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Sri Lanka: A Multicultural Melting Pot?

The term “Pearl of the Indian Ocean” reflects Sri Lanka’s significance to ancient explorers, traders and colonialist alike. This significance is observable through the island’s depiction on ancient maps. The size and details on this 15th century Florentine map (pictured) shows the prominent place it held in the minds of the cartographers of the era. Sri Lanka of the past could be considered akin to modern day Dubai, which became a sanctuary for people from across the globe. Unlike Dubai, many arrivals made the island their new home and contributed immensely to its ethnic, cultural, religious, culinary and linguistic diversity.



Sinhala and Tamil New Year (Avurudu) celebration is believed to be deep rooted in Sinhalese traditions. This celebration is a classic example of how centuries of settlement have influenced and become intimately intertwined within the tapestry of Sri Lankan life. Rabana from the Javan communities provide the iconic

rhythm to “Dontha Babakkata” amongst many other raban pada. Lace tablecloth brought by the Portuguese cover the Avurudu table, whilst Kokis from the Dutch period adds colour to the spread alongside sponge cake, milk toffee and tea introduced by the British. Athirasa, dodol and sambals contributed by the Javan communities are served alongside pani walalu and murukku introduced by communities from India. Avurudu celebrations would be much less endearing in the absence of the many contributions from the aforementioned communities.

Many things quintessential to Sri Lankan culture including religions (such as Buddhism, Catholicism, Islam and Hinduism), sports (such as cricket and rugby), and vegetables (such as pumpkins, potatoes, tomatoes, chillies and cashews) amongst others have been introduced to the island from across the globe. The absence of bread, hoppers, string hoppers, dosa, vada and pittu from our breakfast tables, or biriyani, lamprais, potato/pumpkin/cashew/bean curries from our lunch tables would lead to a vapid culinary landscape on the island.

Modern day Sri Lanka is a result of true intergenerational multiculturalism. Sri Lankans have not just embraced the cultures and cuisines but each other. Millennia of interethnic marriages/unions have resulted in a unique situation where no two siblings look alike, or where no two families practice the same set of customs. Our island is a place that is more multicultural than we are made to believe and we should embrace this diversity in order to appreciate the truly unique place Sri Lanka occupies in the world.

Randika Jayakody and Jerome Perera



Among Randika and Jerome’s many interests is a deep passion to understand Sri Lankan history and culture. This has been facilitated through exposure to multiculturalism through their travels and living experiences in multiple countries.



NAIDOC Week 2021

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is

celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

Healing Country means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

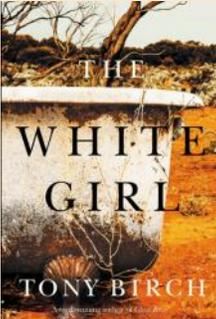
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Book Review: The White Girl by Tony Birch

It is post-Second World War in a rural, isolated community in Australia where the white folk live in town while the Aborigines live in the shanty-towns outside town. Australia is operating under Assimilation policy and the Board for the Protection of Aborigines is enforcing the 1909 Act and its 1915 Amendment which allows the forcible removal of Aboriginal children, especially those of mixed skin colour, from their parents to be institutionalised or adopted into white families.



Odette is a proud Aboriginal woman, who has lived in Country, survived life on a Mission, worked for white folk and is now trying to live a quiet life, avoiding attention from the town authorities. She is also the sole carer for her young granddaughter Sissi who was abandoned by Odette's daughter and from whom she has had no news for many years. Sissi is blissfully happy in the loving care of her grandmother and oblivious to the grave danger she is in - Sissi has fair skin.

When a new policeman arrives in town and is seen parked outside Odette's house watching Sissi, Odette knows that she needs to do something fast but what can she do? She can't leave town without permission from the police, she has no family anywhere else, she doesn't know where would be safe to go or even how to get there, she is sick and weak herself. All she knows is that she must protect Sissi and she will do whatever it takes to prevent her beloved granddaughter from being taken away, even risk her life.

This is a story of the oppression of Aboriginal people, compounded by the vulnerability of women in rural communities, menaced by authorities under the guise of protection. It is a story of the immense courage of women to be independent, support their people with

whatever means they have and risk their lives to protect what is most precious to them - their children. It is a story of the small acts of kindness of strangers, black and white, that are powerful enough to change lives.

Sumudu Britton

Editors Note:

This is a review of a very appropriate book for the month July.

Black History Month runs throughout July each year and is a showcase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, heritage and cultures which acknowledges and celebrates First Australians' achievements and contributions.



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වචනයේ පරිසමාප්ත අර්ථයෙන්ම ඔස්ට්‍රේලියාව බහුසංස්කෘත රටකි. එපමනකින් නොවැනුන ඔස්ට්‍රේලියන් රජය මේ විවිධ වූ සංස්කෘතීන් තුළ ඔවුනොවුන්ගේ අනන්‍යතාවය රැක ගැනීමට හා ඒවා තව තවත් දියුණු කරගැනීමටද විවිධ අයුරින් සහයෝගය ලබා දෙයි. ඇත්තටම මෙය මේ රටට සංක්‍රමණය වූ අප ලැබූ ලොකු වාසනාවකි.

ක්‍රිස්තස් වාසී ශ්‍රී ලාංකික අපගේ වාසනාවට ක්වින්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමය මගින් 1991 දී 'ක්‍රිස්තස් සිංහල පාසැල' නමින් West End හි Migrant Resource Centre හි දී ලමයින් 26 සමගින් ඉතා සුලුවෙන් ආරම්භ කෙරුණු සිංහල පාසැල, ලමයින් 80 ක් පමන සහභාගී වන මේ මොහොතේ සිය 30 වැනි උපන්දිනය ද පසුගිය දා සැමරුන.

