

Annual Report

Sri Lankan Engineers
in South Australia

2024



SLESA

SRI LANKAN ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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A Brief Story About SLESA

Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia, SLESA in short, was formed and launched on Saturday the 01st September 2018 with the broader vision;

“To provide a venue for Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia to foster professionalism and camaraderie”

As Sri Lankan immigrants we have all taken challenging steps to seek new opportunities in South Australia, a place that was initially foreign to us. Most of us now call South Australia home, but our roots will always be with our motherland. At SLESA, we are a community with a shared connection to our motherland and a passion for our profession of engineering.

The main emphasis is given to the three significant elements, “Sri Lanka”, “South Australia” and “Engineer” by providing a broader and clear definitions within the context of SLESA to expand the membership base of the association, as such SLESA is the place for all the Sri Lankan Engineers who found South Australia home or transiting for academic or professional commitments.

SLESA has been registered as an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 on 12th March 2020.

Word from the Committee



Standing from left: DC Bandara, Kalana Withanage, Jagath Pathirana, Pramoda Dissanayake, Pasindu Sellapperumage, Tidasa Tennakoon, Wipula Wasala

Sitting from left: Anuruddhi Wijesinghe, Subhashini Wella Hewage, Dilinee Sellahewa, Inoka Sithari Silva



Wipula Wasala
President

It has been another challenging yet successful year for SLESA. It is inspiring to see our continuous growth and progress year after year. I sincerely hope that this trend will continue in the years to come.



Subhashini Wella Hewage
Secretary

I am proud to have witnessed a year of significant achievements and collaborative efforts. We have strengthened our commitment to innovation and professional development. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to driving progress and supporting our members and the broader community.



Tidasa Tennakoon
Treasurer

Another successful year for SLESA thanks to the incredible contributions from our members and generous donors. Despite the challenges, your support has allowed us to strengthen SLESA's financial position, fund key initiatives, and prepare for future growth.

Flashback

2023/ 2024

Sept 2023



Annual General Meeting 2023

Social Events

Nov 2023



BBQ

Jan 2024



Stupa Construction

March 2023



Elle

April 2024



Camping

April 2024



New Year Celebrations

June 2024



SLESA Night

Professional Development Events

Mar 2023



Pizza Lunch for Uni Students

Feb - Aug 2024



Future Founder Bootcamp

SLESA AGM 2023

At Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes



Social Events

BBQ at Thordon Park

As our first social event for the term, we gathered at Thordon park on a sunny afternoon to catch up with the rest of the SLESA family. With a great range of food to share and with great company with friends, everyone had a wonderful time.



Social Events

ASBV Stupa construction work

We started the year by contributing our time for a greater cause. Aligning with our team of "giving back to the community" few of our members braved the adverse weather conditions to lend a hand for the stupa construction work at Crafers Buddhist temple. Efforts from our team was well appreciated by the vihara committee.



Social Events

Elle

With the great success of the BBQ event at Thorndon Park, SLESA team gathered in March at the same venue. This time though, it was for vastly different reason. This time we teamed up for an Elle outing against another prestigious community organization in South Australia "Wellbeing SA Inc".

We went down against much stronger "Wellbeing SA" team in the first game but came back strongly to win the second game comprehensively. At the end of the games, fierce competitors shared a Pizza meal and few drinks together. We appreciate the assistance from "Wellbeing SA" team with organizing this event.



Social Events

Celebrating traditional new year

SLESA joined hands with Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara to celebrate the traditional new year. The new year festival was loaded with different themed items ranging from stage performances to sports activities. SLESA was proud to organize and sponsor 6 running events which proved to be quite exciting and engaging to everyone involved in.



Social Events

Roonka Over Night Camp

Proving that camping event is one of the most popular among the SLESA family, we had a great participation for this year's 3 day "adventure". With a great combination of events such as kayaking, BBQ, bonfire and even a game of cricket, it was an entertainment filled couple of days for everyone joined.



