



VOICE REFERENDUM

This is an extraction from the radio program aired on 10 September 2023.

As we all know, the referendum on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice will be held on 14 October 2023. All Australian citizens aged 18 or more must vote. This article is to discuss the referendum and to provide some guidance for making an informed decision.

On the referendum day, voters will be asked to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a single question: “A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?”

The Australian Government is conducting this referendum to recognise first nation people in the constitution and to give them a voice (a committee) to understand their difficulties. According to the government, this has become necessary as the living standards of first nation people are much lower than the rest of Australians in many areas.

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The Australian Labor Party (ALP) and Greens are among the political parties that support YES in the referendum. In addition, over 80% first nation people support the YES campaign. Australian Liberal Party, National Party and One Nation Party are among those political parties

who oppose the yes campaign.

Now, we will go through some of the reasons for opposing the referendum and the counter arguments of the proposing side.

The opponents say that the “Voice” is a legal risk. Proponents say that this is not a new idea and countries such as Canada, New Zealand, US, Sweden, Finland and Norway have indigenous committees to advice the Government. In addition, they say that legal experts have pointed out that there would be no legal risks.

The opponents say that no details have been provided regarding how many people will be appointed to the committee and how it will function. Proponents say that the details will be decided by the Parliament and there is no cause for alarm.

Another argument is that once this is approved, the lives of ordinary Australians will be changed badly. The Government says that no changes will happen to ordinary Australians.

No issue is beyond the “Voice” is another argument for which proponents say that voice could advice only on matters relevant to first nation people.

There has been some misinformation deliberately circulated by interested parties, mainly through social media. Therefore, it is vital that you take informed decisions and use your vote wisely at the ballot box.

Dr Sam Fernando
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QUEENSLAND SENIORS MONTH

Now in its 63rd year Queensland Seniors Month, 1-31 October, will provide opportunities for people across all generations to connect and challenge our own stereotypical views of ageing and the aged. It also provides opportunities for people to discover local programs, services and volunteering opportunities, which may assist in reducing social isolation.



Beginning on Sunday 1 October, the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, Queensland’s Seniors Month will include National Grandparents Day, on Sunday 29 October before ending on 31 October 2023.

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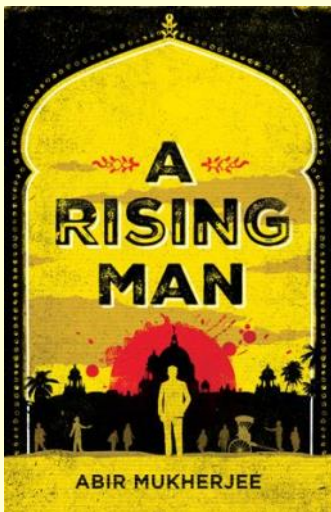
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Book Review: A Rising Man by Abir Mukherjee

"A Rising Man" by Abir Mukherjee is a captivating historical crime novel set in the vibrant and tumultuous city of post-World War I, Calcutta.



Set against the backdrop of British colonial rule and simmering political tension, the story follows Captain Sam Wyndham, a battle-weary former Scotland Yard detective, who has recently arrived in India to escape his own ghosts and start anew by joining the Calcutta Imperial Police Force.

Shortly after Sam's arrival in Calcutta, a high-profile British government official, Alexander MacAuley is found dead in a seedy alley in Black Town with a note written in Bengali stuffed into his mouth; "No more warnings," it read. "English blood will run in the streets. Quit India!"

Wyndham is tasked with solving the murder, and he is joined by Sub-Inspector Digby and Sergeant Banerjee. Digby makes no secret of his contempt for the natives nor Wyndham's appointment as his superior. Sergeant Surendranath Banerjee dubbed "Surrender-not" either because Digby cannot or will not pronounce his name correctly; is an Oxford educated local detective who is equal parts endearing and intelligent.

The investigation uncovers a web of secrets, hidden agendas, and political intrigue. Why was the elusive political activist Benoy Sen

back in Calcutta after years in exile? Is Sen linked to the attempted robbery on the Darjeeling Mail train? Is MacAuley's death the work of terrorists or would it simply suit the British administration to find Sen guilty?

As tensions between the British colonial rulers and the Indian nationalists rise, the murder investigation becomes a politically charged and highly sensitive matter and Wyndham and Banerjee find themselves entangled in a conspiracy that threatens to unravel the delicate balance of power in Calcutta.

"A Rising Man" is not only a gripping detective story but also a nuanced exploration of the complexities of colonialism, identity, and justice. Mukherjee's writing effortlessly immerses readers in 1919 Calcutta teeming with life, vivid colours, and cultural richness while also highlighting the stark contrasts and social disparities between the British colonial rulers and the Indian locals.