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මෙම ස්වේඡා ගුරුවර ගුරුවරියන් තම රැකියාවද, තම පවුලේ කටයුතු ද ඉටුකරමින් ඒ අතරතුර සිංහල පාසැල වෙනුවෙන් අවශ්‍යය පාඨමාලා සකස් කරගෙන අපේ දරුවන් වෙනුවෙන් ස්වේඡාවෙන්ම කරන ලද මෙම කැපකිරීමට අපේ ප්‍රණාමය හිමි විය යුතුය. ඉතාමත් අවිච්චි ජීවන රටාවක් ගෙන යන දෙමාපියන්ද, දැඩි කැමැත්තෙන්ම විශාල කැපවීමකින් සිකුරාදා සවස කිලෝමීටර 25, 30 වැනි දුරක් ගෙවාගෙන ලමයින් රැගෙන ඒම ද ඉතා අගය කල යුතු කටයුත්තකි.



තවද, ශ්‍රී ලංකිකයන් වශයෙන් අප නොකඩවා පවත්වන අවුරුද්ද, වෙසක් හා පොසොන් ආගමික දිනයන් සැමරීමට සිංහල පාසැල තුළ

දරුවන්ට සංවිධානය කරමින් දෙමාපියන්ද සහභාගී කරගෙන වාර්ෂික පැවැත්වීම පුදුම දනවන සුළුය. මේ රටේ උපත ලබා, වෙනස් පරිසරය තුළ දවසේ වැඩි කාලයක් ජීවත් වන අප දරුවන් තම දෙමාපියන්, ගහලුන් හා සිංහල පාසැලේ ගුරුවරුන් සමග විනෝද වාරිකා වලට වාර්ෂිකව සහභාගීවන්නේ පුදුමාකාර සතුටකින් හා උනන්දුවකින්ය.

West End වලින් පසුව ඉතාමත් සුන්දර තැනකට අපේ පාසැල ගෙන එමට අවස්ථාව ලැබුණි. ක්‍රිස්තස් ගහ අසලම පිහිටා තිබුණු 'යන්ගැබා' නම් බහුසංස්කෘත ගොඩනැගිල්ල හි මැනක් වනතුරුම නිදහසේ, ඉඩකඩ ඇතිව පාසැල පවත්වගෙන යෑමට හැකිවිය.

මේ යන්ගැබා ශාලාව අසලම තිබෙන අපේ 4eb ගුවන්විදුලිය ද මෙම දරුවන්ට ඉතා හුරුපුරුදු තැනක් විය. මාස කිහිපයකට වතාවක් සිංහල වැඩසටහනට තම හැකියාවන් තුලින් සම්බන්ධ වීම හා වෙනම පාසැලේ ගුරුවරින් හා එක් වී සිංහල වැඩසටහනට නාට්‍යය, ගීත ද ඉදිරි පත් කලහ.

මෙම සිංහල පාසැලෙන් ඉගෙන ගත් පිරිස අති විශාලය. ඔවුන් මේ සමාජයේ ඉහල තනතුරු හොබ වන අතර අදවන විට සමහරුන් දැරුණු රජු ද බලති. එවන් දිර්ඝ ඉතිහාසයකට හිමි කම් කියන සිංහල පාසැල දැන් පවත්වාගෙන යන්නේ ක්‍රිස්තස් Nazerath Church, Woolloongabba යන ස්ථානයේය.

එදා මෙදා තුළ ස්වේඡා ගුරුවර ගුරුවරියන් විශාල පිරිසක් මේ සිංහල පාසැල හදා ගැනීමට, පෝෂණය කිරීමට දායක වූවාය. සමහර අය ක්‍රිස්තස් අතහැර වෙනත් නගර වල ජීවත් වෙති. ඒ අය වෙත වෙනම නම් වශයෙන් සඳහන් නොකල ද ඒ සියලු දෙනාටම අපේ ගෞරවය හිමිවේ.



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ආනන්ද සමරතුංග ක්වින්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමයේ වසර කිහිපයක් සභාපති වශයෙන්ද, 1995 සිට 4EB ගුවන්විදුලියේ වැඩසටහන් සම්පාදක වරයෙක් හා නිවේදකයෙක් වශයෙන්ද කටයුතු කරයි.

The Month of July

July is named after the Roman emperor Julius Caesar. In July, while the northern hemisphere enjoys mid- summer, the shortest day passed on 21 June, the southern hemisphere dreams of lengthening days, albeit cold.



According to western tradition, July birthstone is Ruby, the gemstone associated with contentment, love, and integrity. The flower of July is the Water Lilly symbolic of love and life. The full moon in July is known as the Buck Moon because it is around this time that new antlers emerge from a buck's forehead. The full moon poya day in July is significant to Sri Lankan Buddhists. It is known as the day the Buddha's tooth relic, the symbol of sovereignty of the land was brought by Princess Hemamala and Prince Dantha.

In the Buddhist world, July is known as the month of Esala. It commemorates the Buddha's deliverance of the first sermon to the five ascetics and setting in motion the Wheel of the Dhamma at Saranath. It is also the month during which the Great Renunciation of Prince Siddhartha occurred.

For Sri Lankan Catholics July is significant because Our Lady of Madu is celebrated in the first week of July.

In Australia, July marks the Black History month, dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, heritage and cultures which acknowledge and celebrate First Australians' achievements and contributions. Black History month is aligned with 2021 NAIDOC WEEK from 4 – 11 July whose theme is "Heal Country".

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ඔබ දන්නා, අපි නොදන්න, තිරය පිටිපස්සේ ඇතිවන රසවත් සිද්ධීන්, බෙදා හදා ගැනීමේ උත්සාහයක් හැටියට මෙම කොලම ඔබට විවෘතයි. සමහර වෙලාවට මේ අතරේ ඉතා අනුවේදනීයවූ, දුක්මුසු කතා බහත් තියෙනවා. කතාවේ මුණ ගැහෙන, ඒ කාටවත් උපහාසයක්, අපහාසයක් නොවන විධියට, අපි ලියමු.



