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ATCC NEWSLETTER

BE INSPIRED – MAHA SINNATHAMBY

Inspiring story of a Tamil migrant who went on to become one of Australia's wealthiest and the architect behind Australia's largest privately owned, master-planned city – Springfield.



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Quotes from Maha: -

“Think Big and You Will Be Big”

“Education is the currency of the future – It cannot be stolen from the owner”

“Stop not till your goal is reached”

“Chase success and money will follow”

ATCC Representatives interview with Maha on page 4 to 5.

It is the right time to start a small business, please contact representative from ATCC to inquire further.

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Message from the Editor

We are proud to welcome the 3rd issue of ATCC Newsletter.

We continue to serve our members and the Tamil business community with informative business events and networking opportunities.

September has been an interesting month for our Chamber. Some of us made a visit to Springfield to meet and interview Mr. Maha Sinnathamby who is a prominent Malaysian Australian businessman and property developer in Queensland. Maha is the entrepreneur behind the Greater Springfield Development in Queensland, the largest master-planned community in Australia (10 largest globally). The vast development is designed to focus on interconnected pillars of health, education and information technology.



It was truly a privilege and honour to have met a dedicated and successful Tamil entrepreneur who has contributed tremendously to the community of Springfield. Maha Sinnathamby is without doubt a pillar of strength and mentor to young aspiring entrepreneurs to push all boundaries and never give up in ones' vision to succeed.

Our Chamber in collaboration with Sydney Tamil Mandram, had also the privilege of hosting a speaker from Tamil Nadu who is a Director of Fisheries to give us an insight into business opportunities with India. Once again, we constantly endeavour to open business opportunities for Tamils in Australia.

Our next networking event will be held on 10 October 2017 at Yaarl Function Centre and is organized in collaboration with the Tamil Arts and Culture Association Inc (TACA). This event will be presented by the Hon. Alex Hawke MP Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Security. We hope to see all of you at this interesting event to discuss the recent changes in citizenship and various visa issues. Last but not least our committee has been working hard to organize the upcoming annual Trade Show and Awards Night on 12 November 2017. This inaugural event would be the highlight of our Tamil community to showcase their invaluable achievements and success in business.

To this end, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members, sponsors and committee for their contribution in making all our events truly productive and successful for the community.

Thank you

United we stand, divided we fall.

Anita John

Vice President – Internal Affairs

ATCC UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time & Location
Tues, 10 October 2017	Changes to Australian Citizenship Forum	7pm at Yaarl Function Centre, 221A Wentworth Ave, Pendle Hill NSW 2145
Wed, 25 October 2017	Networking TBA	TBA
Sun, 12 November 2017	ATCC Trade Show & Tamil Business Awards Night	Trade Show 2-6pm Awards Night 6-10pm The Grand Royale, Granville

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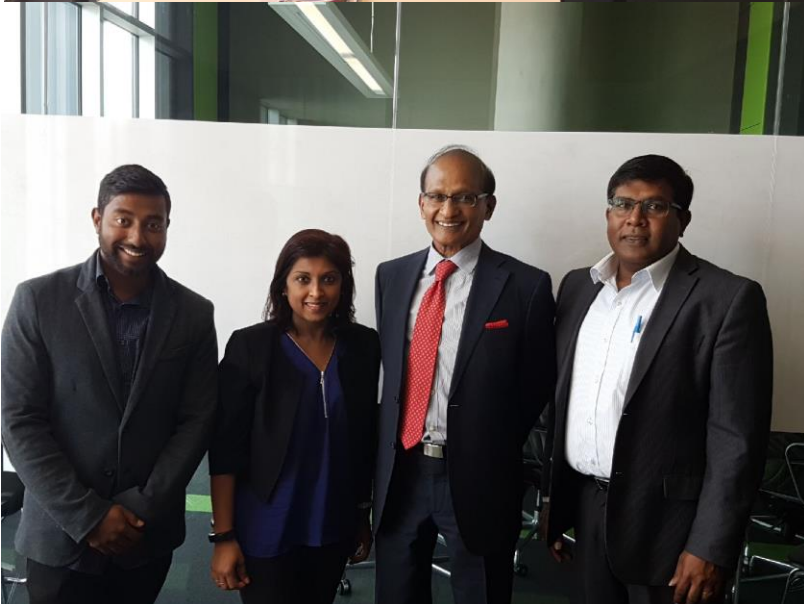


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Our Editor & ATCC Vice President- Anita John, Brisbane Journalist - Partheeban Elangovan, ATCC President Sam Theva and ATCC Vice President Lawrence Raj met Maha Sinnathamby, a Brisbane based Tamil Developer who has built a city.

The life of Maha Sinnathamby is a living illustration and application of Swami Vivekananda's ideal of Practical Vedanta in everyday life. In his book, "Stop Not till the Goal is Reached" tells the 10 principles drawn from the teachings of Swami Vivekananda which inspired and motivated Maha Sinnathamby all his life.

Maha has built a city from scratch, one of the largest master-planned community world-wide, and only the second in Australia after Canberra. In building the city, he has won many awards for its master plan, but the most important of all is he has been hailed for his visionary business philosophy.

Maha Sinnathamby's story is hugely inspiring for us in the Tamil community. He came from a remote fishing village in Malaysia called Rantau that had no electricity or running water. Travelling 36kms by road everyday to school, he learnt early on about the absolute importance of good education. That lesson continues to drive him to this day.

Interview with Maha Sinnathamby

Q: What is your favorite aspect of being an Entrepreneur?

Maha believes that you have to be in control in order to be a successful entrepreneur. Being in control means responsibility and accountability in what you do. His advice is children should not only be encouraged to be professionals such as doctors, lawyers or engineers. There are vast opportunities out there and children should be encouraged to explore their capabilities.

Maha is truly proud of his great achievement of creating and building a city. No one in human history has created a city as an individual. 25 years ago, no one was interested to buy the land in Springfield as it was situated in an area that was economically and socially depressed, high unemployment and high crime rate. It needed a \$200 million-dollar freeway and one third of the land was zoned for mining instead rural.

