



Harmony Day 2023



Harmony Week is celebrated during the week (Monday to Sunday) that includes 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In 2023, it would be from 20 to 26 March.

Since 1999, more than 80,000 Harmony Week events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

How to Celebrate?

Let's come together with friends and family and through schools, workplaces and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity.

Getting involved can be as simple as hosting an event or attending a local celebration. Visit our 'Get involved' page for more information.

Why Orange?



Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Our Cultural Diversity

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

Facts and Figures

Some interesting statistics about Australia's diversity:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.



These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data.

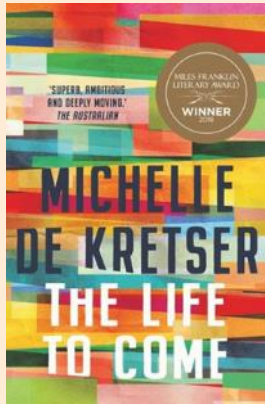
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Book Review: The Life to Come by Michelle De Kretser

Michelle de Kretser was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Australia as a 14 year old. She completed her education in Melbourne and Paris. Starting off her career as an editor for travel guide Lonely Planet, she has written and published many novels subsequently. In 2018, the novel “The Life to Come” won both the Miles Franklin Award and the Christina Stead Prize, equaling a feat accomplished by renowned author Peter Carey.



Set in Australia, France and Sri Lanka, The Life to Come is a mesmerising novel about the stories we tell and don't tell ourselves as individuals, as societies and as nations. It investigates necessary emigration, the art of fiction and also class and ethnic conflict, revealed in detail by a cast of vibrant characters.

The Life to Come is more like five connected novellas instead of one continuous novel. The settings of these interconnected stories parallel the author's paths in life. The main character Pippa is an aspiring Australian novelist of limited talent who yearns for success. In Paris, Celeste tries to convince herself that her feelings for her married lover are reciprocated. Making strategic use of his childhood in Sri Lanka Ash blots out the memory of a tragedy from that time and cannot commit to his trusting girlfriend. Christabel who lives in Sri Lanka, generously accepts a free passage to Sydney to be a companion for an old acquaintance. The common element is that they all meet Pippa, the main thread and an anchor for all these characters.

All of these characters share one factor collectively – they are all, to a certain degree artificial which oddly enough enhances their authenticity. The book probes the question ‘who are we?’ and perhaps more importantly ‘who do people think we are?’ Our lives are analysed today under a microscope and most of us would prefer not to have our flaws magnified and picked over, so we deliberately present our best selves.

Profoundly touching as well as wickedly funny, The Life to Come reveals how the shadow cast by both the past and future can transform, distort and undo the present. In a sense this is a novel that is very much open to the interpretation of each individual reader.

The basic theme is revealed by the title. The stories are coming of age tales but not of children, rather those in their twenties and thirties. The strength of the book is the great writing - the excellent insights into human nature, the twists of phrases and the innovative, sometimes startling metaphors. An example:

“I can remember when it became fashionable to have a convict in the family tree... Now you get people who dream up an Aboriginal ancestor. Is it progress? Or another kind of stealing to persuade ourselves we're legit?”

The stand-alone yet connected worlds of The Life to Come offer meditations on intimacy, loneliness and our flawed perception of reality. Michelle possesses a formidable technique – her characters feel alive and she can create a sweeping narrative which incorporates years, and yet still retain the sharp almost hallucinating detail.

George Somasundaram

George resides in Brisbane and currently retired

Iconic Buildings in Brisbane Lit Up with Sri Lankan Colours on 4th February

On Saturday 4 February 2023, Sri Lanka's 75th Independence Day, the iconic buildings in Brisbane: Brisbane City Hall, Queensland Parliament and the Treasury Casino, were lit up in the Sri Lanka Flag colours.

The Sri Lankan community express their thanks to the Queensland Government, Milton Dick, MP, Speaker of the Federal House of Parliament, Jess Pugh MP, Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schinner and his team, and the Treasury Casino for this generous gesture, and Anton Swan, Hon. Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland for making this a reality.



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Backed by a mission statement of “To create a general public informed by science, inspired by its wonder, convinced of its value, and prepared to engage with its implications for the future”, World Science Festival (WSF) Queensland is back this year from 22 to 26 March.