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අපි එදිනෙදා භාවිතා කරන කැලැන්ඩරයේ හැටියට, අවුරුද්දේ ජූලි මාසයේ එළඹෙන හත්වන දිනය, ජූලි හත දිනය සාමාන්‍ය ජන ජීවිතයේ සැලකෙන්නේ අනපේක්ෂිත අලාභ,හානි සිදුවන අසුබ දිනයක් වශයෙනි. ඒ බැව් සනාථ කරමින්, ජූලි මාසයේ හත්වෙනිදා සිදුවූණ එක් අවාසනාවන්ත සිද්ධියක් ගුණානුස්මරණය කිරීම වෙනුවෙන්, අද 'රස කතා' කොලම වෙන්වෙනව

හෙට්ටිආරච්චිගේ රෙජිනෝල්ඩ් ජෝතිපාල, ලංකාවේ එදා මෙදා තුර අනභියෝගීව රැදී සිටින ජනප්‍රියම ගායකයා, ඔහුගේ මරණය සිදුවූයේ 1987 ජූලි මස 07 වෙනිදා ය. 1954 වසරේ සිට 1987 වසර දක්වා වසර 33 ක් ඔහු ගායනා කල ගීත සංඛ්‍යාව දොළොස් දහසකට ආසන්න වේ. ඔහු චිත්‍රපට 450 ක පමණ පසුබිම් ගීත ගායනා කර තිබේ. ගායන ශිල්පී H.R. ජෝතිපාලයන් ජීවත්ව සිටි කාලයේදී මෙන්ම, ඔහු මියගිය පසුවද, අදටත් ඔහුගේ ගීත රස විඳින්නට, විශාල රසික සමූහයක් පෙළ ගැසී ඇත. 1987න් පසුව උපන් නව පරපුරේ තරුණ ගායකයන්ද, ගායන තරඟයකදී හෝ ප්‍රිය සාදයකදී හෝ බොහෝවිට ගායනය සඳහා තෝරා ගැනෙන්නේ ජෝතිගේ ගීතයක් වීම ඉතා සුලබ දසුනකි.

1987 ජූලි 7 වැනිදා මෙලොවින් සමුගන්නා විට ජෝතිගේ වයස අවුරුදු 51කි. ජෝතිගේ අවමඟුල් උත්සවයදී දේහයට අවසන් ගෞරව දැක්වීම සඳහා දින තුනක් තිස්සේ ඉඩ ලබාදී තිබිණි. ඒ දින තුනේදීම ජෝති වෙනුවෙන්, තම ආදරණීය ගායන ශිල්පියා වෙනුවෙන් අවසන් ගෞරව දැක්වීම සඳහා ජනතාව වැළනොකැඩී පැමිණි අතර, ඒ දින තුනේදී ජෝතිගේ දේහයට අලුත් ඇඳුම් තුනක් අන්දවන්නටද සිදු වී ඇත. එයට හේතුවූණේ ජෝතිට අවසන් ගෞරව දැක්වීමට පැමිණි රසික ජනතාව විසින්, ජෝතිගේ සිරුර මත්තේ හඩා, වැළපීම නිසා දවසක් යන්නටත් මත්තෙන් ඔහුගේ දේහයට අන්දවා තිබූ සුදු ඇඳුම් කළු ගැන්නී දුර්වර්ණ වීමයි. ජෝතිගේ අවමඟුල් උත්සවයට රටේ සිවුකොණින් බොරැල්ල කනත්තට ඇදී ආ ලක්ෂ



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සංඛ්‍යාත ජන ගංගාව, එතෙක් කනත්තේ පැවැති අවමංගලා උත්සවයක් සඳහා පැමිණි විශාලතම සහභාගිත්වයවූ අතර ඇතිවූ තදබදය හේතුවෙන් කනත්ත තුල ඉදිකර තිබුණු සොහොන් කොත් රාශියකට අලාභ හානි සිදුවූ බව වාර්තා විය.

ජෝතිට ලැබුණා වූ මෙම අති මහත්වූ ජන ප්‍රසාදය නොඉවසූ සමහරෙක් ගීත විචාරකයන් 'ප්‍රබුද්ධ ගීත' කියලා කොටසක් තෝරලා ලේබල් කරලා, එම ගායකයන් 'ප්‍රබුද්ධ' ගායකයන් වශයෙන් වගේම ජනප්‍රිය ගීත ගයන කරන ජෝතිව අනෙක් ගායකයන්ගේ ගොඩට, 'පීචං' ගායකයන්ගේ ගොඩට ලේබල් කරා, 70 දශකය ආරම්භයේදී වගේ. මෙම වර්ගකරණය ගැන ජෝති හුඟක්ම දුක් වූණා, මම 'පීචං' ගායකයෙක්ද කියලා.

ඒ වූනත්, කේමදාස මාස්ටර් ජෝතිගේ ගායන හැකියාව කිසිවිටෙක අවතක්සේරුවට ලක් කලේ නෑ. මාස්ටර් ගුවන් විදුලි සාකච්ඡාවකදී ජෝති ගැන මෙහෙම කිව්වා.

"අපේ රටේ චිත්‍රපට පසුබිම් ගායනයට උචිත screen voice එකක් තියෙන්නේ ජෝතිපාලට විතරයි".

"ගුවන් විදුලි සංස්ථාවේ හිටපු සභාපති රිජ්වේ තිලකරත්න මහත්තයා දවසක ජෝතිගේ ගීත තැටි වගයක් කිට්ටු කරගෙන දුක් උනා, අපි මේ මනුස්සයගේ අගේ තේරුම් ගත්තේ නැතේ" කියලා. ඒ කතාව මාස්ටර් සදහන් කලේ හරිම සංවේදීව.

ජෝතිගේ මරණය සිදු වෙනකොට විජය කුමාරතුංගයන් හිටියේ විදේශගතව. ඒක නිසා ජෝති වෙනුවෙන් විජයගේ හඩ අවදිවෙන්නේ ජෝතිගේ තුන්මස් අනුස්මරණයේදී.

"ඇයි ජෝති උඹ මං කියපුවට ඇහුං කං නොදුන්නේ"...විජය එහෙම කිව්වේ ජෝතිගේ මදු පානය ගැන, හරිම සංවේදීව, හැඩුම්බරව.

"මං හිටිය නම් උඹට කියටවත් මැරෙන්න දෙන්නෙ නෑ, උඹව මගේ මේ අත් දෙකෙන් බදා ගෙන, උඹට මැරෙන්න නොදී මං පරිස්සං කර ගන්නවා".