To quote Maha's words "when people looks at something as a problem, I see success". Maha believes in faith and positivity even though something seems so impossible to achieve. Avoid negativity and move forward with confidence.

Interview with Maha Sinnathamby (con't)

Maha strongly believes that entrepreneurship is the best way ahead in Australia as there are unlimited opportunities to explore. Australia is two third the size of China and India combined in land area and has four and a half thousand kilometers of ocean frontage and unlimited natural resources. With 1% of the population of China and India and the huge unlimited natural resources which the world needs very badly, there are huge opportunities for anyone with a strong vision to start a business of their own and be very successful.

He quoted the great Mahatma Gandhi who had no army, no money and no family connections but yet changed the course of human history. Gandhi was honest and pure in his thoughts and that was one of his greatest assets. He had faith in his intentions to make a difference for the people of India.

Maha believes that our Tamil community has the capability to be leaders within the business industry. He quotes "persistence and faith is the key to success and if you keep on knocking at the door, the door will open".

Maha loves to play golf to relax and he is very involved in the Ramakrishna movement.

Q: Please tell us two reasons why migrants from sub-continent are well educated professionals working for someone and why they should pursue entrepreneurship.

Maha was of the view that children should be allowed to explore their opportunities in various fields and should not be confined to being a professional only. The opportunities are limitless in entrepreneurship and therefore you should not create boundaries in your quest to achieve.

Sam Thevasaeyan: What motivates you to keep going?

Maha believes that if you are persistent and enjoy what you do, that drive will keep you going. His advice is "chase success and money will follow".

Anita: As an entrepreneur and a mother, how much and to what extent do I pursue my dreams and at the same time balance family life?

Maha believes that every family is different and this is something only each family can decide the best way ahead. It is about your vision and your ability to manage your family and achieve your goals.

It was truly a pleasure meeting Maha Sinnathamby.

End.

ATCC Tamil Business Awards Night

The **ATCC Tamil Business Awards** are the most prestigious award to celebrate and reflect on the valuable entrepreneurial efforts of successful entrepreneurs, businesses and leaders from the Tamil Community. Our goal is to recognize exemplary individuals, who continue to innovate, create and inspire. ATCC Business Awards recognise the success in the areas of business leadership, business ethics, sustainability, innovation, export, small business, employer of choice and contribution to the Tamil Community

The Australian Tamil Chamber of Commerce Inc. is proud to present Tamil Business Awards Night on 12 November 2017, Sunday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Grand Royale 51-61 South St, Granville NSW 2142.

ATCC Business Awards Night will be attended by successful Entrepreneurs, Professionals, International Leaders, Federal Ministers, Federal and State Member of Parliament, Local Government Representative, Foreign Consulate Representatives and representative from other Tamil Associations.

Why Annual Tamil Awards Gala Night:

ATCC Business Awards Night is an event to showcase the entrepreneur skills of the Australian Tamil Business communities. The Award winners are chosen by an independent Selection Committee and the winners are selected based on certain criteria and requirements. ATCC wants to showcase the contribution made by the Australian Tamil business community in building the Australian economy and express our praise to the Award winners who have climbed up the ladders of success through their hard work and determination.

ATCC is the first point of contact for those seeking to do business for Tamil Community. We are the bridge that brings together Tamil Businesses and mainstream businesses and community. It is very remarkable to note that the Australian Tamil Community in many ways has enhanced the prosperity of Greater Sydney and Australia with its diverse contributions towards the society.

ATCC is seeking applications/ nominations from Tamil Australians who have continuously owned a successful business and contributed towards building the Australian economy.

Award Categories

1. Most Outstanding Professional Award
2. Best Entrepreneur Award
3. Award of Excellence
4. Best Woman Entrepreneur Award
5. Young Entrepreneur Award
6. Most Outstanding Community Person Award
7. The 'Life Time Achievement Award'
presented to a business person for his or her contribution to not only the Chamber/Association, Business but also to the Tamil community.

Further eligibility information on each category is available on ATCC website www.atcc.org.au.

INFORMATION

Purpose

Recognizing and promoting the success and contribution of Tamil Australian businesses.

Preamble

Enclosed, the nomination application form for 'Business Awards Night'. The nomination form is designed to gather information necessary for the Awards Selection Committee, with appropriate facts to facilitate the selection process. All applicants are encouraged to provide additional information in the attached form where appropriate. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all information submitted is accurate. The application package should be submitted to the Australian Tamil Chamber of Commerce Inc office or emailed on or before the specified deadline. All information on the application form will be treated as confidential.

Eligibility

In order to apply for the awards, applicants/nominees must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant/Nominee must be an owner of a business (relates to business category).
2. Applicant/Nominee is of Tamil origin resident in Australia.
3. Applicant/Nominee cannot be an undischarged bankrupt.
4. Applicant/Nominee cannot have been previously or currently criminally convicted unless pardon has been received.
5. Applicant/Nominee cannot have been or is currently a publicly elected member of municipal, provincial or federal government.
6. Applicant/Nominee is not an employee or a recipient of remuneration from the municipal, provincial or federal government.
7. Applicant/Nominee may apply in more than one category (for multiple entries please submit each entry on a separate form).
8. Nominee must have continuously owned the business for the length of the achievement year.

The judging process

Award Selection Committee, appointed by the Board will be responsible for the selection of the winners for these awards. The Awards Selection Committee will consist of 5 to 7 representative members from various organisations/associations/govt. bodies/business/communities. The Award Selection Committee will review the application/nomination form and supporting documentation. The Award Selection Committee reserves the right to request additional information, relating to the applicant, if necessary.

The judging process is completely independent from the Australian Tamil Chamber of Commerce Inc board.

Judging stage comprises the following:-

Preliminary screening of the entry forms to shortlist.

Additional information and supporting documents are requested.