Social Events

SLESA Night 2024

Our biggest social event for the year, "SLESA Night" was held at Payneham Library and community centre on 15th of June. The event was held in aid of "Future Founder" program but it also served as an opportunity for our SLESA family to get together. It was a fun-filled night with great food and drinks, karaoke and games. With our 150 participants, it was another testament to how well SLESA has grown over last few years



Professional Development Events

Pizza Lunch for New Uni Students

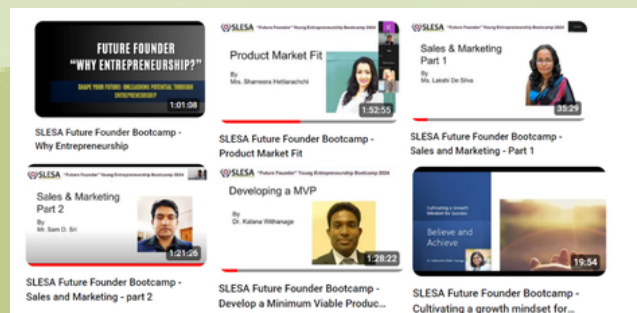
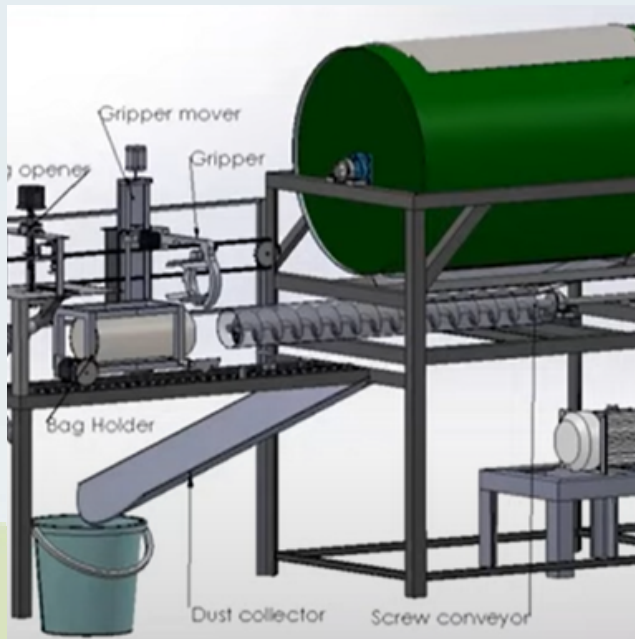
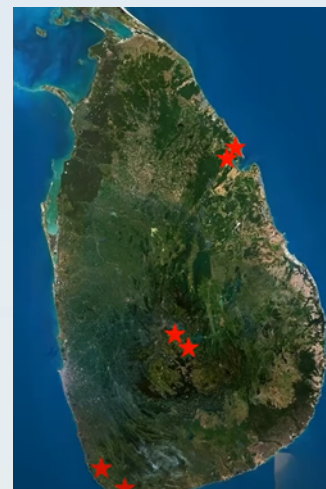
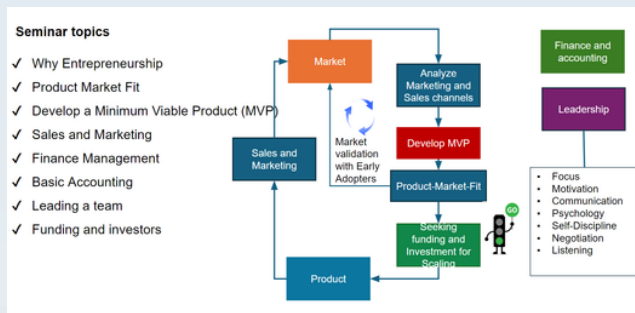
SLESA organized a pizza lunch to welcome new students at the University of South Australia. The event saw a strong turnout, with both fresh arrivals and current Sri Lankan students in attendance. Some of our council members managed to join the event during their lunch break. This gathering provided an excellent opportunity for new students to connect with their fellow Sri Lankan peers, teaching staff as well as the SLESA council members.



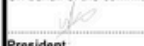


Professional Development

“Future Founder”

Arguably one of the biggest undertakings of SLESA to date, we initiated a bootcamp for young aspiring entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka: the “Future Founder.” As a brainchild of our vice president Kalana, the purpose of this initiative was to guide 10 school teams in developing a marketable product based on practical requirements. This was supplemented with a seminar series to support the students in their entrepreneurial journey. With the success of the school program, we also managed to run a university program in parallel.