Holding the exclusive license to hold the festival in the Asia Pacific, the Queensland Museum Network has taken the opportunity “to engage audiences outside the traditional education sphere, and promote a whole of life “entanglement” with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), creating authentic and compelling experiences and stories that inspire, enrich and empower.”



2023 Dates

Brisbane
22 – 26 March 2023, with Curiosity Brisbane continuing until 2 April 2023.

Toowoomba
WSF Queensland: Sunday 21 May 2023
Schools Program: Monday 22 May 2023
School Holiday Program: 24 June – 9 July 2023

Chinchilla
Schools Program: Friday 2 June 2023
WSF Queensland: Saturday 3 June 2023

Townsville
Schools Program: Friday 23 June 2023
WSF Queensland: Saturday 24 June 2023
School Holiday Program: 24 June – 9 July 2023

Gladstone
Schools Program: Friday 28 July 2023
WSF Queensland: Saturday 29 July 2023

Ipswich
Schools Program: Friday 11 August 2023
WSF Queensland: Saturday 12 August 2023
School Holiday Program: 1 – 16 April 2023

More information at www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/



Earth Hour 2023: 25 March

WWF’s Earth Hour is the world’s biggest movement to protect our planet.

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world take part in Earth Hour. For 60 minutes people in more than 7,000 cities in over 190 countries switch off their lights as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet and its future.

Earth Hour isn't just about switching off your lights. Our aim is to spark global conversations on the impacts of climate change and inspire positive action to protect our natural world. By working together we can help shape a bright future for us all.

This year, Earth Hour is at 8:30pm local time Saturday 25 March. We're inviting all Australians to sign up to take #TimeOutForNature and join the global community of millions supporting stronger action on climate change.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

YAKGAHAPITIYA

Yakgahapitiya is in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. To be specific, it is only 3.5 km away from Kandy.

Story of the formation of the name dates to the period of King Dutu Gemunu. It is even more interesting as it is linked to a powerful giant Gotaimbara, a war veteran of the King’s army. He was a regiment leader called one of the ten “Dasamaha Yodhayas”.

He was supposed to be a very handsome person, brave and strong. Obviously, he was attracted by the pretty ladies. But it is said that he was a well-disciplined man who stuck by his wife loyally. One he selected to be his wife was a beautiful woman, pleasing, kind and of fair complexion and with curly long hair. Obviously, people gossiped about her beauty.



At this time, another war veteran of the same army, historically famous, Ritigala Jayasena one day cracked a joke on Gotaimbara’s wife which really annoyed Gotaimbara. This ended up in a fight between the two heroes.

It was a super fight where the people had a rare occasion to observe. The climax of the fight was that Gotaimbara hit such a powerful shot where Ritigala Jayasena’s head was separated from his body .

The fight was so vigorous. the place they fought looked so disrupted with branches of trees fallen, grass crushed and stones disturbed, people saw it as a place where the devils fought. Many said “yakku gahagattha pittaniyak vage” Over time, the name evolved to be “YAKGAHAPITIYA”



Dr. Nimal Sedera

Dr. Nimal Sedera is a journalist, poet, motivational speaker and an author of over 70 books.

Sinhala Association of Queensland Annual General Meeting 2023

Date Saturday, 05 March 2023
 Time 2.00 pm
 Venue Mount Ommaney Library
 171 Dandenong Road,
 Mount Ommaney

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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The Diversity of Islam in Sri Lanka

Living in Sri Lanka, Qatar and Australia and in my travels around the world, I have observed that Islamic history is ubiquitous to many nations around the world.

The musical call to prayer echoing through the streets of Doha, the stunningly beautiful mosques of Sri Lanka, and the Islamic Indonesian traders who liaised with Indigenous Australian communities for centuries show that Islam has had a prominent place in all the places I've lived in.



Jami Ul Alfar Mosque: Pettah

Sri Lanka has a long and storied history of Islam, and it is one of the oldest organised religions on the island. Islam likely arrived with ancient Arab merchants from modern day Yemen, Oman or possibly the Levant who settled in Sri Lanka as early as the 7th Century. Subsequently, Islam thrived throughout the islands of ancient Ceylon attracting communities practising the religion to its shores.

Whilst many in Sri Lanka follow Sunni Islam, Islam in Sri Lanka is diverse with Shafi, Hanafi, Sufi and Shia communities being present on the island. Islam as a religion is practiced by many communities in Sri Lanka including the Moor, Malay, Memon, Bohora and Khoja communities amongst others. It is important to note that these communities are ethnically, culturally and linguistically distinct communities though they share a common religion.