H.R. ජෝතිපාල වෙනුවෙන් නිකුත්වූ මුද්දරය

මොවුන් දෙදෙනා අතර ඉතා දැඩි මිතුරුදමක් පැවති බව සිතමා ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ප්‍රසිද්ධ රහසකි. ඔවුන් එකිනෙකට විරුද්ධ දේශපාලන පක්ෂ දෙකක ආධාරකරුවන් වුවද, ජෝති කවමදාකවත් විජය පාර්ලිමේන්තු මන්ත්‍රීවරයට තරඟ කළ කටාන ආසනයේ පැවැත්වූ තම පක්ෂයේ රැස්වීමටද, රැස්වීමටද සෙනහ ගෙන්වාගැනීම සඳහා පැවති සංගීත සංදර්ශනවලදී, ගීත ගායනයෙන් වැළකී සිටියේය.

ජෝති තම දියණියන් සිව්දෙනාට දැඩිසේ ආදරය කළේය. ඒ 1960 වසරේ නොවැම්බර් 06 වෙනිදා විය. ජෝතිපාලයන් කොල්ලුපීටිය Turret Road හී, පිහිටා තිබූ සරසවි ශබ්දාගාරයේ ගීත කිහිපයක, පටිගත කිරීමක යෙදී සිටියේය.

ජෝති සොයා ආ පණිවිඩකරුවෙකු නිසා, ඔහු පටිගත කිරීම අතරමග නවතා දමන්නට අවසර පැතීය.

ඒ වනවිට ජෝතිගේ දයාබර බිරිඳ වන 'වින්ටර් බ්ලොසම්' මහත්මිය රෝහල් ගතව සිටි බැවින්, ජෝතිට පිටත්වීමට අවසර ලැබිණි. ජෝති කෙලින්ම පැමිණියේ රෝහලේ සිටි තම බිරිඳගේ යහන වෙතය. බිරිඳ දුටු ජෝතිගේ හදවත, සංතෝෂයෙන් ඉපිල ගියේ, දැස් වල සතුටු කසුළු එකතු කරමිනි. ඒ, තම බිරිඳට තුරුල්වී, පිපෙන්නට බලාසිටින රෝස පාට පොහොට්ටුව දැකීමෙන්ය. ඒ පොහොට්ටුව නම්, *ජෝති-වින්ටර්* ගේ කුළුදුල් දියණියයි.

තම දියණිය දැක බලාගත් ජෝති, කෙලින්ම ගියේ තමා දේවත්වයෙන් සළකන කරුණාරත්න අබේසේකර මහතානත් හමුවීමට ය.

"කරු අයියේ, මට දුවෙක් ලැබුණා...", "දුවට කියන්න මට සිත්දුවක් ලියලා දෙන්න ඕනේ.." ජෝති කිවේ සතුටින් ඉපිලෙමිනි.

කරු කඩදාසියක වචන ජේලි හතරක් ලියා, තමා සමග අසුන් ගෙන සිටි අජන්තා රණසිංහයන්ට දුන්නේ, ඉතුරු ටික උඹ ලියහං කියමින් ය. අජන්තා, ගීතය සම්පූර්ණ කලේ ඒ මොහොතේ මය.

ගීතය පමණක් නොව, තම කුළුදුල් දියණියට ගණ පිහිටුවා හදාගත් නමක්ද 'කරු-ගුරු'ගෙන් ලබාගත් ජෝති, නැවත ගියේ රටක් රාජ්‍යයක් ලද්දෙකු මෙනි. ඒ ගීතය නම්,

'මට වාසනාවන් මගේ ජීවිතේවන් - පොඩි දු කුමාරි ඉනිං සුදු මුණ ඉඹලා පණ සේ රකින්නම් - හදලා වඩා මා අතින්' කුළුදුල් උපන් දියණිය ගේ නම, වරුණි විලෝචිනී ජෝතිපාල විය.

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මෙම සටහන ප්‍රසිද්ධ පුවත්පත්, අන්තර්ජාලය තුලින් ලබා ගත් ලිපි ඇසුරින් නිමවූ බව කරුණාවෙන් සලකන්න.

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Where they are now....

When's the best time to slow down and smell the roses?

Just to address the elephant in the room -

“My particular professional interests are in Public Health (think bird flu and SARS), epidemiology and Veterinary teaching”

So, I wrote that sentence over a decade ago in Dæhæna – and hoo boy haven't some of those themes become relevant recently?

In those 11 years since I wrote that little article, I've completed my degree in Veterinary Science (ticking that box of getting that honorarium of “Dr” before my name), completed a Masters in veterinary public health, became a US-recognised specialist in Veterinary Preventive Medicine, worked in a range of locations as a veterinarian, got married, had a kid, and now work for the Government in the field of Biosecurity and exotic animal disease surveillance across northern Australia.

To quote Farmer Hogget from Babe – “That'll do pig”

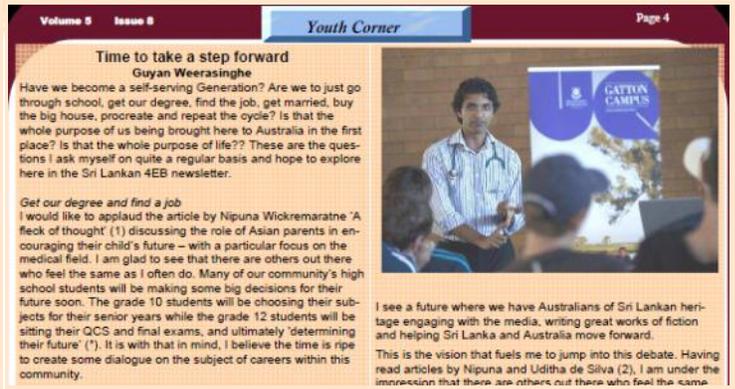
Which is pretty much the theme of what I'm keen to write on – when is it enough?

I don't ever remember anyone having that chat about what the end goal was – job security? A decent salary? A family? Unlimited smashed avo on toast?

