

WORLD SENIORS DAY

World Seniors Day is celebrated annually on 21 August.

It is an appreciation and an honouring of the contributions and achievements of older adults around the world. It is also a recognition of the importance of Seniors in society. Many charitable organisations depend heavily on the hours of voluntary work undertaken by Seniors. As the global community continues to age, it is critical to acknowledge the value and wisdom that older adults bring to the society. Seniors have a wealth of knowledge and experience that can be shared with younger generations.

World Seniors Day is a reminder that Seniors have a vital role to play in our communities and that their voices should be heard and respected.

World Seniors Day also raises awareness about the challengers Seniors face and the world can work towards creating a more inclusive and supportive society for Seniors. Many Seniors struggle with issues such as ageism, elder abuse, poverty, and inadequate healthcare.



One of the important goals of World Seniors Day is to promote active aging as Senior citizens are living longer. All societies in the world are in the midst of the longevity revolution. Engaging in activities such as exercise, volunteering and learning new skills can help Seniors maintain their independence, prevent chronic disease, and reduce social isolation. Seniors Clubs are places where people can meet and socialise around

shared interests. There are free Cycling groups, Life Activities Clubs, Book Clubs, and Discussion Groups. Fun activities include gardening, bird watching, traditional games and puzzles, arts and crafts, animal interactions, dancing, parties and other social gatherings. Probus is an international organisation for retirees. Strength for Life is a strength training program for older people. University of the Third Age provides classes both educational and social.

Another important aspect of World Seniors Day aims to combat ageism by promoting intergenerational understanding and respect. It encourages people of all ages to recognise the value of seniors and to challenge stereotypes and negative attitudes towards aging. It raises awareness to prevent exclusion from job opportunities, social isolation, and limited access to health care. Elder abuse and poverty among Seniors are a global concern. It calls on governments and communities to ensure that older adults have access to affordable housing, social services, and financial security. It is an obligation.

In conclusion, World Seniors Day, is a day to honour and appreciate the contribution of older adults and give them a voice about the challenges they face. It promotes active aging, address issues of concern and advocates for better social support for Seniors. By recognizing the value and rights of older adults we can create a more inclusive and age friendly society for everyone.



Sandra Joseph

Sandra Joseph is the convenor of SAQ Seniors, a service of Sinhala Association of Queensland.

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

World Photography Day is an annual, worldwide celebration of the art, craft, science and history of photography. The World Photography Day for 2023 will take place on Saturday, 19 August.

A photograph has the ability to capture a place; an experience; an idea; a moment in time. For this reason, it's said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Photographs can convey a feeling faster than, and sometimes even more effectively than words can. A photograph can make the viewer see the world the way the photographer sees it.



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Anton Swan's Exemplary Service As Sri Lanka's Honorary Consul Feted at FSOQ's Gala Dinner

A grateful community gathered in numbers at a gala dinner on July 15 to thank Anton Swan OAM, the Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland, who has stepped down from his official duties after a tenure of 33 years.

More than 250 people attended the night organised by the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland to felicitate Anton and Bronwen Swan at the Souths Sports Club, Acacia Ridge.



The line-up of guests included representatives of the FSOQ and its member organisations, State Member for Mount Ommaney Jess Pugh, Brisbane City Councillor Angela Owen, Dean of Consular Corps Michael Horvath, the Swan family and members of the Brisbane Sri

Lankan community. Cultural performances were among the highlights.

Anton's contribution to the community reached far beyond his official duties. He is a dynamic figure as patron of Sri Lankan organisations in Brisbane that have come together for many fundraising events to support local and overseas causes. He has been on the frontline as community leader, lending a hand, from loading containers of beds and packing aid, to generating support from government and businesses. The fundraising projects over the past two decades have been many and varied.

As Dean of the Consular Corps in Brisbane, Anton faced one of his biggest challenges when Covid-19 raged in 2020-21. He worked closely with consuls from 50 other countries to guide, advise and

inform communities in Brisbane. Dean of the Consular Corps Michael Horvath praised Anton for his dedication and commitment in mitigating the effects of the pandemic.