A unique observation amongst communities that adhere to Islam in Sri Lanka is that nearly all of these communities freely settled on the islands of Sri Lanka rather than colonising the country.

Islam has integrated into Sri Lankan society in myriad ways including in the confluence of religions that make the pilgrimage to Katharagama and Adam's peak and observance of religious public holidays. Colomboites will be familiar with the mesmerising, candy coloured Jami Ul Alfar Mosque on Cross Street and the resolute Grand Mosque of Colombo built half a millennium ago. There is the compact and purposeful Meeran Jumma mosque within Galle fort and the turquoise façade of the Al Auliyah Mosque of Batticaloa. There is the beautiful Ketchimalai Mosque likely built in 1024 in Beruwala, whose palm-flanked images are iconic. Beruwala itself is likely named after Abu Barkat Al-Barbari, a Somali scholar who established an Islamic settlement there.



Al Abrar Mosque: Beruwala

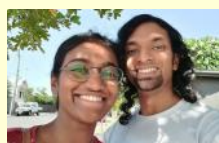
The history of Islam in Sri Lanka is so rich, diverse and ancient that it is difficult to identify the oldest mosque in the country. By general consensus it appears that the Masjid Al Abrar mosque built in 920 AD may be the oldest mosque in Sri Lanka signifying the presence of Islam in Sri Lanka for at least 1100 years.

Apart from the resplendent mosques, Islamic communities have made gastronomic, linguistic, cultural, artistic and scientific contributions to Sri Lanka. Iconic foods like Bombai muttai, muscat, biryani and place names to Fez hats, sarongs, rabane, nose rings and kite flying; the communities who practice Islam have greatly contributed to Sri Lankan culture.

For more information about the history of Islam in Sri Lanka, please consult the Youtube Channel Aamina Muhsin.

Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

Among Randika and Jerome's many interests is a deep passion to understand Sri Lankan history and culture.



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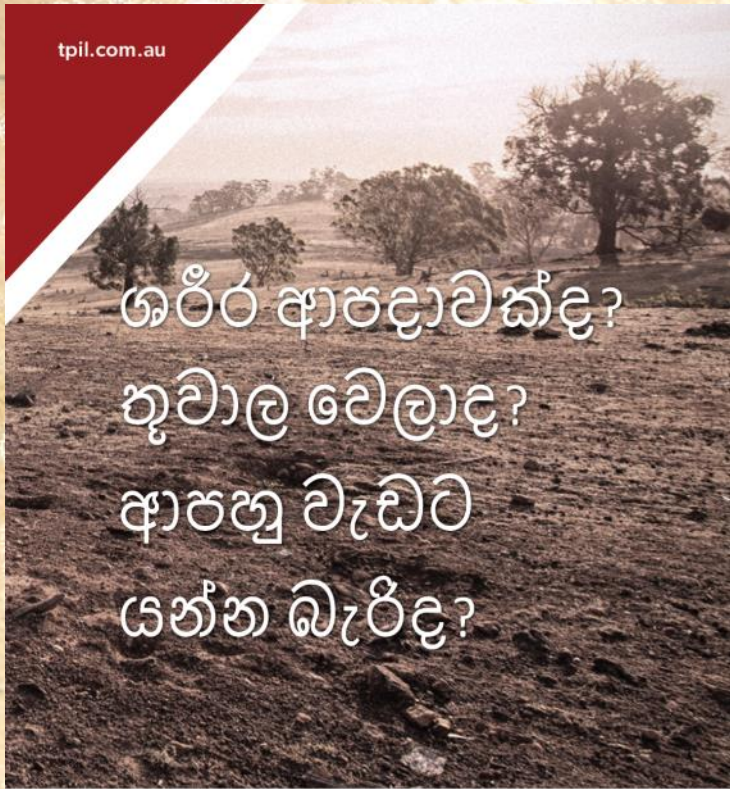
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Silver Fawn Club Annual General Meeting 2023

Date Saturday, 11 March 2023
 Time 6.00 pm
 Venue Everton Park Bowls Club
 7 Gearside Street, Everton Park

There will be dinner following the AGM which must be pre-ordered. Cost to Members will be \$10.00 (balance subsidised by the Club).