The character of Captain Sam Wyndham is compelling and multi-dimensional. His battle with personal demons, combined with his relentless pursuit of justice, adds depth to the narrative, as does his quintessentially British humour. The supporting cast, including the charming Sergeant Banerjee, and the enigmatic and beautiful Anglo-Indian Miss Annie Grant further enriches the story.

"A Rising Man" is a captivating debut novel. Abir Mukherjee's writing is both immersive and thought-provoking, making this book a must-read for anyone interested in mysteries, historical fiction, or a glimpse into the complexities of British India. With well-drawn characters and a richly detailed setting, this novel promises an exciting start to an engaging series to follow.



Nimandra Gunasekera


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Which Bird is That?

Many of us enjoy the sight of birds and their melodious songs. However, watching their behaviour in their natural habitat is a completely different experience that will change the way you relate to birds and Mother Nature.



When you see a bird in your backyard, in a park or near a lake, whenever possible try to focus on the bird, even for just a few minutes. Learn to be a keen observer by noticing details such as its size (compared to a familiar bird), colour, type of beak and tail. You will be surprised when that reveals certain features

you have not noticed before, even on a common bird. Observe how they fly, and whether they walk or hop on the ground. Learn the 'bird language' by listening to their songs and calls. Songs are generally melodious, longer, and mostly sung by males during their nesting season. Calls are generally short, simple, and used to keep in touch with other members of the flock.



Once these basic skills are developed, you can step up to the next level of enjoying birding. All what you need, is a pair of binoculars, a field guide and may be a camera. With a little practice you can develop skills to get the most out of your equipment. Record your observations, location and the time of sighting.

When you have an approximate description of a bird, check if it matches the account given in the field guide. Currently there are many bird apps, websites and field guides that will assist in identification of birds and/or their songs. Bird identification is a challenge,

but it will spice up the entire experience, and can eventually contribute to their conservation.

Australia is an excellent place for bird watching. About 936 species have been recorded in Australia and its island territories. About 46% of them are endemic (not found anywhere else on earth).

Spring is here now, and most birds are active. Many can be easily found during their breeding season when they seek mates and establish and defend their territories. It's also the time that migratory birds from distant countries travel to Australia. Mornings and late afternoons are the best times to go birding when birds are usually active. Pick up your binoculars and step outside.



There are free online citizen science platforms for recording bird sightings (eg: eBird). Records on when and where we went birding and all birds seen or heard, can be shared as a "checklist". By doing so, we can contribute to a database on bird abundance and distribution that is available to the global community of researchers, conservationists and other birders.

There is a growing concern about the survival of many bird species. When all of us join together we can contribute to bird conservation and reduce the number of birds lost each year.

Dr. Suhashini Hewavisenthi

Suhashini is actively involved in wildlife protection for over half a century, in Sri Lanka and in Australia

Aussie Bird Count Celebrating 10 years is the largest annual citizen science event organised by Birdlife Australia. This year it is from 16-22 October. More information at <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

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What's in a name?

The population of Sri Lanka is a genealogical treasure trove. From ethnic and cultural diversity to gastronomic and linguistic diversity, Sri Lanka is a reflection of how true and deep multiculturalism manifests within a society.

One important facet of this diversity is that of Sri Lanka's naming conventions. Through millennia of history, the names of Sri Lankans have indicated the diversity of their history.

The oldest Sri Lankan names are those of the Wanniyala Aeththo. Naming conventions vary, but are generally a combination of clan name, followed by a significant event or totem. For instance, an individual from the Morana Waruge clan may be named Moranawaruge Gamana (Gamana being because the individual was born during a journey). Note that there exists no surname in indigenous naming conventions. Many names with prefixes such as Wannī are also thought to have indigenous origins.

A visit to historical cemeteries in Sri Lanka will also reveal a host of Portuguese names. Names such as Dona and Don (equivalent of Madam and Sir), Singho or surnames such as Perera (pear tree), Fonseka (dry well), Rodrigo and others signify Portuguese and Sephardic Jewish names from Portugal.

Moorish names and Malay names may contain names of the prophet Muhammad but also follow Arabian and Indonesian naming conventions. Examples of Moorish names such as Mohammed Haniffa Mohammed signify tribal, patronymic, and Islamic naming conventions from the ancient Middle East. Malay names such as Tuan Mohammed Dilshan (Tuan is an honorific term in Malay) are examples of Malay names.

Chinese names such as activist Chwing-Chi Chang demonstrate naming conventions that originate in parts of historical China from which each Chinese community hails.