Financial Report 2023/24

SRI LANKAN ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.		
Income & Expenditure Statement		
	2023/2024	2022/2023
	Note 2	Note 1
Income		
Membership Fees	3,842.00	2,725.00
Donations Received		
- UnISA-STEM Sponsorship for SLESA Activities	-	3,000.00
- Other donations	2,550.00	-
SLESA Dinner	6,102.02	-
Coding Session	360.00	-
New Year Hampers	-	4,378.53
Elle Event	180.00	-
Total Income	13,034.02	10,103.53
Expenses		
Donations Paid		
- ASLSA NY Donation	200.00	200.00
SLESA Dinner	5,746.48	-
Coding Session	138.65	-
New Year Hampers	-	4,378.53
Elle Event	200.00	78.00
Misc Gifts	220.50	-
SLESA Pizza Lunch	118.30	148.67
ASBV New Year Event	167.00	-
Subscription Payments	239.77	122.39
Curry & Chat 2023	-	2,356.76
Future Founder 2024 Bootcamp	1,000.00	-
Other Expenses	-	357.15
Bank Charges	36.56	31.51
Annual General Meeting Expenses	529.16	1,142.50
Total Expenses	8,596.42	8,815.51
Net Surplus for the Period	4,437.60	1,288.02
Balance Sheet		
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023
Assets		
Cash at Bank	11,424.36	6,966.76
Square Machine	329.00	329.00
Fabric Red Carpet Banners	1,032.90	1,032.90
SLESA Banners	132.83	132.83
Gazebo	193.00	193.00
Total Assets	13,112.09	8,674.49
Liabilities		
Payables for Engineers Night	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	13,112.09	8,674.49
Equity		
Retained Surplus - Opening Balance	8,674.49	7,386.47
Net Surplus for the Period	4,437.60	1,288.02
Retained Surplus - Closing Balance	13,112.09	8,674.49
Total Equity	13,112.09	8,674.49
Note 1 : 2022/2023 covers the period from 01/10/2022 to 30/06/2023		
Note 2 : 2023/2024 covers the period from 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024		
Statement by the Committee Members 2023/2024		
In the opinion of the committee members, the above Income & Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial results of the Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia Inc. for the period ending 30 June 2024, and the committee has in respect of the period from 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024, kept such accounting records as correctly recorded and explained the transactions & the financial position of the Sri Lankan Engineers in South Australia Inc.		
On behalf of the committee,		
		
President Wipula Wasala	Treasurer Tidasa Tennakoon	
Date of report:	20/08/2024	
Auditor's opinion:		
Above financial statements have been prepared on cash 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 Inc. as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance for the period from 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 provide a true and fair view of transactions.		
		
Indika Udugampola, CPA (Australia)		
20/08/2024		

Special Acknowledgement University of South Australia

UniSA continues to support us by providing facilities, such as venues, that enhance our ability to serve the community. SLESA acknowledges this contribution and actively fosters partnerships and engagement through various activities to promote and support UniSA and its student community. In particular, SLESA has offered engineering students valuable networking opportunities while enhancing our STEM support for the broader community



SLESA Future Outlook

Our current term started with the identification of 5 key pillars as the main success criteria for the continuous growth of SLESA. They are being;

- Member Engagement Excellence
- Purpose-Driven Events
- Promoting Self-Challenge
- Student Assistance Program
- Intent based partnerships

Based on these overarching guidelines, we derived specific goals for the current year. Biggest initiative for this year was the “Future Founder” entrepreneurs bootcamp with touched many of the pillars above such as member engagement, promoting self challenge and partnerships. From the social events front, the participation from our members was well above satisfactory level.

It has been wonderful to see our members stayed with us all throughout the year.



While we are optimistic about our future as being one of the prominent Sri Lankan based organization in south Australia, we have to consider challenges that we continually face to keep the momentum. Biggest challenge we see is attracting and retaining members who are capable and willing to commit their time for SLESA initiatives specially taking up on council memberships. We continue to adopt our ways of working to making it is simpler for the members to continue to engage with us to keep SLESA thriving.



Thank You