



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

Each year the International Day of Peace (IDP) is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Never has our world needed peace more.

This year's theme is Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.

It is a call to action that recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace. Fostering peace contributes to the realization of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will create a culture of peace for all.



The Peace Bell in Japan gifted by the United Nations

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said, "Peace is needed today more than ever. War and conflict are unleashing devastation, poverty, and hunger, and driving tens of millions of people from their homes. Climate chaos is all around. And even peaceful countries are gripped by gaping inequalities and political polarization."

2023 marks the mid-point in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. The

2023 observance of the International Day of Peace coincides with the SDG summit (18 – 19 September) to mark the mid-point milestone.

The SDGs aim to bring us closer to having more peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, free from fear and violence. But without the buy-in and contribution of a wide range of actors including the 1.2 billion young people alive, the goals will not be achieved. We invite you to join the United Nations' call to take action for peace: fight inequality, drive action on climate change, and promote and protect human rights.

2023 is also the 75th anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide. IDP 2023 encourages all youth to be ambitious in their engagement as positive and constructive social agents, to join the movement to reach the SDGs and contribute to building sustainable peace. Together we can help to lead our world towards a greener, more equitable, just, and secure future for all.

Courtesy: <https://www.un.org/>

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP DAY

Australian Citizenship Day is celebrated each year on 17 September. Australian Citizenship Day is an opportunity for all Australian citizens, whether by birth or by choice, to reflect on the meaning and importance of their citizenship. The day is used as an opportunity to think about what unites all Australians, to take pride in Australia's democratic values and to celebrate the role citizens play in shaping the nation.

The Australian Government introduced Australian Citizenship Day in 2001 in response to a recommendation by the Australian Citizenship Council in their 2000 report *Australian Citizenship for a New Century*. The recommendation came from a proposal of the 1999 National Schools Constitutional Convention that a citizenship day be established to allow all Australians to celebrate their Australian citizenship. The Australian Citizenship Council noted that an annual citizenship day would increase community awareness of Australian citizenship while providing a focal point for citizenship-related activities and celebrations.



The first Australian Citizenship Day was celebrated in 2001, coinciding with the Centenary of Federation.

Courtesy: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

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Happy Fathers Day 2023

Consular Services for Queensland Residents

In response to an enquiry by Daehaena, the Sri Lankan High Commission in Canberra communicates as follows:



The documentations in connection with passports, affidavits, life certificates (for pensioners), power of attorney, bank documents or any other consular related matters can be attested by a Justice of Peace (JP) or General Practitioner (GP) in Queensland and the said documents could be forwarded to this Mission by post for further action which is the standard practice.

In this regard, there are no charges for the services rendered by a JP.

Kindly note that these are the procedures followed by other states/accredited countries where there is no Sri Lankan Honorary Consul or resident Diplomatic Mission.

This Mission process all the Consular/Passport applications prior to sending them to the relevant Sri Lankan authorities. The Mission charges administrative/processing fees for Consular functions (Certification, Attestation etc.) from the applicants as per the government regulations. Details are indicated in the Mission Website at www.slhcaust.org.

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A Tribute to Swarna Mallawarachchi

Brisbane residents paid tribute to Swarna Mallawarachchi in grand style at a well organised function on 20 August 2023.



Starting her acting career at the tender age of 17, starring in a major role in Siri Gunasinghe's Sath Samudura, the lady known as the "Golden Star of Sinhala Cinerma" has won 28 awards in her career spanning over 50 years.

According to sources, publishing a school magazine with her friend, she wanted to be a journalist. Seeing an advertisement for roles in Sath Samudura, she wanted to meet the author, but ended with a leading role as "Soma". Since then she has acted in over 60+ films/

The evening comprising felicitation and a question and answer session with the actress, ended with a dinner where the fans could get photographs with her. The main feature of course was the screening of the 1983 movie "Dadayama" which is considered one of her hall-mark roles as "Ranmali".