The judging process is completed by an interview, if necessary with each finalist to ensure that any questions or issues needing clarity are addressed. An on-site visit at the businesses may also be conducted.

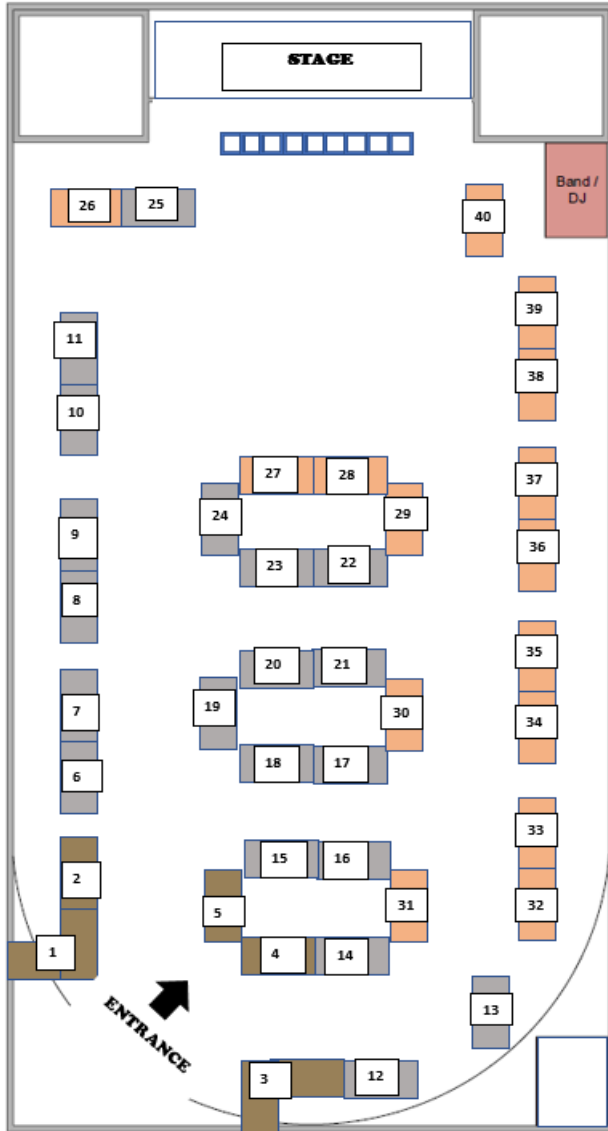
Deadlines

The closing date for receipt of completed entry forms is 12 October 2017 at 5:00pm.

Complete Nomination - online via ATCC website www.atcc.org.au

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Trade Show Layout Plan



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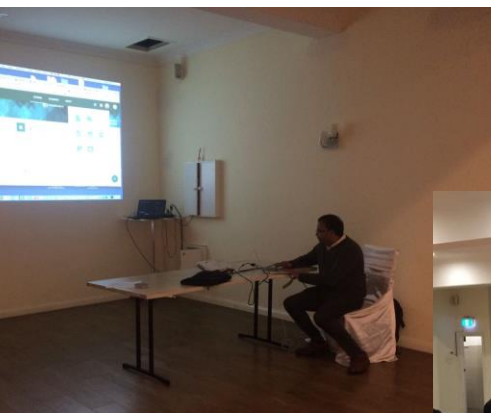
HOW SMALL BUSINESSES CAN LEVERAGE IN Google PLATFORM

Free ENTRY

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Assistance in a wide range of areas including, financial consultancy, legal advice, migration visas and other business areas.

Promoting trade among members, local and overseas community.

Invitation to ATCC's Events, Trade Show and Tamil Business Awards Night.

Access to ATCC business directory to provide you the tools designed to help your business succeed.

Non-Deductible expenses

Be cautious about what can be claimed as a tax deduction. Of course, some expenses are just flat out not allowed and attempting to claim them will immediately bring your tax affairs to the attention of the Tax Office, something we'd all like to avoid.

ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES are generally not deductible, but it does depend on what fringe benefits tax is paid and where and to whom the entertainment is provided.

"It's important to keep full records of all entertainment so that the deductibility and fringe benefits tax liability can be determined, Examples of business-related entertainment which are not deductible include taking a client to lunch, or sharing a few beers or wines with a prospective client.

DOCTOR'S CHARGES If you run or are employed by a travel agency and you work overseas in areas where you might catch diseases like malaria, you might think you can claim jobs to prevent you contracting something nasty.

Medical costs are not deductible. This generally includes things like vaccinations, even if you are likely to be exposed to a particular disease in your job. But there may be a very limited option for a tax rebate for medical expenses.

KIDS' CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION you can't deduct the expenses even if your employer is asking you to work outside your normal hours and you need childcare to do that.

You also can't claim the cost of your children's education, such as books and school fees. There used to be a rebate available for this, but that was replaced in January 2013 with the school kids' bonus.

FINES incurred the odd speeding and parking fine when out and about for work purposes. You cannot claim a fine or penalty that you have to pay such as a speeding ticket or a late payment penalty, even if you incurred that while you were working.

EXPENSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE there are also limits on what you can claim for work purposes. The cost of a car used in a business can generally be written off over its effective life. But this cost is limited to the luxury car limit which is currently \$57,466. What this means is that, if a car is purchased costing more than \$57,466, only the amount of \$57,466 can be depreciated over the car's effective life. Additionally, the cost of a car exceeding this limit is taken to be \$57,466 for GST purposes. In other words, if you buy a car that costs \$80,000, the maximum GST that can be claimed back is \$5224.

Other red flags for the ATO

Travel expenses to and from work # Social club fees # Personal grooming expenses
 # Telephone silent number expenses # Ordinary work clothes other than protective clothing, uniforms and occupation-specific clothing, for example a chef's checked pants. So if you were to buy a suit that you only wear to and for work, you cannot claim its cost or its dry cleaning # Costs associated with getting a job such as travel for attending interviews, CV preparation or undertaking a police check # Costs to move location to start a new job with the same employer # Driver's licence costs, although if you need a special class of licence to do your job then that may be deductible # Costs incurred while doing volunteer work.

