



SKIN fabulous

* **WHAT?** Miss Beautiful Skin
 * **WHERE?** Mount Lavinia Hotel, April 19th.
 * **WHO WAS THERE?** The 12 finalists in the Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2009.

Miss Beautiful Skin was the first of the many mini pageants that will be held in the lead up to the grand finals which will take place on July 7th at the Empire Grand Ballroom of the Mount Lavinia Hotel.

You could checkout the mini pageants and also watch the progress of the 12 finalists as they move towards the big night - every Friday on Derana TV at 7.30 p.m.



Heatwave on June 6th

The heat is on, no doubt, but it's going to be extra hot on Saturday, 6th June, when Frequency 69 and Perfect Beat Entertainers present "Heatwave".

The action will be at the La Langousterie, Mount Lavinia, and making it hot for dance enthusiasts will be DJs Tim, Rizni, Heshan, Dishan, Lil Guru, Roger and Missy Flame.

The night will also feature guest DJs Selectro and Sushan, plus fire dancers and flame throwers.

The dress code should highlight red, orange, yellow, say the organisers.



Fresh start for budding fashion designer

For 27-year-old Pamodha Barathi, fashion is her world, and her goal is to be a reputed fashion designer.

She got her grooming in the art of fashion designing at LIFT and later found a job connected with this field.

But she suddenly realized she wanted to start all over again - "a fresh start.... maybe even a new start," she told Scene Around. And that's the reason why she is in Australia at the moment.

"I feel I need a boost in life.... a new and fresh start - a chance to stand up on my own. Let's see where life will take me in this part of the world."

Pamodha is doing fashion designing and technology at the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia.

RMIT is said to be one of the world's top 10 universities for fashion and textile.

Pamodha is studying for her diploma which involves a lot of practical and fun stuff, along with time-consuming hard work.

It's a two-year course, leading up to a degree.

"Studies are going OK, but I'm trying to get used to everything - the weather, especially, which is quite cold at the moment.

"I miss the nice, warm Sri Lankan sun.

"I just started the course, so nothing much to show Scene Around readers. But it seems like it will be interesting."



Pamodha

Taste

Chinese delights... in a star-class setting

I love Chinese food. I would say it's probably my favourite dish. And I believe most people would give the thumbs up when it comes to the Chinese stuff.

Of course, there are many Chinese outlets in the city and the suburbs, but enjoying Chinese food, in a star class setting, is something most people would crave for.

Well, it's happening - the Chinese Food Festival, now on at the Coffee Shop of the Galadari Hotel, till Saturday, the 16th of May.

The dinner buffet is from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and all your Far Eastern favourites will be laid out for you, including those popular dishes, like Braised Shark Fin with Crab Meat Soup, Peking Style Slow Roasted Duck with Classical Trimmings, Shanghai Fried Prawns and Cuttle Fish in Hot Butter Sauce, Lamb with Onion and Szhezuan Pepper, Bok Choy with Assorted Mushrooms, Sushi and Sashimi with Condiments Singapore Style Chillie Crab, and more.

The tempting dessert buffet and the action-station will give you a choice of desserts, including the ever popular Warm Ginger Pudding with Butterscotch/ Kim and Berry.



Silva and Malcolm de Kauwe, Arden Forster and daughter, Nikki, Terry McLeod and Friends, and DJ Jerome Ephraums who provided that extra variety to the dance-mad crowd.

Conrad de Silva was the standout, says Trevine, with his fantastic vocals that drew the crowds to the dance floor. His act is always something to savour, more for the variety he possesses and the flair with which he delivers.

His version of "Quando, quando", "Johnny Be Good" and "Delilah" was absolutely awesome.

Malcolm de Kauwe was another to impress in his own inimitable style which is fast becoming a feature of Melbourne entertainment, seeing that he travels all the way from Perth to perform.

The meal according to Trevine, was excellent with a fine variety of Sri Lankan and Western culinary delights served up by Desmond Foulstone's Silverline Catering which left everyone happy and contented after a sumptuous dinner that was on offer.

Memories are made of these...

- **WHAT?** The Saints of Nugegoda.
- **WHERE?** Springvale Town Hall, Melbourne, Australia.
- **WHO WAS THERE?** Sri Lankans, domiciled Down Under.

It was a night of merriment, much reflection and meeting old friends from the popular town of Nugegoda (in Sri Lanka) when the Saints of Nugegoda held their popular dinner dance.

The Saints of Nugegoda is represented by St. John's College (Bert and Frank Ekenalke), St. Joseph's Girls School (Carina de Silva and Maureen Wendt) and St. Joseph's Boys College (Ondray Ephraums) and they have banded together to produce this annual event which brings together the greater community of people who lived in Nugegoda, during various eras, before migrating to Australia.

Seeing the many familiar faces at the dinner dance made many, including Trevine Rodrigo, who sent us this article, and wife, Anne, feel that they were back in sunny Sri Lanka and not on a bitterly cold, wet and wintry night that was Melbourne that day as they bumped into many



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