



Sri Lankan Association Queenstown

About us

The Sri Lankan Association Queenstown was established in June 2020 as a charitable non-profit organisation.

As a growing group in Queenstown, we believe it's important we have a united community that can share our culture and heritage. We strive to be active in the wider community and reflect a positive image for Sri Lankans in Queenstown and beyond.

Our events are about bringing people together and celebrating cultural traditions so Sri Lankan families can experience their own culture and language.

Our Queenstown Lakes community

We have about 80-150 members including children in Queenstown, Alexandra and Wānaka. Members are either residents or temporary visa holders; they represent a mix of cultures, Tamil and Sinhalese; and religions, Christian, Hindu and Muslim.

Our events and activities

We celebrate the following events:

- » **First week of January:** annual cricket tournament.
- » **4 February:** Sri Lanka Independence Day.
- » **13 or 14 April:** Sinhala and Tamil New Year. This is one of the most significant holidays on the Sri Lankan calendar. Usually celebrated on either of those days, the Sinhala and Tamil New Year marks the beginning of the traditional calendar according to astrology and is a national festival of the country.
- » **May:** Wesak Day is a Holy Day for Buddhists. This is considered the holiest day in the Buddhist calendar. The Buddha's birthday is observed annually on the Sunday nearest to the full moon in May. It is a holiday observed by Buddhists across the world, though the exact date may differ from country to country.
- » **In October** we have our annual get together.
- » **In December,** the joy of Christmas brings us together to celebrate with fun games, good company, and festive cheer.



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