Small Business Partnerships - What is a partnership?

Partners are joint owners of a business. They have the same goals and are equally responsible for the decisions made on behalf of the business.

Are all partners equal?

Not necessarily. For instance, in many law firms there are senior and junior partners. However, the partners remain equal from a legal point of view.

If there is no written agreement, all partners:

- share profits equally;
- cover losses equally; and
- take equal responsibility for the business's activities and trading.

A written agreement allows partners to change these general rules and record them in the agreement.

Partnership agreements

A partnership agreement is usually a good idea, otherwise there is no written record of the duties and responsibilities of partners, which can be very important if there's a dispute later on.

If there is no written agreement, the duties and responsibilities of partners are equal, which may not be what you want.

What does a partnership agreement cover?

It will cover issues like:

- the amount of money each partner brings into the partnership;
- how the profits will be divided;
- the different roles and responsibilities of each partner;
- the requirements to provide financial reports;
- the rights of partners to draw on bank accounts;
- how partners can leave the partnership and the consequences of this;
- what happens when the business is sold;
- how disputes are handled;
- the salaries;
- the rights of departing partners to start a similar business etc.

Partners' unlawful acts

What if the partner does something that is outside their authority under the partnership agreement? This depends whether the person who dealt with the partner knew (or should have known) the action was beyond their authority.

But even if this is so, it will sometimes still be possible for the person to claim compensation from the partnership. The lesson is clear: be very careful who you accept into a business partnership.

Tax

Partners must file a Partnership Return with the Tax Office. It includes a profit and loss statement, and the tax is paid individually by partners on the profits as part of their personal income tax.

Dissolving partnerships

Any partner can dissolve the partnership provided they do it in a way required by the partnership agreement.

Make sure you see a lawyer about this, because there are often certain legal formalities, particularly in relation to the formal notice that is required.

BLACK ECONOMYWhat us Black Economy - refers to people who operate outside the tax and regulatory system or who are known to the authorities but who do not correctly report their tax obligations. It encompasses a wide range of practices, including understatement of takings, the payment and acceptance of cash wages off the books, welfare fraud, sharing economy contractors not declaring their income, grey trading, activities in the so-called dark web, moonlighting and phoenixing (where businesses deliberately liquidate to avoid paying employees and creditors). Complex interactions with illegal activities, including money laundering, must also be taken into account.

The black economy is a significant, complex and growing economic and social problem. Black economy activities: undermine the community's trust in the tax system; create an unfair commercial environment which penalises businesses and individuals doing the right thing; enable and entrench the exploitation of vulnerable workers; undermine tax revenue; and enable abuse of the welfare system. If unchecked, increasing black economy participation can lead to a dangerous dynamic. It can foster a culture which legitimises and supports this participation, spurring its further growth. As revenues fall, those remaining in the formal economy may ultimately be faced with higher tax burdens, giving them a greater incentive to move into the shadows. All other OECD countries are grappling with the black economy issue. Australia is not alone.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) estimated in 2012 that the black economy had grown to 1.5 per cent of GDP (\$25 billion per year in today's dollars) in Australia. In the absence of a concerted and sustained whole-of-government effort, this figure can be expected to continue to grow. Given the linkages between different manifestations of the black economy, long-term multi-agency strategies and operations are needed. We must move beyond the business as usual mindset, recognising the limitations of traditional tax enforcement approaches.

ATO return focus to Burden of Proof. Accountants are urging small businesses to ensure their record keeping methods are up to scratch as the ATO's crackdown on the cash economy reinforces the notion that the burden of proof lies solely with the taxpayer when rejecting an assessment made by the Commissioner. While the onus has always been on the taxpayer to prove that an assessment made by the Commissioner is excessive or otherwise incorrect, the government's crackdown on the cash economy through its Black Economy Taskforce has put it back in the spotlight.

It has been a long-established principle, confirmed by several cases in the High Court, so it is not a new concept. However, the increased crackdown by the Commissioner has brought it back into focus with challenges by taxpayers to assessments or amended assessments, made by the Commissioner. Put more simply, it is not enough for a taxpayer to simply object to an assessment, but rather, the taxpayer must establish evidence that the assessment is excessive. ATO's increased data gathering capabilities as a further driver to this focus. With the greater data gathering and data matching capabilities of the Commissioner, greater resources are being directed to target such industries where there is greater avoidance due to the cash basis upon which a lot of these types of businesses operate.

Accountants should be meeting with their clients to reiterate the importance of record keeping and documentation in the face of this ramped up focus. Accountants can assist their clients running these businesses by providing timely advice and offering bookkeeping services as well as providing recommendations for an accounting software solution, training staff or business owners on maximising its capabilities, and ongoing support. This will in turn provide appropriate record keeping and record retention.

Census 2016 - Tamil Speaking People in Australia.....The Census of Population and Housing, popularly known as the Census, is undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) every five years. The most recent Australian Census was held on Tuesday 9 August 2016.

Among the 61 questions, Question 16 asked: Does the person speak a language other than English at home? Those who have stated Tamil as the language spoken at home is the basis for counting the number of Tamil speaking people in Australia. Those who have not stated as Tamil, won't be counted as Tamil speaking people. Based on the 2016 Census, the number of Tamil speaking people at home (hereafter, Tamil speaking people) in Australia was 73,162. Tamil speaking people in Australia migrated from approximately 55 countries including India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore according to the 2016 Census.

Please note that all Tamils do not necessarily state Tamil as the language spoken at home in the Census questionnaire. Hence, the actual number of Tamils in Australia is likely to be higher than the number of Tamil speaking people presented here. Here are some highlights based on the 2016 Census and comparisons were made with other years wherever necessary.

Chart 1: shows that compared with 2011, the number of Tamil speaking people has increased by almost 46% in 2016.