To order a meal please contact: Laurenz 0408 414 973, Gerard 0407 453 535 or Denis 0432 411 383 no later than 3rd March.

Payment of \$ 10.00 needs to be made by 3 March 2023 to Silver Fawn Club Inc., BSB 064131, A/c 009002934. Please include your surname + meal as reference.

Sri Lanka Society of Queensland Annual General Meeting 2023

Date Sunday, 26 March 2023
 Time 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
 Venue Toowong Community Meeting Place,
 Josling Street, Toowong

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Contact - Any committee member or secretary@srilankansqld.org.

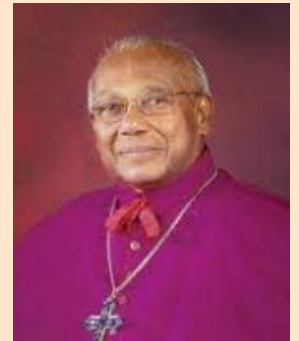
His Grace Most Rev. Dr Oswald Gomis Called to Eternal Rest

Former Archbishop of Colombo His Grace the Most Rev. Dr Oswald Gomis was called to eternal rest at the age of 90 during the early hours on 3 February 2023.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis was born on 12 December 1932 in Kelaniya.

He received his primary education at St. Benedict's College, Colombo and transferred to St. Paul's School, Waragoda (Branch of St. Joseph's College) during the war years. Then continued his collegiate studies at St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

He joined the seminary and became a priest in 1958. He was made a Bishop in 1968.



Born and bred in Kelaniya, within 200m from the Kelaniya temple, he was close to many Buddhists priests and worked with them to strengthen the brotherhood of the Sri Lankan society. He was a close friend of the late Most Ven. Madihe Pannasiha Mahanayaka Thera.

He was a journalist and was the editor of the catholic newspaper "Gnanartha Pradeepaya" and written several books.

He holds a M.A (Educ.) from the Adamson University in the Philippines and was conferred a PhD by the Fu Jen University in recognition of services rendered in the field of Social Communications and Education in Asia.

His Grace Dr Oswald Gomis was instrumental in founding a number of schools and colleges in the country.

He also spearheaded the program for the construction of houses for Tsunami victims and supplying livelihood.

His Grace Dr. Oswald Gomis also made great contributions to literature.

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Gold Coast Sri Lankans Committee for the Year 2023

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THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - PATRON SAINT OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO 10



Will be commemorated with a Holy Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church
 26-36 Leopard Street, Kangaroo Point QLD 4168, on the 19th March (Sunday) at 3.00 p.m

Celebrated by Fr Pan Jordon

Please book early by email or phone
 Niroshan de S Wijeyeratne (nirowije@hotmail.com - 0400187146)
 Micheal Obeysekere (mboenterprises@hotmail.com - 0419769429)
 Yohan Fernando (ways70@hotmail.com - 0429398438)
 Surin Perera (surin.perera@yahoo.com - 0424974430)


Parking available on church premises via Leopard Street & Anglesea Street
 We invite all Josephians, their families and friends to grace the occasion

Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations in Gold Coast - 2023



Organized by GCSLA
30th April 2023 (Sunday) - 8.00am
 Southport Labrador Cricket Club, 109 Allied Arundel QLD 4214
All are welcome !

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Saturday **18th** March 2023
 5.30PM - 10.30PM

Music Centre and Power Family Concert Hall

Tickets - Adults \$30 | Children (Over 10yrs) \$15
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25th March 2023 10AM - 3PM

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Southside: 8am, Garden City Upper Mt Gravatt Park 'n' Ride (10 MacGregor St Upper Mount Gravatt QLD 4122)

COST

SAQ Seniors Members: \$20 per person
 All others: \$30 per person



CONTACT/BOOKING

First come, first serve basis. **Payment First.** Make the payment to the following account by Friday **17/03/23** & forward receipt of payment & names of participants to saqseniors@gmail.com



BSB 064-001 ACC: 11834019
 Account Name: Sinhala Association of Qld
 Your Name/s:
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 Amount \$

Call Lekha Suraweera (0481 590 896) for any enquiries.

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Sing-along party
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INVITATION

THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF
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 SAMATHA AND VIPASSANA
 MEDITATION CENTRE

We are pleased to announce the ceremonial opening of "Sati Grove" - Samatha and Vipassana Meditation Centre affiliated to Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery at Ellen Grove. We cordially invite you to attend this opening ceremony on the **04th of March 2023 commencing at 09am.**

The centre is located at 128 Considine Street, Ellen Grove 4078.

