



Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc

I assumed the role of FAANT's President in November 2012. Each day is interesting and full of various challenges. However, the hard work and dedication of the former FAANT Presidents and Executive Committees lay the ground works for the Association and its Executive Committee to face and handle the 2014 and beyond challenges and opportunities.

FAANT's Executive Committee 2014

The current FAANT Executive Committee is composed of the following:

- President – Oscar Parian
- Vice President – Malix Laurel
- Treasurer – Elsi Barretto
- Secretary – Lourdes Valles
- Executive Committee Members:

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| Judith Ventic | Marcos Pastor | Josefino Martinez |
| Gloria Limiatas | Mary Anne Bernabe-Laurel | Tessie Muscat |
| Ramon Ferrer | Reynaldo Landong | Nico Llamas |

Achievements

- The Association has continued to focus on collaborative activities and has worked with a wide range of colleagues as part of the advocacy and events program that included networking, meetings and coordination with entities from the national government, state government, local government, community organisations, and businesses:
 - Office of the Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), Multicultural Council of NT, Philippine Honorary Consul General, Community Liaison Team/Department of Immigration, Darwin City Council, Palmerston City Council, Filipino Council of NT (FILCONT), Filipino Communities Council of Australia (FILCCA)
 - Filipino Club Darwin Inc., Filipino Social Club of Gove, Mabuhay Multicultural Association of Alice Springs, Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association Inc., Katherine Filipino-Australian Association of the NT, Inc., 40Love Darwin, Nepalese Association of NT (NANT), East Timor Community Centre of Darwin, Holy Family Parish (the FAANT President and Secretary are members of the Parish Pastoral Council), St. Mary's Cathedral, National Fil-Oz Sports Assoc. (NASA Int'l.), Philippine – Australian Sports & Culture Inc. (PASC Inc.), Darwin Rondalla, SoundtripNT – Karaoke Night and Oktoberfest, FiloJammers,

Darwin/Cacoy Doce Pares Arnis Club and other Darwin-based Filipino sports clubs

- Malacanang Palace provided us with messages from the Philippine President, Benigno Aquino III, for our Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta 2014 celebrations
- Philippine Embassy in Canberra provided us with messages from the Ambassador, Belen F. Anota, for our Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta 2014 celebrations
- Participation of the Association in St Mary's Cathedral multi-cultural community celebration and meetings
- Harmony Day 2014 Soiree where FAANT was tasked to make the VIP lanterns – design and preparation courtesy of Vic Patalinghug
- The Philippine Independence Day 2014 Celebration
- Barrio Fiesta 2014
- Purchase and replacements of all electric fans
- 180 chairs donation from Adina Vibes Hotel – Thanks to Mr John Bristowe, Manager, Adina Vibes Hotel, for the donations; transport from hotel to FCC courtesy of Jojo Pastor, Johnny Cadungon and Aris Lorenzo
- FAANT welcome and Send-off Party to RAdm Bernardino PN, Commodore Amba PN and their ladies, Capt Albert Mogol PN, Capt Ernie Baldovino PN, officers, women, men of BRP Alcaraz and community members at Garam Masala and BRP Alcaraz. Thanks to MaryAnne Bernabe-Laurel for the food and drinks during the send-off party
- Shipment of 40 Typhoon Haiyan donation boxes from the Gove and Darwin-wide community to the Philippines through BRP Alcaraz
- FAANT community members meeting with Her Honour Sally Thomas AC at the Government house
- FAANT community members' Parliament House tour and meeting with the Hon Peter Donald Styles MLA
- TFC Kapamilya Bingonanza (Social Bingo) on Sat, 23rd of August 2014
- The Megaworld Voice Competition on the 29th and 30th of August 2014
- eTambuli
- FAANT Basketball League – Garam Masala, Grand Final Champion
- FAANT-sponsored choreographer, Arlene de la Torre, from the Philippines, who provided Filipino cultural dance training to students of Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, Rosebery Primary School, Humpty Doo Primary School, Sanderson Middle School and Filipino community members and their children.

Awards

FAANT received Plaques of Appreciation from the following:

- **Capt. Albert Mogol, PN(GSC)**, PN Contingent Task Force Commander, 2014 Kakadu Exercise.