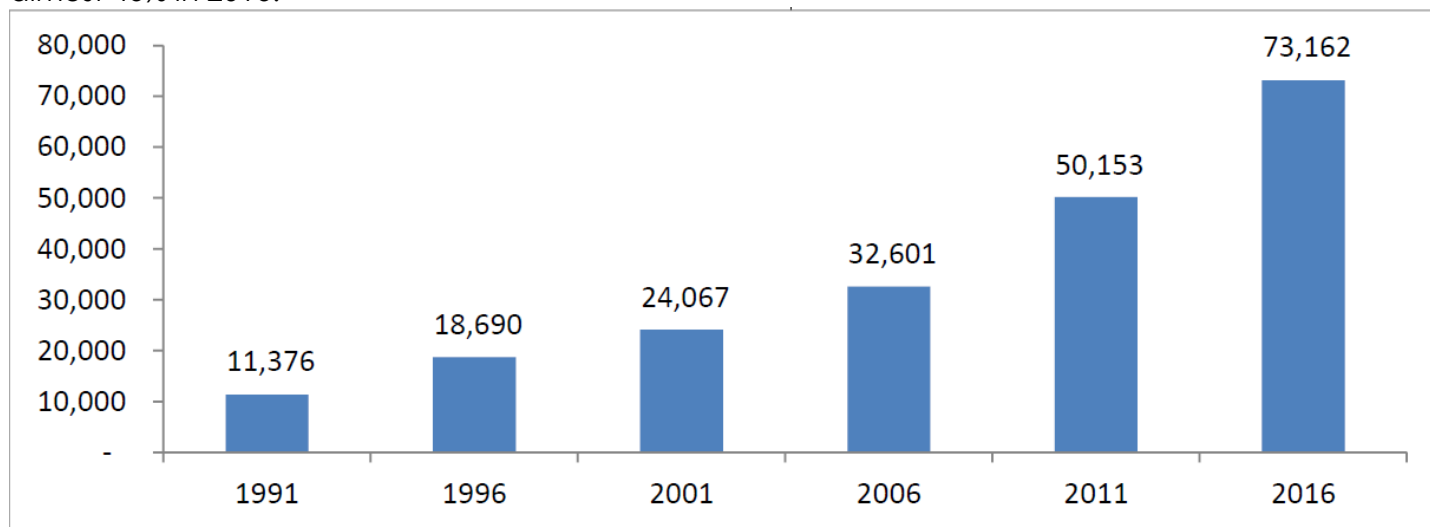
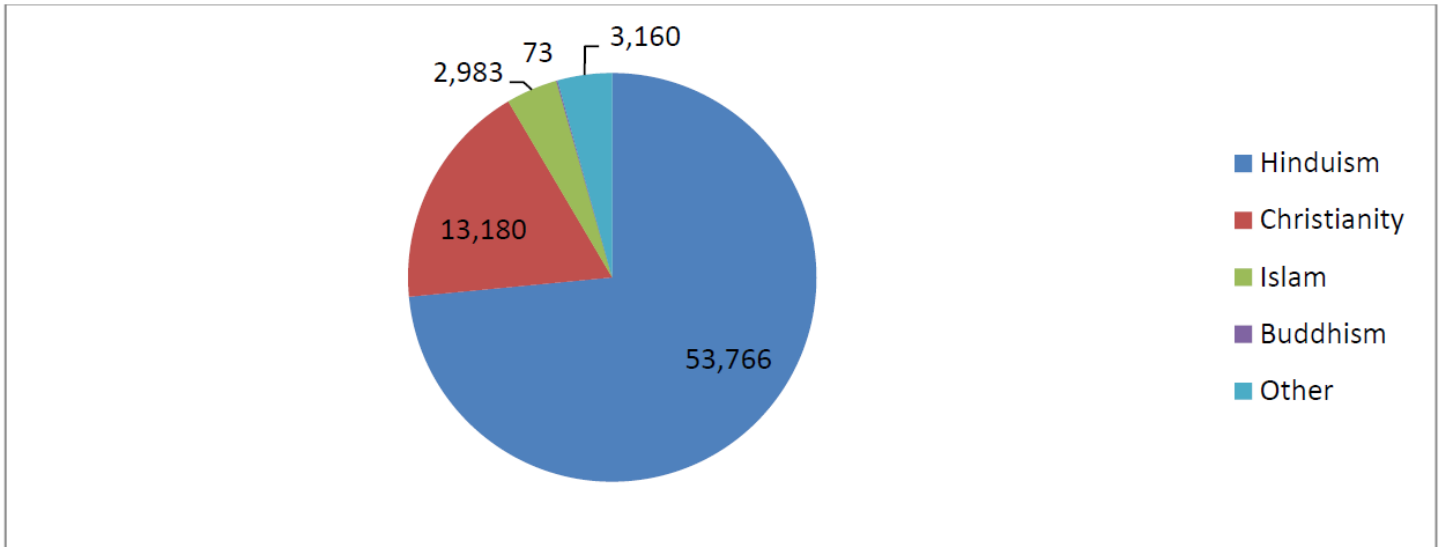


Table 1: Tamil Speaking People by State and Territory*, 2011 and 2016. It shows that among the six states, compared with 2011, WA recorded the largest increase of 68.9% in 2016.

State/Territory	Tamil Speaking People		
	2011	2016	% Change
New South Wales	21,529	29,676	37.8%
Victoria	17,452	25,664	47.1%
Queensland	3,475	5,518	58.8%
Western Australia	4,079	6,890	68.9%
South Australia	1,703	2,699	58.5%
Tasmania	217	308	41.9%
Australian Capital Territory	1,416	1,885	33.1%
Northern Territory	278	514	84.9%
Australia	50,153	73,162	45.9%

*Australian total includes a very small number of Other Territories not shown in this table.

Chart 2: shows Hinduism is the predominant religion with 73.5%, followed by Christianity, 18.0% and Islam, 4.1%.