This invitation is sent under the guidance of Most Venerable Wattegama Dhammawasa Nayake Thero, the President and the Chief Incumbent of Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery.



ARUNELLA - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am

SANDELLA - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm

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Saturday 4th March 2023
 at Akuna Oval,
 70 Hepworth St,
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Event starts at 9.00am

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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Purpose

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Sunday From 8.30 am
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2023

Light meal will be provided

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Inquiries:

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Day 2 / 12th March 9 am to 12.30 pm
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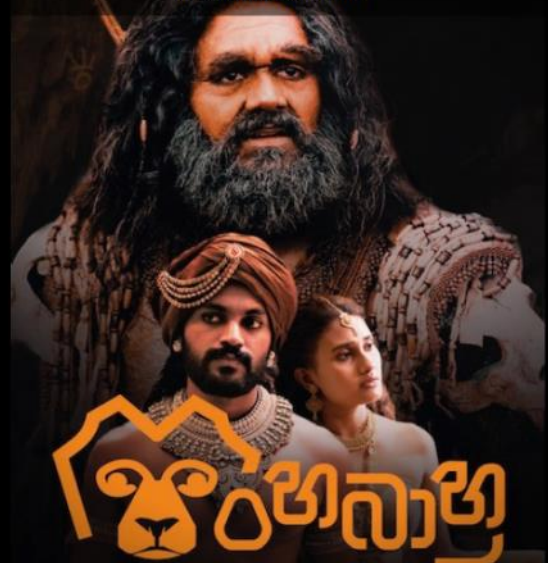
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Monthly News Digest: February 2023

03	Slave-Island to be known as Kompanna Vidiya	https://srilankamirror.com/news/slave-island-to-be-known-as-kompanna-vidiya/
03	Central Bank issues Rs. 1,000 coin to mark 75 years of Independence	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Central-Bank-issues-Rs-1-000-coin-to-mark-75-years-of-Independence/44-744860
04	The 75th Anniversary of National Independence celebrated under the patronage of President, PM	https://island.lk/the-75th-anniversary-of-national-independence-celebrated-under-the-patronage-of-president-pm/
06	Public debt swells past Rs. 25 trillion	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Public-debt-swells-past-Rs-25-trillion/44-744950
04	Prestigious 'Sri Lankabhimanya' honorary award bestowed on Karu Jayasuriya	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Prestigious-Sri-Lankabhimanya-honorary-award-bestowed-on-Karu-Jayasuriya/44-744934
07	Commissioner General files affidavit and urges SC to facilitate holding local government polls	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Commissioner-General-files-affidavit-and-urges-SC-to-facilitate-holding-LG-polls/108-253727
07	Crucial sectors to come to a standstill today opposing taxes	https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/front_page/Crucial-sectors-to-come-to-a-standstill-today-opposing-taxes/238-253770
09	Under pressure Govt. revises PAYE tax with several exemptions	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Under-pressure-Govt-revises-PAYE-tax-with-several-exemptions/44-745108
09	Prez excludes EC from Treasury's essential list	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/dKG5FCfwUdtXD2YSYjvc
11	Maiden locally assembled Hyundai Grand i10 rolls off Abans' assembly line	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Maiden-locally-assembled-Hyundai-Grand-i10-rolls-off-Abans-assembly-line/44-745197
11	LG polls: Court gives Elections Commission the green light	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/LG-polls-Court-gives-EC-the-green-light/26-745200
14	Sri Lanka bans single-use plastics including yoghurt cups, straws	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Sri-Lanka-bans-single-use-plastics-including-yoghurt-cups-straws/108-254120
14	Habarana jungle concert irks environmentalists and tourism stakeholders	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Habarana-jungle-concert-irks-environmentalists-and-tourism-stakeholders/26-745294
18	More than 1000 docs migrated in 2022	https://island.lk/more-than-1000-docs-migrated-in-2022/
18	Permission granted to kill some animals including monkeys, peacocks, grizzled giant squirrels	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Permission-granted-to-kill-some-animals-including-monkeys-peacocks-grizzled-giant-squirrels-Amaraveera/108-254348
18	Link Samahan enters Japan	https://www.ft.lk/business/Link-Samahan-enters-Japan/34-745407
19	Shock treatment in order to meet IMF deadline	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230219/columns/shock-treatment-in-order-to-meet-imf-deadline-512393.html
16	No power interruptions from today (16) – Electricity tariffs up by 66%	https://island.lk/no-power-interruptions-from-today-16-electricity-tariffs-up-by-66/
19	'Janaraja Perahera' parades the streets after more than 3 decades	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/88497/janaraja-perahera-parades-the-streets-after-more-than-3-decades
20	Govt. approval stays static, at extreme low level of 10%	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Govt-approval-stays-static-at-extreme-low-level-of-10/26-745511
20	New Zealand knocks Sri Lanka out of T20 World Cup	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/88503/new-zealand-knock-sri-lanka-out-of-t20-world-cup
20	President has power to dissolve parliament from midnight today	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/88529/president-has-power-to-dissolve-parliament-from-midnight-today-gl
22	New COPE, COPA members appointed	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/New-COPE-COPA-members-appointed/108-254628
24	Presidential faux pas on polls!	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Presidential-faux-pas-on-polls/26-745640