I just find it funny that I've spent the better part of my life forever chasing career goals to suddenly be on the other side to go “wait up, is this what makes me sleep well at night?” Cause in the end, it's not the number of degrees I have nor the number of committees I have chaired. It's those little moments of day-care drop offs/pickups, the secret hope that I'll finally cook a meal that will be eaten in its entirety by a toddler, or the sweet joy of walking in the outback and appreciating the wonder of our unique wildlife. To paraphrase comedian Hamish Blake, at some point in my life, I'll be 80 and would likely pay

Over the past 15 years, many children and young adults have contributed to Dæhæna.

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An extract from Guyan's article in the August 2010 issue

an infinite amount of money to relive these enriching moments than the academic/career/financial pursuits we usually raise on a pedestal as the end goal.

I fully acknowledge that I'm Guy-splaining what most Millennials and Gen Z kids already know, but to the parents of those generations – let them smell those roses.



Guyan Weerasinghe

In his own words, “Guy is the husband to Celestine, father to Elliott, has another bub on the way, and is the personal slave to two cats. When that unicorn known as spare time comes along, he likes to take photos of birds and go camping. He currently lives in Darwin, NT, but will be returning to QLD in the very near future.”

Editor's Note

We invite articles from those under 25 years to be featured in the newsletter in Youth Corner and Kids Corner. We plan to follow his/her progress sometime down the track as you may see in the article on this page. Please make it 400 words or less and send to the editor at newsletter@4ebsrilankan.org by the 20th of the month.

Veteran Dancer Kulasiri Budawatta Passes Away

Veteran dancer Kulasiri Budawatta has passed away at the age of 71 on 23 June 2021.



Mr Budawatte, who was well-known for his iconographic and pioneering choreography, is the founder of the 'Budawatta Dance institute' which specialises in traditional and modern dancing.

Taking up dancing at a very young age, he managed to develop a unique style that made him a cultural icon.

Mr. Budawatte was known to have mastered both both up country and low country dancing traditions.

Mr Budawatte remained a gifted, committed teacher throughout his life and through his guidance many of his students have become successful professionals in the field.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka: How Galahitiyawa got its Name

Galahitiyawa, is a village in the Western Province of Sri Lanka. It is famous today because of the education center Galahitiyawa Central College.

How this name came to use has a beautiful story. It was the time that there were no motor cars in the world. Our main way of carrying goods to places was the bullock cart. To ensure security bullock carts got together and went on the gravel roads as a team. This was called “gel saathuwa”

The country was not thickly populated like today and moving as a team had many advantages. They normally travelled a distance of about twelve miles a day and rested overnight and moved on. As a result of this practice, small business places came up in places where the cartmen rested.



The cartmen had the practice of seeking the help of gods in the area they entered. In Godakawela, there was a small place where the cartmen as a practice prayed to the local deity specially for their protection.

One day there was a young arrogant cartman who did not want to go to the deity and pray and continued the journey. He argued with the others and moved on. As he passed the place of worship the bulls refused to move and the cart was stuck as if the load became heavy to be pulled. The young cartman tried his best to move forward but he failed. He was in tears and pleaded to the deity to forgive him.

The refined Sinhala word for the cart is “ගැල”, “හිටිය” means “Stopped”. The place where the cart was stuck became “Galahitiyawa”. What a meaningful name?



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The Federal Budget and Immigration

The federal government budget proposals recently introduced in the parliament, included a number of proposals that would affect immigration.

Following is an extract of an interview Nawroos Naem had with Mrs. Anoja Vithanage, a Solicitor from Melbourne who specialises in Australian Migration Law, on Radio 4EB Sri Lankan broadcast.

Q: First and foremost, what are the proposals in the federal budget that may affect future visa applicants and current visa holders?

Primarily the budget has proposed to maintain the number of visas issued under the Australian migration planning scheme at the same level as the previous financial year, which is at 160,000 visas. The Australian international borders are more likely to remain closed until mid 2022 and this presents a great opportunity for those who are already within Australia to apply for permanent residency visas.

Now the students in the hospitality sector can work full time. Further, students in the hospitality sector have been given a further benefit, that is to be allowed to apply for a 408 government endorsed visa introduced during the pandemic situation, which has a duration of 12 months.

Q: So how about visa applicants who are in Sri Lanka at the moment? Do they have any opportunity at all to come to Australia?

In the case of student visas, many universities have allowed their offshore international students to begin their studies online. So, if anyone is planning to come to Australia for their higher education, they can enrol in universities and obtain a student visa. But until the borders are opened, they cannot arrive in Australia. Once the borders are opened, they can come to Australia and resume their studies. It must be noted that the time period that these student visa holders

spend in their home countries will be considered as time spent in Australia for all future visa purposes.

Q: To make this clearer, does this mean that holders of business and investor visas and family stream visas do not require a travel exemption to come to Australia?

A: A travel exemption is not required for family visas. However, they will have to comply with the quarantine requirements of Australia.

Q: You mentioned that visa holders can also come to Australia under compassionate circumstances. Similarly, can someone who is in Australia travel to Sri Lanka on compassionate grounds?

A: If you are an Australian citizen or a permanent resident, you would still have to apply and obtain an approval to travel to another country. Once the approval is granted, it is valid for three months from the date of approval. Of course, you must also comply with all the quarantine requirements of the country you are travelling to.

Q: One final question - what is the advice that you can give our listeners today?

A: When considering all the circumstances, this is a situation that is a very positive environment for international students and temporary visa holders in Australia to apply for their permanent residency. The fact that the Migration Planning Scheme has allowed for up to 160,000 visas for the next financial year and the shortage of skilled workers within Australia are silver linings in this pandemic situation. Therefore my best advice is to prepare yourselves to apply for permanent residency. Complete all your educational qualifications necessary for your occupation and try to fulfill all the requirements necessary.

Anoja Vithanage is a Director of Aus Ceylon Education and Migration and she could be contacted via email on anoja@ausceylon.com or on 0425 846 377.

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Renowned actor Sando Harris (Sargent Nallathamby) passes away

Veteran Sri Lankan actor Sando Harris, who was better known as Sargent Nallathamby, passed away on June 11, at the age of 58.