The well attended function was organised by Ramya Tennekoon and Chandrakanthi Wickramasinghe supported by a few Sri Lankan small businesses in Brisbane.



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Book Review: Nomakena Sevaneli (නොමැකෙන සෙවණැලි) by Hemamala Herath

This is an unusual book review/ extract in that it is written in English about a Sinhala book.



“Nomakena Sevaneli” is based on a true story woven around the diary of a person named Julia, the author Hemamala Herath had met during her 13 year long stay in Wodonga, Victoria.

Both Julia and Hemamala had been members of an Inter-faith Group that was involved in social work and charities in Wodonga. During meetings it was discovered that Julia had faced serious difficulties in life, and that she had written about them in a diary and notes.

Julia, the elder daughter of a bricklayer father and a mother who was a nurse living in a yet to be completed home had psychological issues seeing and

communicating with unreal beings. While she was the favourite of her father, she had a difficult relationship with her mother and her beautiful, smart sister. Julia falls in love and marries the son of her neighbour Tom. Over time, while her marriage to Tom sours and they go their separate ways, her sister marries well and on her way to success and happy life. But life is full of surprises.

Running parallel to the story of Julia is the story of Aathma, who lives in Wodonga with her husband and is a writer whose books are published in Sri Lanka. Life of her parents who moved to Melbourne after their working life in Sri Lanka revolves around the younger siblings of Aathma and the Sri Lankan community. The values of Aathma and those of her siblings are quite different and

this causes friction in the family although they pale in comparison to those of Julia.

Riding the ripples in life, the issues get resolved and Aathma looks back at life as unfading images.

This is a book about humanity. Despite the differences in culture and backgrounds, a common thread of family relationships remains intact.

Note: Hemamala Herath is a resident of Brisbane.

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Embrace Nature's Splendour: The Toowoomba Flower Festival

The Toowoomba Flower Festival stands as a vibrant celebration of nature's beauty, captivating hearts and minds with its breathtaking display of floral artistry and enchanting landscapes. Located in the picturesque region of Toowoomba, Australia, this festival has become an annual event that draws both locals and tourists alike.

History

Since its inception in 1949, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers has flourished and is now an iconic Queensland event.

The brainchild of Essex Tait and the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, Carnival was created as a way for the city to use its "Garden City" reputation to promote increased economic activity following the hardships of WWII.

Key Exhibits and Events

Picnic Point (1 to 30 September)

Perched atop the crest of the Great Dividing Range is Picnic Point. The panoramic 180 degree views will take your breath away, stretching out over the valley to surrounding mountain, the deep gorges below and the world heritage area of the Scenic Rim.



Queens Park (1 to 30 September)

Queens Park has retained the charm and character common to 19th century public parks and botanic gardens, putting on a special show for her visitors during Carni-



val. Spread across 25 hectares, Queens Park is something to behold, with bright flower beds, large canopies of stately trees and acres of expansive green lawns, plus two playgrounds to delight the kids and an off-leash area that keeps the local dogs very happy. The springtime feature floral displays are located in the Botanic Gardens section of the park.

Laurel Bank Park (15 to 30 September)

Laurel Bank Park is one of Toowoomba's premier parks and provides a majestic oasis close to the heart of town. The park features manicured gardens, mature trees, children's play equipment, barbecue and picnic areas and two croquet lawns and is a must-see destination during the Carnival.



Grand Central Floral Parade (16 September 10 am to 12 pm)

The iconic Grand Central Floral Parade is one of Toowoomba's favourite events of the year which includes street performers, carnival characters and roving entertainment escort the stunning floral floats on their journey through.