FSOQ president Jay Weerawardena said the Brisbane community owed Anton a debt of gratitude, saying he had shown consistent leadership and hard work through the greatest times of need. Past president Jayantha Pathikirikorale also paid tribute to his abounding generosity and guidance.

Anton, in thanking the guests, said it had been a wonderful journey over 33 years.

"In my position as a community leader, I have seen hundreds of good-hearted people come together to help in times of adversity, never more readily than in the



past 20 years when Sri Lanka faced great distress through a devastating tsunami, extreme poverty, lack of medical supplies and hospital beds, and the pervasive destruction of terrorism," he said.

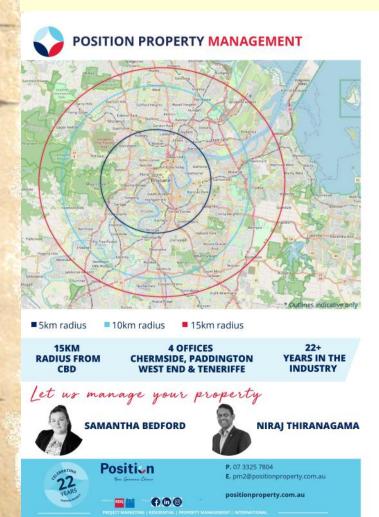
Anton thanked his wife, Bronwen, and family for their love and support.

"For more than 50 years, Bronwen has been in step with me during my rewarding journey in service of others," he said.

"It's been a pleasure working in my role as a representative of the country of my birth, and I will genuinely miss it. But I will always have the fond memories of a community that has enriched my life and left an impression on me."

Lawrence Heyn

Lawrence Heyn, a journalist of more than 50 years, operates HeynDesign in Brishane with son Robert.





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Merrill J. Fernando: Founder of Dilmah Tea Passes Away

Merrill J. Fernando – the founder and former CEO of Sri Lanka's largest and most global tea brand 'Dilmah Tea' - passed away on 20 July.

The iconic businessperson was aged 93 at the time of his demise.

Born in 1930 in Negombo, Fernando received his primary education from Maris Stella College and his secondary education from St. Joseph's College in Colombo.



In 1954, at a time when the island's tea trade was still under the control of the British, Fernando began working as a tea assistant with Arthur Frederick Jones and his son Dennis Jones at AF Jones & Co. Fernando was amongst the first group of Ceylonese to be permitted to learn tea tasting. Four years later, Fernando was appointed the company's Managing Di-

However, in 1962, he stepped down from AF Jones & Co. and started Ceylon Tea Services Company. Later that year, he established Merrill J. Fernando Company and exported bulk tea to Russia, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Libya, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

In 1982, Fernando established Ceylon Tea Services Ltd., which was floated as a public company on the request of the government to support a fledgling Colombo Stock Exchange.

Three years later, in 1985, Sri Lanka's first value added Ceylon tea brand "Dilmah" was launched with Australia-based Mauri Foods. Dilmah Tasting and Packing Factory was awarded ISO 9002 Certification in 1994.

Reaffirming his commitment to the company's philosophy 'Business is a Matter of Human Services', Fernando in 2003 established the MJF Charitable Foundation through which thousands of children, young women and men, impoverished adults, farmers, and war widows received help.

The MJF Charitable Foundation undertook its first major relief effort with the Small Entrepreneur Programme benefiting survivors of the 2004 tsunami disaster. The project has gone on to empower over 2,000 start-up businesses.

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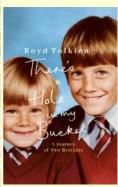




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Book Review: There's a Hole in my Bucket by Royd Tolkien

Royd Tolkien is the great grandson of JRR Tolkien, the famed author of the Lord of the Rings series. He grew up in Wales with his parents, an elder sister and a younger brother. The siblings' lives were influenced by adventures and outdoor activities. Royd's brother Mike was an adrenalin loving individual, somewhat the opposite of Royd. At 35, Mike was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). The brothers decided to use the sparse time Mike had left



by venturing out and spending quality time together. As Mike's life deteriorated rapidly, Royd nursed him through the final years of his life. Upon Mike's demise at age 39, Royd discovered a Bucket List of 50 tasks that Mike had secretly prepared for Royd to complete after his death. This Book is about ticking off those items on that List, mostly in New Zealand - a country that Mike loved and also a land made famous by the Hobbit movies. The Book also supplements by interspersing with stories of the exploits Royd and Mike shared together and many a tale of their competitive nature to outdo each other.