Reportedly, Harris suddenly passed away at a residence in Havelock Gardens, Colombo.

Following the magistrate's inquest, his remains have been moved to the Kalubowila Hospital for the post-mortem examination.

Sando Harris, who embarked on his acting carrier through the movie Jayashakthi, has performed in more than 150 movies including A Common Man, Que Sera, Somy Boys, Left Right Sir and Koti Sana. He was well-known for his performances in villainous and comedic characters.

Harris also gave life to many theatrical roles and was well-known as a dramatist. He produced several stage dramas including Sergeantge Nendamma, Cheerio Sergeant, Doctor Chicago and Kochchi Manamalya.

Courtesy: Adaderana.lk



General (ret'd) Cyril Ranatunga Passes Away

General S. Cyril Ranatunga (Retd), one of the most respected and highly acclaimed military leaders in the Sri Lanka Army and a former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence passed away peacefully on Wednesday (16 June) at the age of 91 years, said the Sri Lanka Army.

He, who had given leadership as a General Officer Commanding, Joint Operations Command and Chief of Staff of the Sri Lanka Army during the 1980s also served as Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea as well as in the United Kingdom. He was honoured by appointing him as Chancellor of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy.



As a veteran military leader who actively contributed to the culmination of the 1971 insurrection and prevention of the growth of militancy in Gurunagar area and the peninsula in general was awarded the Vishishta Seva Vibhushanaya (VSV) military decoration and several other medals in recognition of his unblemished service to the motherland.

Following retirement, General Ranatunga served as Chairman of the Airport and Aviation Services. In February 1990, President Ranasinghe Premadasa appointed him as Secretary to the Ministry of Defence where he managed the budgetary allocations and administration of the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces. He stepped down as Defence Secretary in April 1993.

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01	Police Headquarters Complex to be relocated to Attidiya June 1, 2021 04:04 pm	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74306/police-headquarters-complex-to-be-relocated-to-attidiya
01	Ranil appointed to UNP National List MP seat	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74282/ranil-appointed-to-unp-national-list-mp-seat
01	Dr Palitha Abeykoon wins WHO 'World No Tobacco Day' award	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74292/dr-palitha-abeykoon-wins-who-world-no-tobacco-day-award
02	Hashan Tillakaratne appointed Head Coach of SL Women's Cricket Team	http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/06/02/sports/250684/hashan-tillakaratne-appointed-head-coach-sl-women%E2%80%99s-cricket-team
04	Pandemic helps 48% of Lankan smokers to kick the habit	https://island.lk/pandemic-helps-48-of-lankan-smokers-to-kick-the-habit/
04	Govt. to up science stream students to 60%, reduce arts students to 25% at A/Ls: Edu. Min. Sec.	http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Govt-to-up-science-stream-students-to-60-reduce-arts-students-to-25-at-A/Ls-Edu-Min-Sec/108-213457
05	Passengers from SL will not be allowed to travel to UK after June 8: Sri Lankan Airlines	http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Passengers-from-SL-will-not-be-allowed-to-travel-to-UK-after-June-8-SriLankan-Airlines/108-213514
05	Sri Lanka's England Tour Jeopardy after players refuse to sign contracts	https://www.espn.com/story/sri-lanka-s-england-tour-in-jeopardy-after-players-refuse-to-sign-contracts-1265275
06	Adverse weather claims 14 lives, over 245,000 affected	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74437/adverse-weather-claims-14-lives-over-245000-affected
06	Summit flats to be razed to the ground	http://www.sundaytimes.lk/210606/news/summit-flats-to-be-razed-to-the-ground-446125.html
07	Quarantine measures for arriving Sri Lankans, dual citizens revised	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74454/quarantine-measures-for-arriving-sri-lankans-dual-citizens-revised
08	Dankotuwa named 'most loved homeware brand' in Sri Lanka	https://www.ft.lk/business/Dankotuwa-named-most-loved-homeware-brand-in-Sri-Lanka/34-718953
08	Local agent deleted e-mails exchanged with X-Press Pearl captain, court told	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74489/local-agent-deleted-e-mails-exchanged-with-x-press-pearl-captain-court-told
09	New appointments to Supreme and Appeal courts	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74521/new-appointments-to-supreme-and-appeal-courts
09	Gnanasara Thero set to enter Parliament as MP	http://www.dailymirror.lk/top_story/Gnanasara-Thero-set-to-enter-Parliament-as-MP/155-213758
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13	Kumar Sangakkara among 10 ICC Hall of Fame special inductees	http://www.adaderana.lk/sports/8698/kumar-sangakkara-among-10-icc-hall-of-fame-special-inductees
14	Fuel price increased to strengthen local economy: PMD	https://www.dailymirror.lk/latest_news/Fuel-price-increased-to-strengthen-local-economy-PMD/342-213989
16	Biden nominates Julie Chung as US envoy to Sri Lanka	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74688/biden-nominates-julie-chung-as-us-envoy-to-sri-lanka
17	Prof. Mohan Munasinghe to receive prestigious Blue Planet Prize	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74708/prof-mohan-munasinghe-to-receive-prestigious-blue-planet-prize
19	Chamari Atapattu signs for Perth Scorchers in WBBL	http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/06/19/sports/251995/chamari-atapattu-signs-perth-scorchers-wbbl
21	Elections Commission gazettes Ranil's name for UNP's solitary parliamentary seat	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/EC-gazettes-Ranil-s-name-for-UNP-s-solitary-parliamentary-seat/44-719419
21	Jayawardenapura University establishes rapid, low cost nanopore sequencing for the first time in Sri Lanka	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Japura-University-establishes-rapid-low-cost-nanopore-sequencing-for-the-first-time-in-SL/108-214552
23	Ranil returns to parliament	https://www.ft.lk/ft_tv/Ranil-returns-to-parliament/10520-719556
24	Duminda Silva set free on presidential pardon	https://www.dailymirror.lk/latest_news/UPDATE-Duminda-Silva-set-free-on-presidential-pardon/342-214747
27	Sri Lankan actress/model nominated at Britain's National TV Award	https://island.lk/sri-lankan-actress-model-nominated-at-britains-national-tv-award/
27	Tehani Chandrasena win prestigious Zonta YWPA International Award	https://www.dailymirror.lk/press-releases/Tehani-Chandrasena-win-prestigious-Zonta-YWPA-International-Award

Rena Henderling's Fund Raiser for FSOQ Beds Appeal

Rena and Jeremy Henderling's function on 27 June 2021 with a hopper lunch menu including beer, wine and spirits, for 50 guests and 10 helpers, donating all proceeds to the FSOQ beds appeal was a great success. As at today the total proceeds to the beds appeal stands at \$41,000.00, which includes the money received from Rena's fundraiser.