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

March 2023

04	Ceremonial Opening of Sati Grove: Meditation Centre	Forest Lake Temple
04	"The News" Musical Concert: Jayasri with Sarith & Surith	Sathsara Entertainment
04	Public Lecture: History and Archeology: Prof Raj Somadewa	Sunshine Coast Sri Lankans
04	Inter School Touch Rugby Tournament	Royal, St Thomas's, DS and Trinity OBAs
05	Annual General Meeting	Sinhala Association
05	BBQ Fundraiser	Sri Lanka Sports Assn
11	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
11	Marians Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment
11, 12	Public Lecture: History and Archeology: Prof Raj Somadewa	Forest Lake Temple
12	RMOBAQ Charity Walk	Richmond Mahinda OBA
18	Prathiba 2023	Sri Lanka Arts Circle
19	St Joseph's Feast	Old Joes
25	Pem Kawak Musical Show	Nalee Studio Productions
25	SAQ Seniors Bus Trip	SAQ Seniors
26	Annual General Meeting	Sri Lanka Society of Qld

April 2023

01	Battle of the Maroons: Ananda Nalanda Big Match	OAAQ and Nalanda OBA
01	Dinner Dance	Sathsara Entertain.
16	Bak Maha Ulela: Sinhala & Tamil	Sinhala Asso.of Qld
22,	Carnival of Cricket	Sri Lanka Sports Association
23	Movie: Sinhabahu	IESL Qld Chapter
28-1	Annual Camp	Silver Fawn Club
30	Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations	Gold Coast Sri Lankans

May 2023

03	Misty's Dinner Dance	SL Ex Servicemen's Association
06	Vesak Festival - Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
06	Vesak Festival: Special Sermon, Bhakthi Gee and Lantern Display	Forest Lake Temple
13	TM Jayaratne Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
25	Best Research Engineer Competition	IESL Qld Chapter
27	Engineers Nite	IESL Qld Chapter

June 2023

10	Vesak Celebrations at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
24	දිගු මහනක කෙලවර Musical Show by	Private

July 2023

01	BNS Concert	Aradhana Ent.
22	Ranwala Balakaya	Sathsara Entertain.

August 2023

26	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
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September 2023

16	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
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October 2023

07	Chamara Weerasinghe Concert	Sathsara Entertain
8&9	Annual Katina Ceremony & Dana	Forest Lake Temple
10	Rukantha+ Chandraleka with Daddy Band	Yes Entertainment
22,23	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting & Dana	Goodna Temple

November 2023

11	Amal and Nirosha Concert	Sathsara Entertain
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December 2023

10	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
05 Mar	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
12 Mar	Lakmini Keerawella/ Kasun Karunaratne
19 Mar	Nawroos Naeem/ Janaka Weerasinghe
26 Mar	Samanmal Gunaratne/ Samanmal Gunaratne
02 Apr	Ananda Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
01 Mar	"Yovun Sandella" / Dhanushka Bandara, Sameera Samarasinghe
08 Mar	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Guest/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
15 Mar	Prema Weerawardena and the Team/ Niraj Kariyawasam
22 Mar	Sameera Samarasinghe & Guest/ Sameera Samarasinghe
29 Mar	Pulastha, Janaka & Dushan/ Kasun Karunaratne
05 Apr	"Yovun Sandella" / Sameera Samarasinghe

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