The Bucket List was a full gamut of emotions from terror to reflection and from sadness to joy. Mike's idea was to draw Royd out of his comfort zone to perform tasks from daredevil to random acts of kindness. The themes were meant to challenge Royd – some were emotive throwbacks to times spent with Mike while some were meant to tease him and make him look like a mug. Royd having seen the suffering that Mike had undergone was determined to make it happen, not fail him.

His first task was to fake a stumble on his way to the lectern to de-

liver the eulogy at Mike's funeral. While the mourners gasped, Royd cheekily informed the audience that it was what Mike had wanted him to do. Another task was related to an encounter with a tarantula – Mike had the last laugh knowing that Royd's weakness was arachnophobia, an overwhelming fear of spiders.

The Bucket List was made into a documentary thanks to a cameraman filming the episodes while accompanying Royd on this expedition. Of course, the famous surname got Royd into places for the challenges, not available to commoners. He also had the luxury of having access to famous people e.g. film director Peter Jackson.

Another important goal was to make people aware of MND and the short life sentence it bestows upon sufferers. Royd proudly adopted the role of an ambassador for MND.

This is a story about two brothers and the love and respect they had for each other. Frequently challenging, often humorous and sometimes heart breaking, the tasks chart the brothers' lives from childhood to adulthood. It is an inspirational life affirming memoir to honour the memory of a dear brother who was sadly lost to a terrible disease.

"His grief he will not forget: but it will not darken his heart, it will teach him wisdom" JRR Tolkien.

George Somasundaram

George resides in Brisbane and is currently retired

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Shankari Chandran Wins 2023 Miles Franklin Award for "Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens"

Shankari Chandran's Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens, an intergenerational epic confronting Australia's uneasy relationship with multiculturalism and postcolonial trauma, has won the 2023 Miles Franklin literary award.

Chandran, a Sydney-based lawyer of Tamil heritage, collected the prestigious \$60,000 award in Sydney on Tuesday night. The judges praised Chandran's third novel, set in an aged care facility in contemporary western Sydney and Sri Lanka's brutal civil war, as an accomplished work of character, dialogue and action.



"It treads carefully on contested historical claims, reminding us that horrors forgotten are horrors bound to be repeated, and that the reclamation and retelling of history cannot be undertaken without listening to the story-tellers amongst us," the judges' said in a joint statement.

But Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens very nearly didn't get written, let alone published, Chandran said. Sales for her second book, a futuristic thriller titled The Barrier, were modest and publishers had outright rejected her follow-up manuscript.

"In my heart I felt Chai Time would never be published in Australia, which gave me the freedom to write in the way that I wanted to write, with complete honesty," she said. "And not only was it a liberating experience, it also just felt like the right time for me to finally explore the issues of race and identity in Australia."

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Queensland Multicultural Month is a celebration that showcases the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and experiences that make up the vibrant community of Queensland, Australia. This annual event, observed throughout the entire month of August, brings

people from all walks of life together to foster unity, understanding, and appreciation for diversity.

The essence of Queensland Multicultural Month lies in its ability to embrace and recognize the contributions of individuals from various cultural backgrounds. The event serves as a platform for people to share their unique stories, heritage, and customs. Through a plethora of festivals, exhibitions, workshops, performances, and educational activities, Queenslanders can learn about each other's traditions and values, building bridges between communities and promoting social cohesion.

One of the key strengths of Queensland Multicultural Month is its capacity to break down barriers and challenge stereotypes. By encouraging interactions and conversations among different cultural groups, the event promotes a sense of belonging and acceptance. It reinforces the message that diversity is not a source of division but a unifying force that enriches the fabric of society.