* Other category includes secular beliefs and inadequately stated responses.

Table 2: Age distribution: Tamil Speaking People and Australia, 2016. It shows that a higher proportion of 'age 55 years and above' among the Australian population (27.5%) as opposed to a lower proportion for the same age group among the Tamil population (15.3%). This indicates that Australian population is relatively older than the Tamil speaking population.

Age Group	Tamils	Proportion	Australia	Proportion
0-4 years	4,835	6.6%	1,464,782	6.3%
5-9 years	4,987	6.8%	1,502,647	6.4%
10-14 years	3,689	5.0%	1,397,187	6.0%
15-19 years	3,008	4.1%	1,421,597	6.1%
20-24 years	4,174	5.7%	1,566,790	6.7%
25-29 years	7,023	9.6%	1,664,606	7.1%
30-34 years	9,980	13.6%	1,703,846	7.3%
35-39 years	9,246	12.6%	1,561,682	6.7%
40-44 years	6,324	8.6%	1,583,255	6.8%
45-49 years	4,586	6.3%	1,581,456	6.8%
50-54 years	4,085	5.6%	1,523,556	6.5%
55 years and above	11,225	15.3%	6,430,497	27.5%
Total	73,162	100.0%	23,401,901	100.0%

Table 3. Gender distribution: Tamil Speaking People and Australia, 2016

Gender	Tamils	Australian
Male	53.3%	49.3%
Female	46.7%	50.7%

Chart 3: Tamil Speaking People densely populated suburbs in NSW, 2016

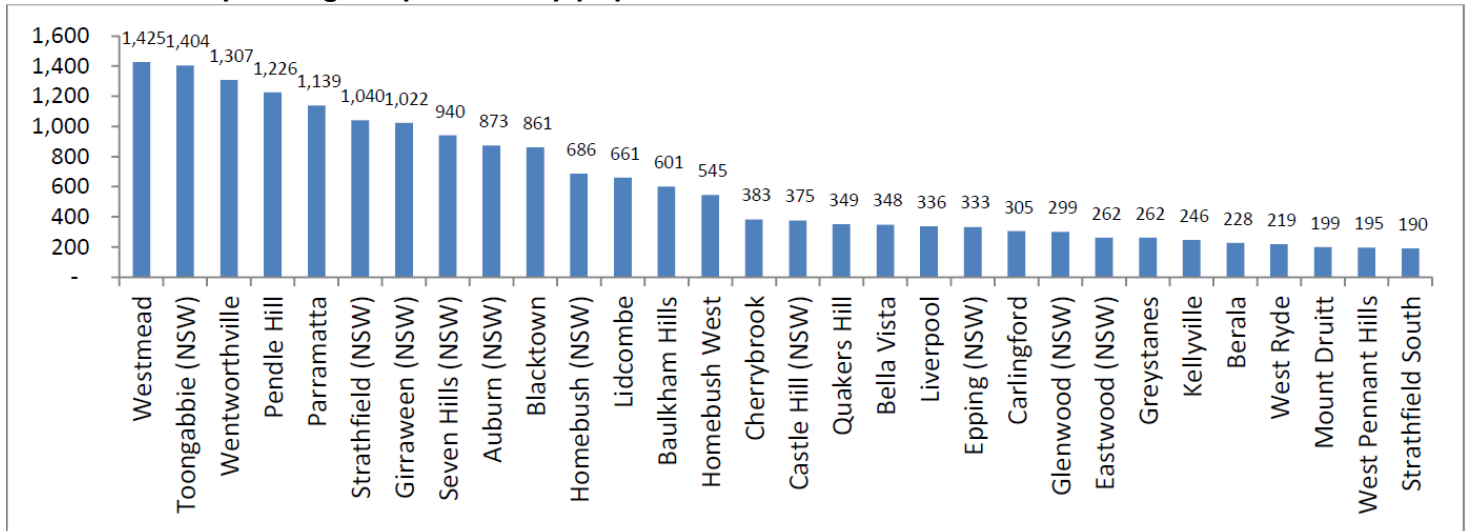


Chart 4: Tamil Speaking People densely populated suburbs in Victoria, 2016

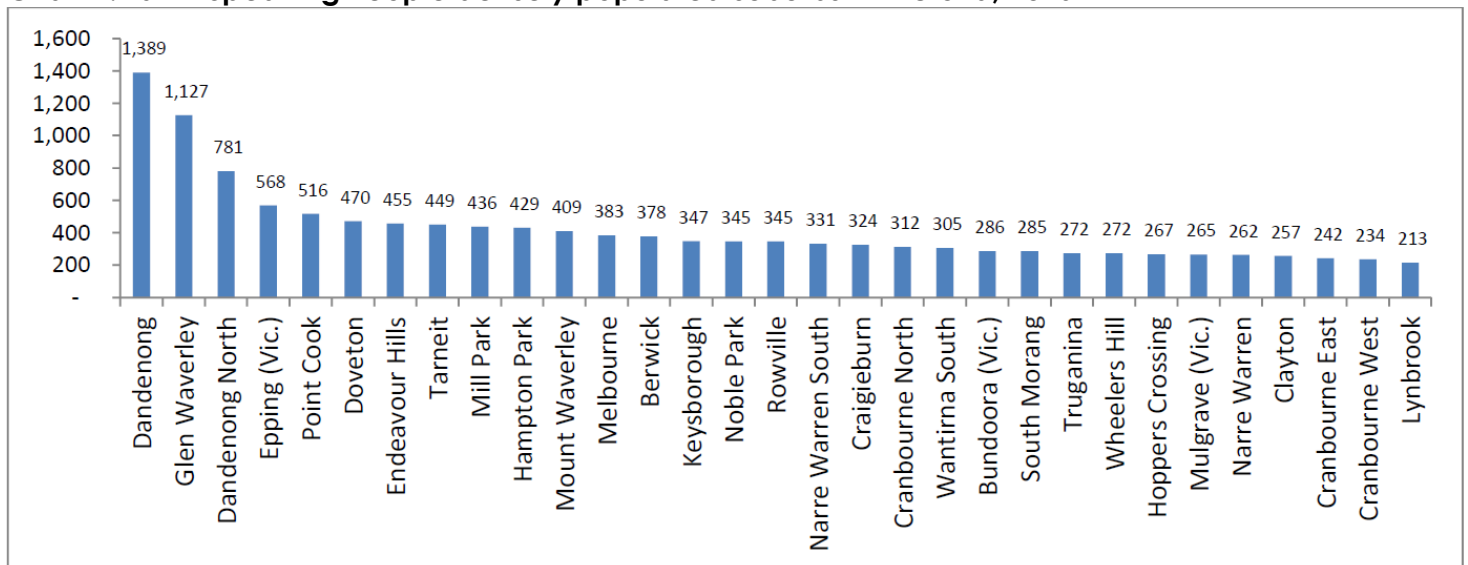


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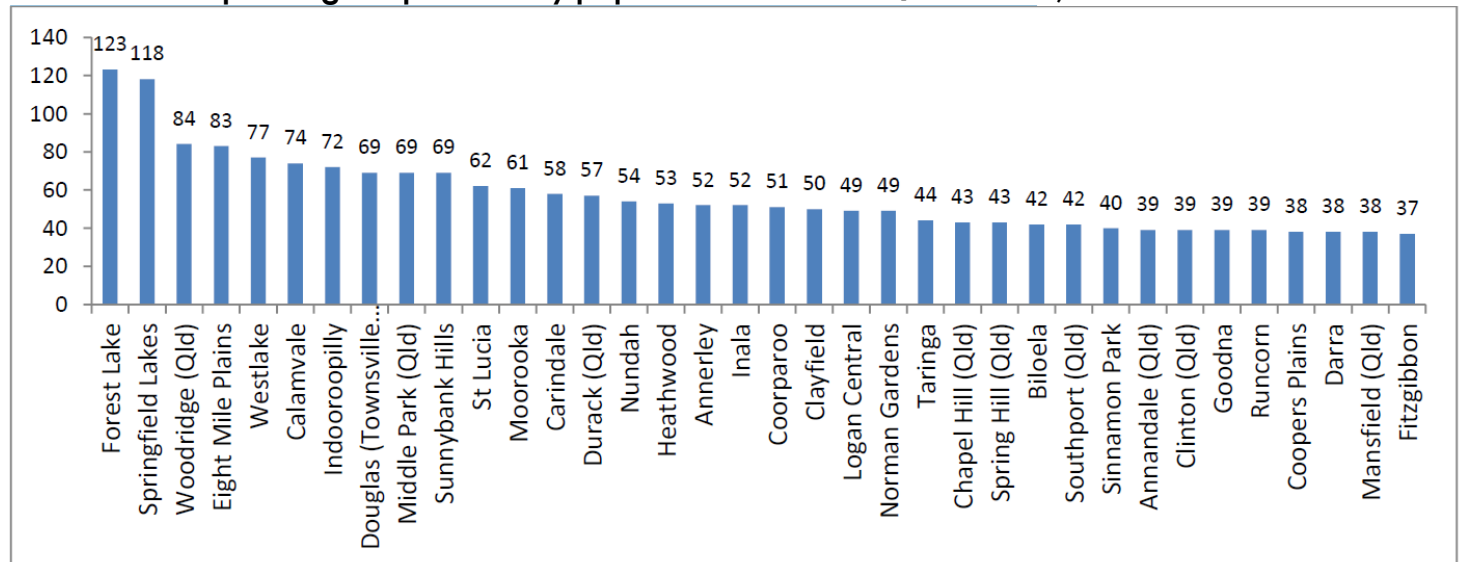


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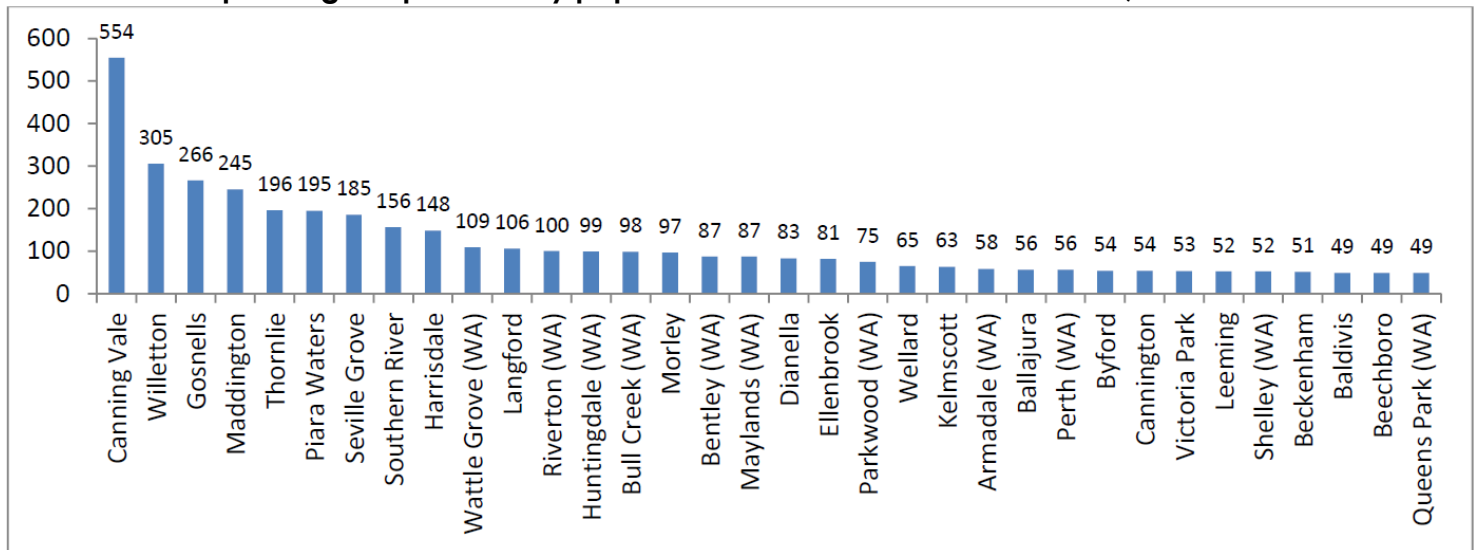