The Floral Parade departs from the corner of Herries & Hume Streets, continues along Herries Street, turns right into Ruthven Street, right into Margaret Street, left onto Hume Street and finishes on Godsall Street Oval on the corner of Hume & Godsall Streets.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

RAMBEWA

Rambewa is a village in the North Central province of Sri Lanka. Very often, most names of places in the North Central province are linked to the Kings of the Anuradhapura era. It is a historic Kingdom that went under the rule of Indian King Elara and recaptured by the famous King Dutu Gemunu. A fierce battle was fought and it ended with a dual fight between the two leaders.

Thereafter King Dutu Gemunu restored law and order in the country and developed agriculture appointing his own brother as the person in-charge of agriculture development. Along with that he gave his best attention to the establishment of Buddhism in the country.

The largest stupa in the world, “Ruwanveliseya” is one such work of King Dutu Gemunu. Every detail of how he constructed the pagoda is explained in the Mahawansa, the biggest historical record of ancient Sri Lanka. There was no forced labour used in the construction of it and all those who sweated for the construction were paid by the King.



It is said that the King transported gold from some parts of the country loaded on the backs of cattle to Anuradhapura to meet the expenses of building the Ruwanveli stupa and other needs.

This method of transport was the

most popular form of transporting crop and precious things at that time. This transport system was called “Thavalama”.

The cattle had to be rested, fed and supplied with water to drink and bathe in these long journeys. So, these gold transporting oxen were rested overnight under strict security unloading the bags of gold before they took the final lap to Anuradhapura. The Sinhala word for unloading is “BANAWA”. “BEWA” is “unloaded. The Sinhala word for GOLD is “RAN”. The place where Gold was unloaded was “Ran bewa thena”. Over time, “Ran Bewa” became one word “Rambewa” (රඹැව).



Dr. Nimal Sedera

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

Obituary:

Lauretta Hyacinth Pereira, Loving Wife of Benedict (dec), loved mother of Brian, Ralph, Lester, Christine, Jude and Michael, Mother-in-Law of Srinika, Veronica (dec), Noeline, Gordon, Ranitha and Eresha, adored Grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren passed away on 9 August 2023.

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Lauretta was held at St Flannan’s Catholic Church, 194 Handford Rd, Zillmere, on Friday 25th August 2023.

Old Anandian’s Association of Queensland Annual General Meeting 2023

Date Sunday, 17 September 2023
 Time 6.00 pm
 Venue Mount Ommaney Library
 171 Dandenong Road,
 Mount Ommaney

Refreshments will be served after the meeting

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Sri Lankan Coffee and Tea as a Symbol of Multiculturalism

The Passing of Merrill J Fernando was a significant event in the history of Ceylon Tea. The Dilmah foundation was instrumental in documenting Sri Lankan history, ecology, ethnic diversity and other topics, which have been invaluable to our research over the years.



Tea originates in China, to which historical Ceylon has been intimately connected, but most countries surrounding Sri Lanka refer to tea as chai.

This is because the character symbolising tea can be pronounced “te” or “cha” depending on the language in question. Thus, the

Lankan pronunciation of te reflects the historical part of China that Lankan tea was originally sourced from. Travelling Chinese tradesmen were also a conduit through which Ceylon tea was popularised.

The people of Scotland had a significant influence on Sri Lanka’s tea industry. It was Scotsman James Taylor who pioneered the industry in Ceylon. During the 18th century many Scottish people were forcefully evicted from their homes in Scotland, in what is known as “The clearances”. Many such individuals made their way to places like Ceylon, where they worked on tea estates.

It is noteworthy that many place names in tea growing regions are of Scottish origin such as Dalhousie, Elgin Falls, Blair Athol, Glen Eagles and many more. Many Scotsmen chose to permanently settle in Ceylon including James Taylor himself. Through these communities, Sri Lanka is connected to Scotland and the ancient Celtic peoples and language which are etched into the Lankan landscape.

Britain invested heavily in tea by building estates and railways, near which many Sri Lankan towns sprung up. It was predominantly the Ceylonese Afghan community that provided the labour that built these famous railways and cared for animals on estates. British tea culture is also ubiquitous in Sri Lanka, with milky tea and biscuits as well as afternoon tea being iconic in Lankan practices.