Embracing Diversity: Queensland Multicultural Month Moreover, Queensland Multicultural Month offers an opportunity for people to reflect on the historical significance of multiculturalism in Australia. The nation's history is woven with stories of migrants who arrived on its shores, bringing with them their customs and traditions. By understanding the struggles and triumphs of these early pioneers, present-day Australians can develop a deeper appreciation for the

nation's multicultural identity.

The celebration of Queensland Multicultural Month extends beyond the designated timeframe. Its impact ripples throughout the year, influencing policy decisions, promoting inclusivity in various sectors, and fostering an environment of respect for all cultures.

Queensland Multicultural Month stands as a testament to the power of diver-

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sity in shaping a vibrant and harmonious society. By embracing the multitude of cultures within the region, this event fosters understanding, unity, and acceptance among all Queenslanders. As we move forward, let us celebrate our differences and recognize that in diversity, we find strength, resilience, and a brighter future for all.

Courtesy: https://www.des.qld.gov.au/ and other internet sources





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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka **ANAMADUWA**

Anamaduwa is in the District of Puttlam in Sri Lanka. It is now famous as a place of tourist interest too. But let's focus on as to how the name Anamaduwa came into being.

At the time this area was nothing but a jungle and it became a popular place for hunting. People believe that there are jungles in Sri Lanka where hunters get lost and struggle for days to get out of the forest. Such stories are common even today.



The reason for getting lost is attributed to a certain creeper found in the forest. The belief is that, if the hunters or anyone entering the jungle trample these creepers, they become confused and loose their way. Therefore, these creepers are named "@@ වැල්" (Mula Vel). The meaning of it is "the creepers that confuse".

The story is that when a group of hunters entered this forest they got lost in it trampling the "Mula Vel" and struggled to find

the way out. Then a heavy rain began and continued for days. The only way they could protect themselves was by erecting a hut on a tree top as the jungle began to flood.

Once they got to the hut on the tree, they saw the direction they mut move to get out of the forest. So, after the rain they were successful in finding the way out. Thereafter this hut served as a sign of direction to the people that went to the jungle for hunting. They began to point to the shed and in Sinhala language they said "Anna Maduwa Penenava" meaning "There you see the hut". Over time, "Anna Maduwa" became "Anamaduwa"

PS: There are other versions to the name "Anamaduwa'. One such is that it was the "Ali Maduwa" (elephant shed) of the time of King Dutugamunu evolved to be ආණමඩුව .

It will be discussed in the next issue.

Dr. Nimal Sedera

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



Obituary:



Geoffrey Hattotuwegama, dearly beloved husband of Shanthi, father of Kanchana and Radhika, fatherin-law of Taranga and Alistair, Grandfather of Sanka, Thanuja, Nadira, William and Beyonce, former Director of Engineering Services in RDA, Sri Lanka, a former Senior Engineer in TMR (Queensland), a former Road and Transport Engineer in New Zealand Local Government Councils

(Rotorua, Whangarei, and Auckland) passed away in Brisbane on 30 July 2023 aged 83 years. The funeral arrangements are yet to be announced. May he attain Nibbana!

Old Anandian's Association of Queensland **Annual General Meeting 2023**

Sunday, 20 August 2023 Date

5.30 pm Time

Venue Mount Ommaney Library

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Where Does Sri Lankan Food Come From?

The Sri Lankan diaspora is famous for its food. We often congregate around food and it is an important part of the Sri Lankan identity. So, this month we decided to briefly summarise the origins of some Lankan foods we all cherish.

According to academics and chefs, the community whose culinary impact on Sri Lanka was most pronounced were the Portuguese community of Sri Lanka.