Afro Lankan, English, Telugu, Turkic, Parsi, Bohora, Bharatha, Memoni, Sindhi, Portuguese, Dutch, English, Tamil, Sinhalese names and more are part of the rich history of naming conventions in Sri Lanka.

A common myth that has been perpetrated following the advent of Sinhalese nationalism is that many people simply adopted their names from various communities that settled the islands of Ceylon and are therefore not descendent of any particular community.

However, it is important to note that there is scant evidence that such practices took place on a scale large enough to account for the diversity of names in Sri Lanka.

On the other hand, DNA evidence, historical, linguistic, cultural, religious and archeological as well as anthropological research has demonstrated that Sri Lankans are highly heterogeneous and mixed, indicating that the reasoning of "nama gaththa" is a myth perpetrated to discount diversity.

All of the above come together in the famously long and mixed names of Sri Lankans.

For example, Jerome originates in a Greek name Hieronymos and Perera is a Portuguese surname. With a Sinhalese "-ge name" and Middle name from Hindu Mythology, my own name is a representation of several cultures connected through Ceylonese multiculturalism.

That we can have such diversity in naming conventions is a wonderful outcome of the deeply mixed nature of the Sri Lankan population.

So, what is the diversity in your name?



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

Derana - Lux Film Awards 2023

The ceremony recognizes and celebrates the top talents of Sri Lankan cinema for the brilliance they showcased in 2022. The main awards listed below and the full list is available at

<https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=93249>

Best Actress	Yureni Noshika	Night Rider
Best Actor	Tray Hicks	Seeds
Best Director	Ashoka Handagama	Alborada
Best Picture		Alborada
Best Supporting Actor	Wasantha Kumaravila	The Game
Best Supporting Actress	Rithika Kodithuwakku, Anne Solen Hatte and Nimaya Harris	Alborada
Most Popular Actress	Nayanathara Wickramaarachchi	
Most Popular Actor	Ranjan Ramanayake	
Most Popular Actor in a Comedy Role	Rodney Warnakula	
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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

HAPUWITA

Most names of places in Sri Lanka are linked to the stories of our Kings. Hapuwita too is one such story linked to the King Seethawaka Rajasinghe. Seethawaka is also a once famous capital where the King's palace was. He faced foreign powers bravely, specially the Portuguese. He was brave at war, and he tried his best to chase away the Portuguese. The situation was always tense with the western powers getting interested in Asia.



Tomb of King Seethawaka Rajasinghe on Arissavella - Amithirigala Road

It was Portuguese that first used the guns in a war in Sri Lanka. They introduced bread and wine to our people. In battles against them King Rajasinghe was victorious in many confrontations, and his soldiers had to withdraw at some places. It was one such day where the King himself was in the battle with the soldiers and had to withdraw defeated. In the process of

withdrawing the King got isolated and was tired and hungry.

He found shelter in a small house in a small village. There was only an old woman in the house and seeing the King she thought he was a soldier. He addressed the old woman as mother and said that he was tired and hungry. She soon arranged a place to sit and thought of the best food that she could serve a soldier fighting for the country and decided to make "Kiribath" (Milk rice).

She served the warm Kiribath to the King. The food was so hot, and he was so hungry he began to pick from here and there and eat. The old woman watched him hurriedly eating the food picking the Kiribath from every part of the plate. With a smile on her face she made a comment looking at the man.

"Your eating style is also like our Seethawaka King Rajasinghe's war with the Portuguese. He is fighting with the enemy in diverse fronts. War must begin in one place and methodically advance. Food also must be eaten from one point of the plate and move on methodically."

The King was happy of her comments and took her advice seriously and decided to follow her instructions in the war. After returning to the palace the King made arrangements to bring the old woman to the palace to appreciate her advice and offered many gifts of value. The name of the old mother was "Hapu" and people pronounced her name as "Hapuvi". The village where "Hapuvi lived" became "Hapuvita" over time.



Dr. Nimal Sedera

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Jacaranda Season

Whether they signify the turning of the seasons or conjure up memories of looming university exam timetables, the purple blooms of the Jacaranda tree have decorated the memories of Brisbane residents since 1864.



"Under the Jacaranda", Godfrey Rivers, 1903
Queensland Art Gallery collection

At the bottom of George Street, Brisbane, in the curve of the river, there was a convict farm growing maize and vegetables. In time, the New Farm was established as well, and later the Eagle Farm.

In 1855, after the convict era ended, the New South Wales Government established Botanic Gardens on the George Street land, and appointed Walter Hill, trained in London's Kew Gardens, as Superintendent. In 1859 he was appointed government botanist. For twenty-six years,

until he retired and afterwards, Walter Hill worked at introducing, propagating and sharing plants species across Queensland, Australia and the world. He propagated the first macadamia tree in cultivation, which is still standing today in the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens and still producing nuts.

