

Friends of Vellore, Victoria

A division of Australian Board of Vellore Christian Medical College & Hospital Support Fund ABN 65 125 097 974



November 2018 NEWSLETTER

From the President's pen

Dear Friends,

Warmest greetings to you all from far away. I am writing these words in New Haven on the East Coast of the United States, where I am spending three delightful months teaching and doing research at Yale Divinity School.

I am most grateful to Nancy Nicholas who with the help of Viviane Harangozo has put this Newsletter together. It will update you on some of our activities, but above all what is happening at CMCH Vellore. And, most importantly, it contains an invite to our upcoming AGM.

I warmly recommend the contents of this letter to you. Please take a few minutes of your time to read our news. I look forward to seeing you on December 1st at Queen's College.

David Runia



Rev Colin Honey, Mr David Price OAM, Dr Jayanthi Peter and Dr J V Peter at the FOVV Annual Dinner 2018

Diary Note – FOVV Annual General Meeting 1 December

The FOVV annual general meeting will be held in Eakins Foyer at Queen's College on Saturday 1 December 2018 from 2pm to 4pm. Afternoon tea will be served.

Everyone is welcome. To conclude the meeting, Dr Jeet Patel will speak about his experience studying medicine at CMC Vellore and how CMC has influenced his life.

To help estimate numbers for catering purposes, please RSVP to the secretary

FOVVsecretary@gmail.com .

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FOVV Annual Dinner

Again, the dinner was held on a cold and wet night, Saturday August 18th. No one was deterred and the atmosphere at the Abel Tasman Club in Carnegie was very warm and friendly. It was a most enjoyable occasion in an attractive venue, and with superb Indian food and pleasant company. It was good to have the latest news of the Christian Medical College and Hospital from the new Director, Dr J V Peter. We were privileged that he was able to come to Australia during his first year as Director. His wife, Dr Jayanthi Peter, also spoke about her work in the Ophthalmology Department at CMC.

There was a table of CMC graduates who were particularly pleased to hear what had been happening since they left, and glad to have authentic Indian food. Dr Peter was interested to meet Louise and her family, as her parents, Drs Edward and Edna Gault were involved at CMC - her father as Warden of the Men's Hostel, and Professor of Pathology, and her mother working in departments of Dermatology, Venereal Disease, Mental Health, and Roadside Medicine. Louise had also done 3 months of field work at CMC as part of her Social Work training. The Australian Vellore Board held their Annual Meeting in Adelaide on the following Saturday, and Dr Peter was the speaker there too. The Peter family had spent 8 years in Adelaide some years ago



FOVV Alumni and family

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News from Vellore

Hugh Skeil has sent an email to Dr David Runia thanking FoVV for our financial gifts, and giving us examples of how they are used.

“The Emergency Fund has a regular stream of requests, and we do our best to give a reasonable amount to all eligible patients - though it is seldom the full amount that is requested. However, we find that a grant of Rs.70,000 or so usually unlocks other charitable concessions from within CMC and enables a more expensive operation to go ahead. Over the last few days we have been able to help (among others) a 34 year old man recovering from a bad case of meningitis in the Neuro ICU, a 27 year old lady from West Bengal with a debilitating sinus problem, a five year-old boy from near Vellore who needed an intricate procedure from the Hand Surgery department, a 20-year old female nursing student urgently needing a stenting procedure through Cardiology (she looks after her younger siblings since her mother passed away and her father deserted them).

The Paramedical Scholarship for the current year went to R. Asha Slecer, who joined the course BSc. Optometry in 2017. She is the daughter of missionary parents working in Andhra Pradesh, and she hopes to be able to work in a mission hospital (ideally in the same area as her parents), once she has completed her course, internship and two year service obligation period. The scholarship has made a huge difference to the family, since her parents are on a very low allowance, and the additional burden of college fees would have been a big burden for them.

Person to Person Fund has received a boost this year. CMC has decided 1) that the maximum grant given to a patient can be increased from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000 from the Fund, but in addition CMC itself will add up to another Rs.40,000 where this is needed for the patient's care. So, your gift of nearly \$2000 will be multiplied and the total benefit to patients can be up to \$8,000. This does mean that the grants can have a much greater impact on the very poor. So please pass on our thanks and appreciation to the Committee and the other friends who have worked so hard to make these gifts possible.”

The Identity of Christian Medical College

Seven marks of a Christian Community

1. Scripture Based – “Not to be ministered unto but to minister” Mark 10:45
2. Christ Centred – ministry of healing in the Spirit of Christ
3. Prayer Filled – pray for patients especially before surgery, for students and staff, and for equipment
4. Mission Focused – those trained go to many other missions and hospitals – healing of nations
5. Poor Biased – biased towards the poor and marginalised – giving them concessions
6. Justice Motivated – God’s justice is based not on rights but on grace, and may involve suffering
7. Excellence Driven - giving the best in the context of limited resources, being compassionate.

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Chaplain Rev. Dr. Arul Dhas

Christian Medical College

A DAY AT CMC	
Outpatients	9,250
Inpatients	2104
Operations	185
Births	55
Radiological Tests	2405
Bed occupancy	78.06%
Daily Running Expenses	Rs. 3,15,80,517



PERSONNEL	
Administrative Staff and Clerks	832
Chaplains	15
Doctors	1799
Engineering Staff and Artisans	81
Housekeeping Staff and Attenders	1498
Library Staff	31
Nurses	2847
Pharmacists	299
Social Workers	39
Teaching Staff (Non-Medical) and Technical Staff	2045
TOTAL	9486

SERVICE VALUES

Major Expenses (2017-2018)	
Running expenses 2017-2018	Rs.1149.53 crores
Costs for infrastructure development	Rs.51.67 crores

Important Areas of Subsidy (2017-2018)	
Subsidised health care	Rs.178.76 crores
Educational subsidy	Rs.88.87 crores

Sources of Income (2017-2018)	
Patient fees	98.98%
Student fees	0.88%
Contribution from supporting churches and other organizations	0.14%

CMC STATISTICS (APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018)

	Beds	Inpatients	Outpatients	Births
Main Hospital	2,249	1,09,622	21,83,321	14,788
Community Health and Development	135	11,362	1,05,568	3,985
Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs	73	3,558	96,148	1,087
Schell Eye Hospital	100	8,148	1,33,514	-
Low Cost Effective Care Unit	48	2,110	66,060	166
Shalom Family Medicine Centre	-	-	39,481	-
Mental Health Centre	98	823	1,13,059	-
Nambikkai Nilayam	24	114	5,027	-
CMC Chittoor Hospital (130 beds-currently using 60)	130	4,246	1,06,697	-
Total	2,857	1,39,983	28,48,875	20,026

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For donations to work at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore:

Post Cheque or money order to: Treasurer Friends of Vellore, Victoria 3 Fallon Street BRUNSWICK VIC 3056	Direct transfer or deposit to: Friends of Vellore Victoria Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000 Account: 139185151 Please email details of any deposits to FOVVTreasurer@gmail.com
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For the Annual Giving Campaign, please select the program/s you wish to fund:

- Development Department Emergency Fund
- Person to Person Scheme
- Endowment Fund for Allied Health Scholarships
- General support fund Australian Vellore Board

For further information on this campaign, please contact the Secretary.

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