Portuguese nuns immensely contributed to cooking by introducing the holy trinity of oil, onions and garlic and the "themperaadu" technique, which precedes the cooking of many dishes. Cutlets, empanadas, viticulture, the use of vinegar for cooking and preservation (Vinagre became the Sinhala word Vinaakiri). Buns, breads, baked goods such as seenakku, wiskirinja, puhul dosi, custard and cheese (still called Keju in Sri Lanka after the Portuguese word Queijo). The introduction of chilies and a range of produce through the Columbian Exchange are also Portuguese contribution to

Lankan food. Regional specialties such as Love cake, Christmas cake, istu (bistek) and pork curries are lingering reminders of the Portuguese contribution to Lankan food.

Dutch Ceylon facilitated food exchange between the Netherlands, its empire and Sri Lanka. Lamprais is a popular example of the confluence of Dutch, Indonesian and Sri Lankan influences. Then there is ginger beer, milk wine, fruit wines, kopi as well as iced kopi. Dutch Christmas delights such as the Breudher (still traditionally eaten with cheese) and other specialties such as Frikkadels, Perkedels and Kokis are now part of regular Lankan fare.

From Nasi goreng and Mie goreng to Kue Lapis, Malay communities introduced several dishes to Sri Lanka including Dodol, seri kaya, sambals, pickles, and watallappan.

A huge amount of Sri Lankan food is undeniably influenced by the historical Southern Indian region. These influences include Kavum, mung kavum, hoppers, string hoppers, appa, indiyappa, achcharus, rotis, pittu, parathas, sambars, dosa, rasam and a range of fried foods. Then there is aasmi, aggala, mung kavum among a plethora of sweetmeats. Even the venerated Kothu appears to originate in historical Southern India.

Research indicates Wanniyala-Aeththo have farmed Kurakkan since time immemorial. Along with the Sri Lankan fondness for game meats like wild boar, deer, and game birds, Kurakkan rotis and kurakkan thalapa represent the oldest types of food cooked in Sri Lanka.

English candies, Vicks, hacks, biscuit puddings, and the ubiquitous style of tea drinking in Sri Lanka (with milk and biscuits) as well as staples such as Marmite, jams and dining habits all remind us of the long and storied connection between the British isles and our own.

The ancient Middle East has also contributed to Sri Lankan food history. Persian foods such as Falooda enjoyed throughout coastal Sri Lanka, Saruwath and Muscat remind one of the Persian, Moorish, Arab, and Turkik influences on Lankan food.

So what is the Sri Lankan food that we all love and cherish? It is the result of millennia of multicultural gastronomic layering.

If you want to learn more, please visit our Youtube channel Mathaya Project and follow us on Facebook at Mathaya Project.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

Our Lady of Madhu Feast 2023

This year, Our Lady of Madhu feast was celebrated on the 22 July 2023 with a record number of devotees gathering at the Marian Valley in Canungra.

The holy mass was cocelebrated by Fr Pan and Fr Basti with two other priests from the Marian Valley church also taking part. The mass was preceded by reciting of the rosary at 10.30 in the morning. The two choirs combined well and their hymns were well appreciated by the gathering. After the mass, the statue of our Lady of Madhu was taken in a procession to the shrine. After a short prayer the official proceedings ended with the people venerating the Statue of Our Lady.





Finally, everyone gathered near the car park to share the food varying from Buriyani, Kiribath, Kottu roti, Malu Paan, Pol roti, sandwiches, Vadai to different kinds and sweetmeats to be enjoyed for their lunch. A bus was organised for the seniors to make the trip safely and it was patronised well. Next year too, the feast will be celebrated on the fourth Saturday in July.

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Chairman Madhu Shrine Committee



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Kandy Esala Perahera Festival 2023

Kandy Esala Perahera is a historical procession held annually to pay homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, which is housed at the Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy. A unique symbol of Sri Lanka, the procession consists of traditional local dances such as fire dances and performances in whip-dance garments. The festival ends with the traditional Diya-kepeema ritual, a water cutting ceremony which is held at the Mahaweli River at Getambe, Kandy.