- **Capt. Ernesto O. Baldovino, PN(GSC)**, Commanding Officer and Skipper of **BRP Ramon Alcaraz**.

Grants Received

- Multi-cultural Facility Grant: Kitchen Renovation and Disabled Ramp - \$38,000.00
- MASP Round 1: for 2014 Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta - \$20,000.00
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree 2014: \$900.00
- FAANT-NANT Sharing: \$6,000.00

Future Grants to be Applied For

- Multicultural Facility Grant - to be submitted by 30 April 2015
- MASP Round 1 2015 - to be submitted by 31 March 2015
- Harmony Day Soiree 2015 - submitted on 31 October 2014
- Harmony Day Soiree 2016 - to be submitted by 31 October 2015

Events and Community Involvements

- FAANT Basketball League
- Sto. Nino's Sinulog
- 40Love Darwin 20th Fil-Aussie Interstate Golf Cup in the Philippines
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Day Soiree
- Philippine Independence Day Celebration
- Barrio Fiesta
- World Solar Challenge
- SoundtripNT Karaoke Night and Oktoberfest
- FAANT Christmas Party
- St. Mary's Cathedral Multicultural Celebration
- Missionaries of Charity (Sister's Teresa Congregation)
- Holy Family Parish Multicultural/family activities
- Nepalese Association of the Northern Territory events
- East Timor Community of Darwin events
- Darwin/Cacoy Doce Pares Arnis Club seminar/workshop

Publications

- FAANT Newsletter – eTambuli to be published by Dec. 2014
- Facebook - The FAANT's and FAANTBL's facebook page, www.facebook.com/faantinc is used to communicate media releases, promote events and exchange views.
- Website - The FAANT's Facebook page, www.faantinc.com.au, is used to communicate online, media releases, promote events and exchange views.

Plans and Programs for 2015

- FAANT Basketball League
- Sports Festival: volleyball, badminton, table tennis, darts, chess and golf tournaments
- Membership Drive/Discount Scheme Card
- Wider Filipino Community Directory
- Basketball, badminton, tennis and volleyball courts
- Acquisition of karaoke, printer, projector and projector screen
- 40Love Darwin Host for 21st Fil-Aussie Interstate Golf Cup in the Philippines
- Monthly Socials: bingo, food festival, market/tiangge, karaoke/singing contests
- Revisit the Constitution and existing forms/documents to strengthen the governance of the Association
- Honour Roll – Honorary Life Membership: Honorary Life Membership of the Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc will be awarded in recognition of a significant, long-term contribution to the Association

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Sponsors

Megaworld International, ABS-CBN, Adina and Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront, Malaysian Airlines, Bridge Toyota and Lexus of Darwin, PeraMax Online, DL(Jimmy and Gloria Limiatas), BDO, Kerry Mazda, Casuarina Square Medical and Dental, TL Panel, Mister Minit, Basketball NT, Nico Llamas (Darwin Radiators), Rey Landong (Garam Masala/MicShelley's), Felix Carao (AllSkills Migration), Mac Nyunt (MarCar Care), Narciso Camposo (Brumby's Palmerston), Tessie Muscat (Pizza King), Kylie Ostojic (Ostojic Group), Mila Parian (Greyline IT Consulting Pty Ltd), Emman Tabora (Rise Graphics)

Stall-holders

Maria's Delight (Maria Samson), Pizza King (Tessie Muscat), Mic Shelley's Café (Rey Landong), Frozen Penguin and Sunset Smoothie & Juice (Chien Ha), Asian Sari-Sari Store (Edna Ocampo), John Stokes (Miriam Stokes), Samurai Den Sushi & Crepe Station (Brian and Ana Santos), Churros Van (Rosemarie Bitamog), Darwin Smoothies (Analiza Lambino), Uncle John (Elizabeth Kirby), Lexcel Drink Shake (Elsa Uybenes), Mary Kay Cosmetics, Forex, AllSkills Migration

Multicultural Communities

Nepalese Association of NT (NANT), East Timorese Community Centre of NT

Thank you for your continued and full support. The executive committee looks forward to meeting you at all our events. We are here to hear your views, requirements and interests and to be of service to you.

Yours respectfully,

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