Rena with the Appreciation Plaque presented to her

Total proceeds to the FSOQ from this fundraiser was \$3450.00. exceeding Rena's target by \$450.00. There were other donors who contributed to Rena for the hopper lady, hall hire, tablecloths, seat covers and for some Raffle prizes.

It is worth mentioning that the last function by Rena for the FSOQ was for the Victims of the Easter Bomb appeal, \$4060.00 collected from a lunch hosted by Mrs Rena Henderling and Mrs Susan Fahir on Sunday, 14th July 2019 for 35 guests. There were many who contributed to gifts for a raffle and donating money on this occasion. The total amount of \$13,060.00

was forwarded to Foundation of Goodness by FSOQ. \$9000.00 donated by our well-wishers and \$4060.00 donated by Rena Henderling for supporting those affected from the bomb blast at the Zion Church in Batticaloa. Sri Lanka.

Rena and Jeremy's support through the years has been greatly influential in accomplishing our goals at the FSOQ.

Jayantha Pathikirikorale
Committee Member FSOQ

Multicultural Event to Celebrate Vesak in Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Buddhist Association Inc (GCBAI), also known as Gold Coast Buddhist Centre (GCBC), organised a multicultural event to celebrate Vesak (Lord Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away) at the Robina Auditorium on Saturday, 29 May 2021. The overall theme of the celebration was "The role of spirituality in promoting social and emotional wellbeing".

Venerable Kottukachchiye Pagnnasiri Thero, the Abbot of the GCBAI, primarily guided the planning and execution of the event. This was the first time the GCBAI organised such an event and it brought together all the Buddhist cultures and the friends of Buddhism in the Gold Coast for the first time under one roof.

The event was well attended with more than 200 attendees from various communities. Despite the covid restrictions that were in force, the number participating was more than expected. There was a very positive response from all the communities and friends of Buddhism in the Gold Coast region.



The programme consisted of 22 different well-balanced elements. Venerable Pagnnasiri Thero, gave a speech on the overall theme of the celebration. The Thai community provided an enchanting item termed the Thai Hammered Dulcimer Show. The keynote speech was given by Dr. Stephan Bradford of the University of Queensland. Councillor Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden spoke on behalf of the Gold Coast Council. There was a presentation by the Venerable Tseten of the Buddhist Education Services. The children of the Thai Community presented a fascinating Flower Dance. Venerable Thubten Chokyi spoke briefly on behalf of the Australian Sangha Association. Reverend Tetsuyu Wilson, President of the Queensland Sangha Association, made a brief presentation. A charming musical item, Sound of Thailand, was performed by Ms. Peranya Visitchantragoon. Mr. Robert Fraser spoke on behalf of the Thai Buddhist Temple in Narang.

Special mention must be made of all the children of the Gold Coast Buddhist Centre (GCBC) Dhamma School who presented the Bakthi Gee (Paramitha Bala Poojitha Poojitha), Pooja Dance, Uttama Muni Dalada dance, and a dance for Traditional Sri Lankan Drums. The teachers of GCBC Dhamma school contributed immensely to this event by training and guiding the students. A speech and presentation was also delivered by children of the Sati Pasala towards mindfulness.

An exceptional citation must be made to acknowledge the contribution of the dozens of volunteers who looked after the logistics, the provision of free vegetarian snacks and the 4EB Radio for media coverage. A team of members representing GCBC Dhamma School & youth club compered the whole show.

The event was in part sponsored by the Queensland Government, whose representative the Honourable Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children and Youth Justice, and Minister for Multicultural Affairs was unable to attend. The GCBAI expressed its thanks and gratitude to the Queensland Government for this sponsorship. Also, His Worship Tom Tate the Mayor of the City of Gold Coast sent a congratulatory message because he could not attend the celebrations. In all the celebration of Vesak was a serendipitous occasion for all those who attended the event.

Gold Coast Buddhist Centre

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Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery has decided to postpone Prathibha Sandyava due to the new COVID restrictions introduced by the Queensland Government and also due to the inadequate authorised capacity available in the auditorium due to these restrictions.

The new date will be notified shortly

Lighthouse Community and Event Centre
65 Woogaroo Street, Forest Lake 4078

Tickets - Adults \$20 / Children (over 10 yrs) \$10

Contact - Chaminda Hewage - 0430876233 / Vimukthi - 0452203719



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QUAD IS BACK!



Sunday 18th July 2021 at
Judy Holt Park, Redlands
Multi Sports Complex,
corner of Bailey &
Randall road, Birkdale
QLD 4159

Event starts at 9.00am

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Sunday 11 July @ 6:00pm

DENDY Cinema
Coorparoo

Adults : \$25
Kids (Under 12) : \$20 (limited)



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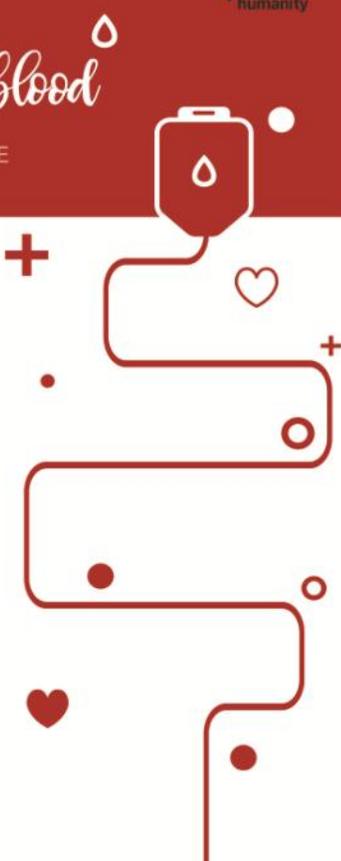
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He was a high achieving medical student until a tragic road traffic accident in 2010 made him a quadriplegic with a spinal cord injury. With sheer determination and the love and care of his family, he was able to overcome all challenges imposed on him. Later he not only finished his Doctor of Medicine degree, but also became an ambassador and advocate to doctors with disabilities. In true Australian tradition, he has dedicated himself to help others with disabilities and many others struggling with challenges of life.