Courtesy: https://kandyesalaperahera.com/ and Wikipedia





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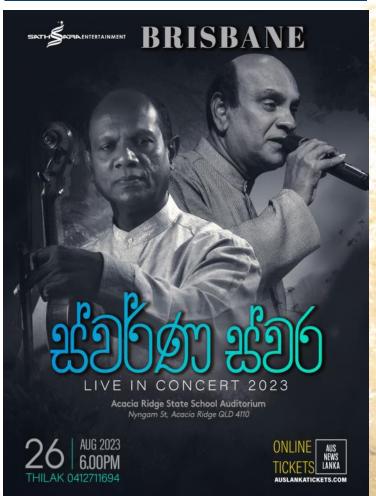
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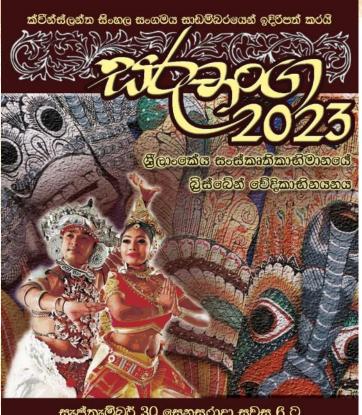




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Monthly News Digest: July 2023

01	Peradeniya University hosts Open Day 2023 to mark 80th anniversary	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=91658
01	Sri Lanka hikes cigarette, alcohol taxes 20-pct	https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-hikes-cigarette-alcohol-taxes-20-pct- 124882/
02	Parliament approves Domestic Debt Optimisation plan by majority of 60 votes	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230702/news/parliament-approves-domestic- debt-optimisation-plan-by-majority-of-60-votes-524457.html
03	Colombo household's living expenses rise by Rs 18,942.21 in June	https://ceylontoday.lk/2023/07/03/colombo-households-living-expenses- rise-by-rs-18942-21-in-june/
04	Chamari becomes only second Sri Lankan to top ICC ODI batting rankings	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Chamari-becomes-only-second- Sri-Lankan-to-top-ICC-ODI-batting-rankings/108-262362
04	Sri Lanka stocks surge 7-pct after DDR (Domestic Debt Restructuring)	https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-stocks-surge-7-pct-after-ddr-125090/
06	Sri Lanka cuts policy rates 200bp	https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-cuts-policy-rates-200bp-125351/
06	Sri Lanka's official reserves estimated at USD 3.5 billion	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/91753/sri-lankas-official-reserves-estimated-at-usd-35-billion
07	Fitch downgrades Sri Lanka's LTLC-IDR to 'C'	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/uOd2De95gacE0alH1pmk
13	Sri Lanka's Nadeesha Ramanayake new 400M Asian champion	https://www.newswire.lk/2023/07/13/watch-sri-lankas-nadeesha-ramayake-new-400m-asian-champion/
14	Sri Lanka's Samitha Dulan wins bronze at World Para Athletics Championship (He was in Brisbane in May)	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=91933
14	93 percent jump in tax collection in first half of this year	https://island.lk/93-percent-jump-in-tax-collection-in-first-half-of-this-year/
14	Sri Lanka launches world's first collaborative email service 'Zapmail'	https://www.dailymirror.lk/business/Sri-Lanka-launches-worlds-first-collaborative-email-service-Zapmail/215-263096
14	Sinopec signs agreement to enter Sri Lanka's fuel retail market	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=91958
14	Special circular issued on no-pay leave for public officers	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/91948/special-circular-issued-on-no-pay-leave-for-public-officers
14	DP Education, UoR launch advance learning opportunities in Data Science, Machine Learning, and AI for all Sri Lankans	https://www.ft.lk/sectors/DP-Education-UoR-launch-advance-learning- opportunities-in-Data-Science-Machine-Learning-and-AI-for-all-Sri- Lankans/20-750597
15	Presidential Palace, Temple Trees to be relocated to Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Presidential-Palace-Temple- Trees-to-be-relocated-to-Sri-Jayewardenepura-Kotte/108-263198
16	Imports of all goods excluding vehicles from Sept	https://nww.sundayobserver.lk/2023/07/16/news/imports-all-goods-excluding-vehicles-sept
16	Govt. to increase debt ceiling by Rs. 9000bn	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230716/news/govt-to-increase-debt-ceiling-by-rs-9000bn-525723.html
17	Sri Lanka meets 33 IMF commitments; fails eight by end-June	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Sri-Lanka-meets-33-IMF-commitments-fails- eight-by-end-June/44-750710
17	Tharushi wins gold with new Asian Championship record	https://www.dailynews.lk/2023/07/17/sports/32947/tharushi-wins-gold-with-new-asian-championship-record/
18	SJB decides to expel Harin and Manusha	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=92050
18	13th Amendment to be implemented with full powers excluding police powers – President	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/92047/13th-amendment-to-be- implemented-with-full-powers-president-
19	Anti-Corruption Bill passed with amendments	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/92062/anti-corruption-bill-passed-with-amendments-
19	FR petition filed against Sri Lanka Police over 09 May violence rejected	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/92066/fr-petition-filed-against-sri-lanka-police-over-09-may-violence-rejected
20	TNA 'categorically rejects' Prez offer of 13A sans Police powers	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Roz1eHwme8todikehRmi
21	Compulsory school attendance of A/L students lowered to 40%	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=92102
22	Two former LTTE cadres convicted of CBSL bombing get presidential pardon	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=92159
25	Govt. eases restrictions on outward forex remittances	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Govt-eases-restrictions-on-outward-forex- remittances/44-750998
26	Online permit system for tourists for easy access to national parks	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Online-permit-system-for- tourists-for-easy-access-to-national-parks/108-263908
28	French President arrives in Sri Lanka	https://sundaytimes.lk/online/news-online/French-President-arrives-in-Sri- Lanka/2-1142672

