



Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc

FAANT PRESIDENT's REPORT for 2015

FAANT's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015

The current FAANT Executive Committee is composed of the following:

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| President | – | Oscar Parian | |
| Vice President | – | Lourdes Valles | |
| Treasurer | – | Elsi Barretto | |
| Secretary | – | Perly Malapitan | |
| Executive Committee Members: | | | |
| Tessie Muscat Montgomery | | Marcos Pastor | Jojo Martinez |
| Gloria Limiatis | | Nico Llamas | Rey Landong |
| Judith Ventic | | Carlos Cabalhug | Ramon Ferrer |

PAST:

One of the biggest challenges as president, together with the current FAANT executive committee, was to acquit grants that accumulated over the years. We made significant progress despite these challenges. With the current team spirit and the committee focus, we are aiming to make 2016 a more successful year.

On the financial side, except for the Darwin City Council rate which we decided to pay on a quarterly basis, the association has paid off in full all expenses i.e. monthly and quarterly maintenance for this year and the Liability, WorkCover and Building insurances for next year.

PRESENT:

At the moment, even though the FAANT major events are well and truly over, we have continued to work hard as a team in organizing fundraising activities to get us prepared financially for next year.

The forthcoming fundraising activities are the Harvey Norman BBQ sizzle on Sat, 28 Nov 15 and Sat, 19 Dec 15.

One of the recent successful fundraising activities was the Spectre 007 premier movie on 10 Nov 15 which was well supported by the community members.

The association together with the FAANTBL Steering Committee worked with Basketball NT (BNT) in the recently concluded 2015 Top End Invitational.

The FAANT Basketball League (FAANTBL) is another event introduced last year where we gave the community members and supporters the opportunity to enjoy a fun day of basketball every Saturday. The FAANTBL selection played against the PBA Rain and Shine Team in

the 2015 Top End Invitational on 6 Sep 15. The 2nd Season Grand Finals is scheduled on Sat, 5 Dec 2015, at the Marrara Indoor Stadium,

The Christmas Party for this year is on the 11th of December, which will be a joint gathering of FAANT, FAANTBL, 40Love and community members.

Hence, I would like to thank all of the FAANT executive committee members and the FAANTBL steering committee members for the extraordinary work and effort that they put in over the last 12 months. I hope we will continue with the same passion and enthusiasm over the next 12 months to bring even more success to our association and potentially encourage new members to join us.

I would also like to thank:

- our treasurer Elsi Barretto who has managed our finances over the year in a very professional manner
- our Vice President Lourdes Valles, FAANTBL Chairman Nico Llamas and FAANTBL Vice-chairman Rey Landong for establishing a much improved relationship with the community members
- the rest of the FAANT executive committee members namely Perly Malapitan, Judith Ventic, Tessie Muscat Montgomery, Gloria Limiatas, Jojo Martinez, Jojo Pastor, Ramon Ferrer and Caloy Cabaluhg for a job well done
- Tony Senga on his invaluable services in managing the Tambuli
- Lito Lontoc for the FAANT website and Facebook
- Mr Steve Prasser and Ms Joan Prasser for their sponsorship and hardwork where for the first time in many years we have PAL, DIA, JR Duty Free and Kingpin sponsors onboard
- Cesar Alvaran, Florencio Valerio Jr, Owen Mani, Jonas Bustillo, Aris Lorenzo for the excellent service and support as members of the FAANTBL steering/technical committee
- Judith Ventic and Jonah Playford and the rest of the FAANT Collective dance group members for their performances during the 2015 Barrio Fiesta, Chinese-Australian Friendship Society and Top End Invitational
- Meno Ella for his support and performance during the Filipino-Latino Dinner Dance
- Fr Mon Libot CMF for his guidance and support.

FUTURE:

I believe we need to focus on 2016 in order to continue with the current momentum of improvements at the association.

Firstly, we need more fundraising and revenue generation activities where we will engage the support of community members and supporters to improve our revenue next year. We will recognize and reward our FAANTBL teams and sponsors for their continuing support.

Secondly, campaign to increase the list of financial members and FAANTBL teams. We will change our focus and provide more attention to improve the membership and number of basketball teams.

The youth and the junior basketball teams are a very important part of our association that we will continue to focus and work on. Our aim will be to increase the participants' numbers and provide our youth, junior teams and seniors with the best programs and facilities.

Overall ground and community infrastructure compliancy, upgrades and improvements will continue throughout the year with a close working relationship established at local and NTG levels.

Other PLANS and PROGRAMS for 2016

- FAANT Basketball League – All Filipino, Open and Junior Games.
- Membership Drive/Discount Scheme Card.
- Wider Filipino Community Directory.
- Basketball, badminton, tennis and volleyball courts.
- 40Love Darwin Host for 22nd 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.