FELICITATION OF DR. DINESH PALIPANA



Australian of the Year, Queensland 2021

Seminar presentation on 'Surviving Life's Worst Challenges'

FRIDAY 23RD JULY

5:30 PM FOR 6:00 PM START

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, ST. LUCIA'S CAMPUS LECTURE THEATRE 206 STEELE BUILDING (3-206)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



RSVP on or before Thursday 15th July to:

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*seating limited

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SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.



Christmas in July

Sunday, 25th July, 2021
 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.

Mitchelton Senior Citizens Hall
 30 Tel-El-Kebir Street, Mitchelton



Delicious Sri Lankan Christmas Fare

- Sri Lankan Entrée
- Lamprais
- Plated Sri Lankan Sweets
- Christmas Cake

Melodious Music by Ray Antonisz

Members: \$30.00
 Guests: \$40.00
 Children Under 18: \$20.00



For Bookings/ Contact:

Denis Antonisz	0432 411 383
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David Tambuani	0409 004 650
Gerard Fernando	0407 453 535
Suran Fahir	0409 262 855



Bookings close Wednesday,
 14th July unless booked out earlier



Fire & Spice

DINNER DANCE

SOLOZ & DJR&R

FT. UPAMALIKA KARUNASENA & CHARITH MARTINO

31ST JULY 2021

WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE

241, Tingle rd, Wynnum, Qld 4178

6.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Dress Code - Smart Casual BYO

Tickets - General - \$50 / Kids -\$25

Grand buffet By Fire and Spice

Contact - UPAMALIKA - 0421752103

Entrees, Mains and desserts

DENDY CINEMAS

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BRISBANE PREMIERE

8TH AUGUST 2021

DENDY CINEMA COORPAROO - 6.00 PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE : www.auslankatickets.com.au

TICKETS - ADULT \$25 / KIDS \$15

CONTACT - THILAK 0412711694

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Sri Lankan Events Brisbane

July 2021

Please check the latest status of the events with the relevant organisations

03	Prathibha – A Cultural Show ; Sri Lanka Food Festival POSTPONED	Sri Lanka Arts Circle/ Forest Lake Temple
14-17	OAAQ Blood Donation Drive	Old Anandians' Assn.
17	Sinhala Movie: Miss Jenis	Sinhala Assn. of Qld
18	Quadrangular Cricket Tournament: Royal, St. Thomas, DS Senenanayake and Trinity	St Thomas'
23	Felicitation of Dr. Dinesh Palipana	FSOQ
24	Vas Aradhana	Goodna Temple
25	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
25	Christmas in July	Silver Fawn Club
31	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple
31	Dinner Dance	Fire & Spice

August 2021

08	President's Cup Cricket Tournament	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
08	Movie: Thattu Deke Iskole	Private
28	50th Anniversary Celebration	Silver Fawn Club

September 2021

18	Musical Show with Local Talent: Aware Pipi	Private
19	Have a Chat & Food Fair	Silver Fawn Club

October 2021

02	Saralanga	Sinhala Assn. of Qld
17	Sri Lanka Day Celebrations	FSOQ
23	Halloween Dance	Silver Fawn Club
23-24	Annual Katina Ceremony & Dana	Forest Lake Temple
30-31	Katina Pinkama	Gold Coast Buddhist Centre

November 2021

6&7	Katina Ceremony - Pirith, Katina Robe Offering and Dana	Goodna Temple
27	Christmas Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans

December 2021

18	Christmas Carols and Function	Silver Fawn Club
19	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Years' Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club

February 2022

13	Valentines Day Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
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Multicultural Brisbane

EUROPEAN MASTERPIECES FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK

12 JUN 2021 – 17 OCT 2021

GOMA | GALLERY 1.1 THE FAIRFAX GALLERY, GALLERY 1.2, GALLERY 1.3 ERIC & MARION TAYLOR GALLERY

Spanning 500 years, 'European Masterpieces from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York' offers a breath-taking journey from the 1420s and emerging Renaissance to conclude at the height of early twentieth century post-impersonism. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity also allows visitors to experience works by painters such as Rembrandt, Rubens, Turner, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, and Monet, direct from The Met's collection – one of the finest collections of European painting in the world, the majority of which rarely leave permanent display in New York..



Highlights of the exhibition include Fra Angelico's finely painted altarpiece The Crucifixion c. 1420–23; Titian's poetic Venus and Adonis of the 1550s; the immediacy and drama of Caravaggio's The Musicians 1597; Rembrandt's painterly Flora of c.1654; Vermeer's beautifully observed Allegory of the Catholic Faith c.1670-72, and van Gogh's idyllic The Flowering Orchard 1888.

Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
04 Jul	Nimal Wijesiri/ Kasun Karunaratne
11 Jul	Samanmal Gunaratne/ Sameera Samarasinghe
18 Jul	Nawroos Naem/ Samanmal Gunaratne
25 Jul	Darshika Koggalahewa, Janaka, Sameera Samarasinghe/ Samanmal Gunaratne, Sameera Samarasinghe
01 Aug	Lakmini Keerawella, Kasun Karunaratne/ Kasun Karunaratne

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
07 Jul	Mithila Wanigathunge and Youth Team/ Mithila Wanigathunge, Achira Samaratinga
14 Jul	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Guest/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
21 Jul	Yashan Thilakarathne/ Yashan Thilakarathne
28 Jul	Himaya SWA & Youth Arm/ Mihika Samaratinga
05 Aug	Mithila Wanigathunge and Youth Team/ Mithila Wanigathunge, Achira Samaratinga

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