He also experimented with varieties of sugar cane, and helped refine it – the first sugar to be produced in Queensland.

He collected native plants, and especially loved bunya and hoop pines, planting hundreds of them, along with fig trees. His avenue of bunya pines still dominates the riverside walk in the Gardens.

It was Walter Hill who successfully grew, in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, what is said to be the first jacaranda tree in Australia –

later the subject of Queensland Art Gallery's most loved painting. He sent seeds from this tree, a native plant of Brazil, far and wide and transformed the parks, gardens, and street plantings of Queensland. The tree blew down in a storm in 1980.

Courtesy: [https:// roseobriennwriter.blog/ 2020/ 07/ 19/ the-first-jacaranda/](https://roseobriennwriter.blog/2020/07/19/the-first-jacaranda/)

Sri Lanka Sports Association News

We are proud to support our netball team, the Sapphires, participating in the social women's event division 3 at the Cannon Hill District Net Ball Association.

The team is captained by Mrs Yasuththara Fernando & to date they have won 4 matches out of 5 games.



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- Keep pests under control. Rodents are a good food source for snakes – less food means less snakes.
- Keep your pets safe. Unfortunately, our pets don't deter snakes. If possible, keep cats inside (and protect our native wildlife in the process), and snake avoidance training for dogs can literally be a life saver.
- Call a professional. Never attempt to catch or kill a snake. This is illegal and snakes are incredibly important to the local ecosystem. There are a lot of great snake catchers who will safely and humanly relocate your new friend.
- If you are ever lucky enough to see one of our scaled friends, don't panic. Back away to a safe distance. Your unexpected visitor will move on because, contrary to popular belief, snakes don't want anything to do with people. A snake will only bite if it feels threatened; they are much smaller than we are and a bite or a strike is their only defence if they can't get away first.

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24	Two-year tax holidays for big investors	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230924/news/two-year-tax-holidays-for-big-investors-533898.html
27	Full economic recovery not yet assured: IMF team says concluding visit to SL	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Full-economic-recovery-not-yet-assured-IMF-team-says-concluding-visit-to-SL/155-268095
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28	SriLankan Airlines partners with Virgin Australia	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=93713
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Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

October 2023

08	Annual General Meeting	IESL Qld Chapter
14	Aluth Kalaawak - Concert	Nexxt Entertainment
15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
22	Sinhala Movie: Guththila	Sathsara Entertainment
28	නගරාන්තර තාරකා සටන	Neth Sri Lanka Cultural Association
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	Community Lifeblood: Blood Donation Event	Old Anandians Association of Qld
11	Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
11	Musical Concert: Nethu Daehean	Sathsara Entertainment
18	කල තරණ: Our Roots: Meemure Story	Heritage Force Sri Lanka
19	Sinhala Movie: Midunu Vishwaya	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
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February 2024

04	Picnic/ Car Rally	Silver Fawn Club
24	Valentine Dance with Infinity + Washthi	Yes Entertainment

March 2024

09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
09	FSOQ Musical show	FSOQ
16	Billy 242 Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
23	Black Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment

May 2024

25	Vesak Celebration at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
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Multicultural Queensland

OKTOBERFEST AT BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB (Ticketed)

416 Vulture Street, Kangaroo Point

6 October 2023

The 12-day festival will kick off on Friday 6th October at 4pm, with the traditional keg tapping ceremony on Saturday 7th of October. Celebrate every Friday evening, Saturday all day, and Sunday for lunch until the 29th of October.



EBO TAYLOR and THE AFROBIOTICS (Ticketed) Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington Street, New Farm

20 October 2023

In a must-see performance for fans of West African highlife and Afrobeat, living legend and grandfather of the genre Ebo Taylor will bring his inimitable, infectious upbeat sound to Brisbane International Jazz Festival.



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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
01 Oct	Janaka Weerasinghe & Kanchana/ Janaka Weerasinghe
08 Oct	Sugee Kannangara/ Wimal Kannangara
15 Oct	Sri Lanka Day Special Program/ Sameera Samarasinghe
22 Oct	Samanmal Gunaratne/ Samanmal Gunaratne
29 Oct	Jayantha Weerasekera & Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
05 Nov	Ananda and Nayana Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
04 Oct	Yovun Sandella/ Ruwan Kalutara
11 Oct	Kumara Dissanayake & Samanola Wijeratne/ Sandun de Silva
18 Oct	Prema & the Team/ Niraj Kariyawasam
25 Oct	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Guest/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
01 Nov	Yovun Sandella/ Ruwan Kalutara

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