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:
 - 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 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.
 - 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.
 - Darwin Rondalla
 - SoundtripNT – Karaoke Night and Oktoberfest.
 - Darwin/Cacoy Doce Pares Arnis Club.
- Malacanang Palace provided us with messages from the Philippine President, Benigno Aquino III for our Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta 2015 celebrations.
- Philippine Embassy in Canberra provided us with messages from the Ambassador Belen F. Anota for our Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta 2015 celebrations.
- Harmony Day 2015 Soiree where FAANT was tasked to make the VIP lanterns – design and preparation courtesy of Jun and Luchie Ocampo.
- The Philippine Independence Day 2015 Celebration.
- The Filipino-Latino Valentine's Day Dinner Dance 2015.
- Barrio Fiesta 2015
- FAANT Basketball League – Garam Masala 2015 1st Season Grand Finals Champion.

- FAANT sponsored choreographer Dave Cecilio, Marc Gabatino and Michelle Gerena from the Philippines who provided Filipino cultural dance training to students of Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, Rosebery Primary School, Sanderson Middle School and Filipino community members and their children.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

- Multicultural Facility Grant:
Kitchen Renovation and Disable Ramp - \$38,000.00
- MASP Round 1:
for 2015 Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta - \$15,000.00
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree 2015:
\$700.00
- FAANT-NANT 2015-16 Sharing:
\$8,000.00

FUTURE GRANTS TO BE APPLIED FOR:

- Multicultural Facility Grant 2016-17 - to be submitted by 30th April 2016
- MASP Round 1 2016 - to be submitted by 31st March 2016
- Palmerston Harmony Day 2016 - submitted on 31st October 2015
- Harmony Day Soiree 2016 - submitted on 31st October 2015

EVENTS and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- FAANT Basketball League
- Sto. Nino's Sinulog
- 40Love Darwin 21st Fil-Aussie Interstate Golf Cup in the Philippines.
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Day Soiree
- Philippine Independence Day Celebration
- Barrio Fiesta
- SoundtripNT Karaoke Night and Oktoberfest
- FAANT Christmas Party
- 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 workshop

PUBLICATIONS

- eTambuli - FAANT Newsletter.
- Facebook.
The FAANT's facebook page, www.facebook.com/faantinc is used to communicate media releases, promote events and exchange views.
- Website
The FAANT's website, www.faantinc.com.au is used to communicate media releases, promote events and exchange views.
The FAANTBL's website, www.faantbl.sportingpulse.net is used to communicate media releases, promote events and exchange views.

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- SoundtripNT
- Tony Senga
- Pat Ocampo
- Arlei Mallari
- Amalyn Manlutac
- FAANT Collective – Dance Group
- Em Cada and the Sanderson Middle School students
- Meleene Primero and the Rosebery Primary School students
- Lourdes Valles and the Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School students
- FAANT Basketball League – Nico Llamas, FAANTBL Chairman and steering committee members.
- SPONSORS:
 - Philippine Air Lines
 - Darwin International Airport
 - JR Duty Free
 - Kingpin
 - Bridge Toyota and Lexus of Darwin
 - Top End Medical Centre
 - MoneyGram
 - DL – Jimmy and Gloria Limiatis
 - White Gloves Property Services
 - HomeZone NT
 - Gil’s Graphics Solution
 - T&M
 - DNS Air
 - BDO
 - TL Panel
 - Max Car Care
 - Basketball NT
 - AllSkills Migration
 - Nico Llamas - Darwin Radiators
 - Rey Landong - Garam Masala/MicShelley’s
 - Felix Carao - AllSkills Migration
 - Mac Nyunt - MarCar Care
 - Narciso Camposo and Fernando Padua - Parekoy Mud Crabs
 - Tessie Muscat Montgomery - Pizza King
 - Kylie Ostojic - Ostojic Group
 - Mila Parian - Greyline IT Consulting Pty Ltd
 - Emman Tabora - Rise Graphics
 - Ziko Ilic - Darwin Fish Market
 - Management & Dan Oybenes - MMC
- STALL HOLDERS:
 - Asian Sari-Sari Store – Edna Ocampo
 - Pizza King – Tessie Muscat Montgomery
 - 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
- Imelda Lazaro
- Debbie Javier
- Sarah Madina
- Violeta Fronda
- Andrew Lee
- MoneyGram
- Essie
- Forex
- MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES:
 - Nepalese Association of NT (NANT)
 - East Timorese Community Centre of NT

I would like to complete my report by thanking everyone who were involved at all levels over the last twelve (12) months. I would also like to encourage new community members to join us and become part of a new era at FAANT and FAANTBL – our ongoing core objective.

Yours respectfully,



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