0109	Shermal Fernando	SM0033	Pumudi Fernando
EM0110	Saliya Randeniya	SM0034	Nisandi Fernando
EM0111	Wenura Dissanayake	SM0035	Ransika S. Arsacularatne
EM0112	Shanith Gamaethige	SM0036	Ashvin Gunaratne
EM0113	Harin Liyanarachchi	SM0037	Rithika Kularatne
EM0114	Chalitha Geekiyanage	SM0038	Pravin Hapugaswatta
EM0115	Anuruddhi Wijesinghe	SM0039	Yovan Arachchige
EM0116	Kaveesha Kittan Godage	SM0040	Sathya Wickramasinghe
EM0117	Shanaka De Silva		
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