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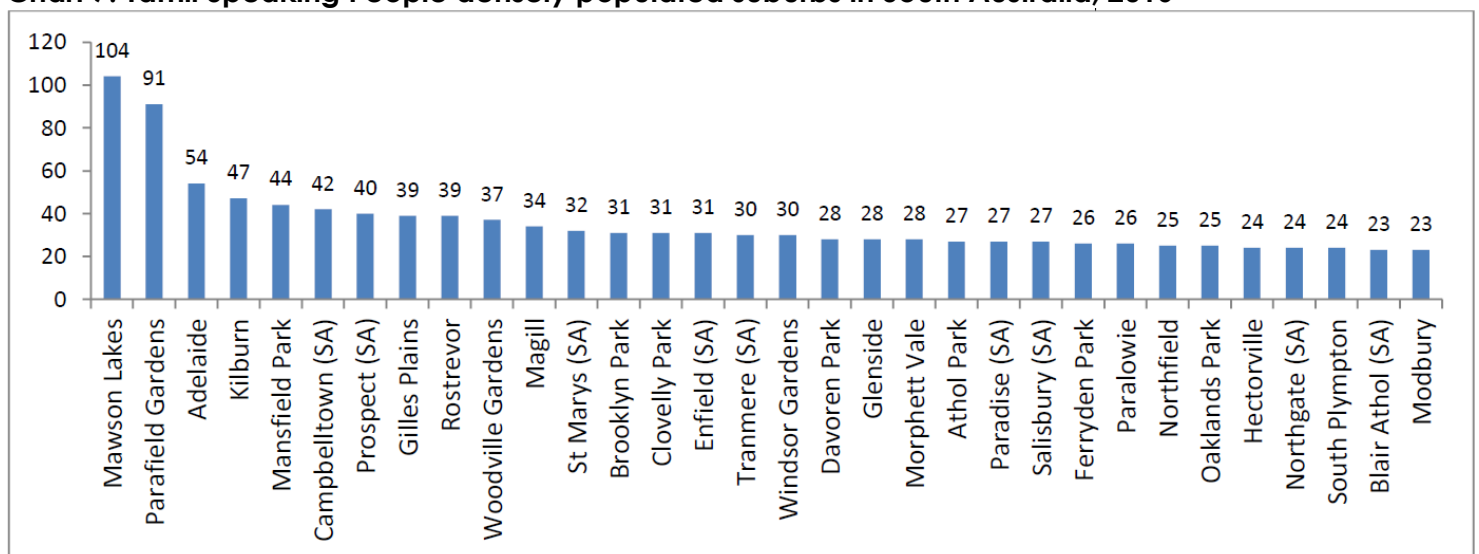
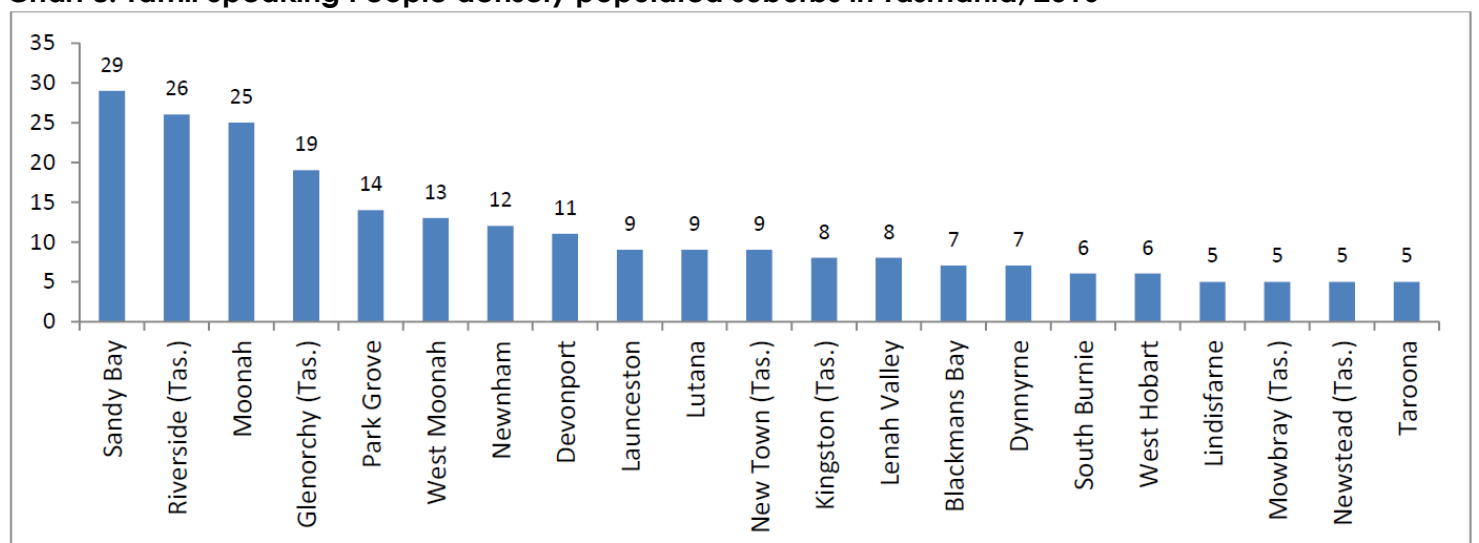


Chart 8. Tamil Speaking People densely populated suburbs in Tasmania, 2016



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