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Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

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	August 2023	0'1 F 01 1
06	BBQ and Barefoot Bowls	Silver Fawn Club
20	Annual General Meeting	Old Anandians Association of Qld
20	Swarna Mallawarachchi Felicitation and screening the Movie "Dadayama"	Private
26	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
	September 2023	
02	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple
09	D Major Dinner Dance	Richmond Mahinda Old boys Association Qld
16& 17	Agricola Overnight Stay and AGM	Agricola QLD
23	Hollywood Glamour Night	Silver Fawn Club
30	Saralanga	Sinhala Association
	October 2023	
14	Aluth Kalaawak - Concert	Nexxt Entertainment
15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
28, 29	Annual Katina Ceremony and Dana	Forest Lake Temple
	November 2023	
04,05	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting & Dana	Goodna Temple
04	Katina Pinkama	Gold Coast Buddhist Centre
05	Melbourne Cup Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
11	Amal and Nirosha Concert	Sathsara Entertain
11	Community Lifeblood: Blood Donation Event	Old Anandians Association of Qld
	December 2023	
09	Christmas Celebration	Silver Fawn Club
16	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Year's Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club
	January 2024	
27	Paduru Sajje	SPUR Qld
	February 2024	
04	Picnic/ Car Rally	Silver Fawn Club
24	Valentine Dance with Infinity + Wasthi	Yes Entertainment
	March 2024	
09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
16	Billy 242 Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
883.00	Black Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment
	May 2024	
25	Vesak Celebration at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple

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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1		
Date	Producer/Panel Operator	
06 Aug	Ananda & Nayana Samaratunga/ Mihika Samaratunga	
13 Aug	Dushan and Chathurika/ Dhanushka Bandara	
20 Aug	Sameera Samarasinghe & Kanchana/ Sameera Samarasinghe	
27 Aug	Darshika Koggalahewa & Himaya SWA/ Janaka Weerasinghe	
03 Sep	Kanthi Wijesoma/ Kasun Karunaratne	

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
02 Aug	Yovun Sandella/ Sameera Samarasinghe
09 Aug	Janaka & Anuki/ Kasun Karunaratne
16 Aug	Kumara Dissanayake & Samanola Wijeratne/ Sandun de Silva
23 Aug	Lalith Keerthirathe & Niraj Kariyawasam/ Niraj Kariyawasam
30 Aug	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Guest/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
06 Sep	Yovun Sandella/ Sameera Samarasinghe

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