Less humane was the transportation of migrant Tamil labourers to Sri Lanka. Compelled to Ceylon to escape hellish conditions in Southern India under British rule, these resilient and hardworking communities endured disease, death, physical and sexual violence to seek prosperity in the tea industry. This community and their exceptionally skilled pickers form the backbone of the Lankan tea industry. Their treatment and continued impoverishment following Sri Lankan independence are an indictment of the society that surrounds them.

The tea industry also brought together Moorish and Chetty traders and Sinhalese investors and landowners, whose contributions are too numerous to outline in this short article.

The descendants of the aforementioned communities represent another lingering remnant of the multicultural history of Ceylon Tea, as descendants of Scottish, British, Tamil, Moorish, Afghan, and Chinese communities continue to live in Sri Lanka. Their contributions through living and working in Sri Lanka form an ongoing influence of the multicultural endeavour that is Ceylon Tea.

Fittingly, the surname ‘Fernando’, now associated with tea and cultural preservation, is of Portuguese origin. It refers to the concept of a bold journeyman.

Tea, like everything else in Sri Lanka, was the result of multicultural cooperation across the world.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

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KHJ Wijayadasa Passes Away

Desamanya K.H.J. Wijayadasa, 87, former Secretary to the Prime Minister and the President (Mr. R. Premadasa) passed away on 17 August and his funeral was held within 24 hours according to his wishes, his family said.



A member of the former coveted Ceylon Civil Service, he had a long public service career ending as Secretary to Prime Minister R. Premadasa (1983-88) and later the President (1989-94). He held several senior positions as GA Ampara, Polonnaruwa and Kegalle in the provincial administration and elsewhere (Chairman Land Reform Commission, JEDB, State Engineering Corporation, Central Environment Authority etc) during a distinguished career.

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The Voice to Parliament

The 2023 Australian Indigenous Voice referendum will ask voters to approve an alteration to the Australian Constitution, creating a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice that "may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government ... on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples". The referendum, conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission, will be held on Saturday the 14 October 2023.

For the change to the Constitution to be validated, the referendum needs to gather a majority of votes in favour at the national level as well as in at least four of the six States (a double majority).

Proposed 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?

Proposed Amendment

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

1. There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
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Arguments For

Reconciliation and Empowerment: Supporters assert that a Voice to Parliament would symbolise a significant step towards reconciliation by acknowledging the historical marginalization of Indigenous communities.

Cultural and Traditional Knowledge: An Indigenous advisory body could enrich policymaking with unique cultural and traditional perspectives.

Consultation and Partnership: A formal Voice could establish a structured mechanism for ongoing consultation between the government and Indigenous groups.

Arguments Against

Equality and Representation: Critics argue that granting a specific group a separate advisory body could undermine the principle of equal representation.

Divisiveness and Identity Politics: The establishment of a Voice might inadvertently encourage identity politics and divisions within society.

Practical Implementation: Critics raise concerns about the practicality of implementing a Voice to Parliament. Questions about the exact structure, functions, and powers of such a body could complicate the process and potentially lead to bureaucratic inefficiencies.

Courtesy: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Australian_Indigenous_Voice_referendum, <https://voice.gov.au/>, <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/aug/28/what-is-the-indigenous-voice-to-parliament-australia-what-does-it-mean-explained-referendum-campaign>

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05	Talaimannar pier to be reconstructed in a bid to strengthen ties with India	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/92453/talaimannar-pier-to-be-reconstructed-in-a-bid-to-strengthen-ties-with-india
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19	Sri Lanka to conduct comprehensive national security review	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/92787/sri-lanka-to-conduct-comprehensive-national-security-review-
20	Death of KHJ Wijayadasa	https://island.lk/death-of-khj-wijayadasa/
21	AICPA&CIMA-ICCSL-Daily FT Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka 2022 winners	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/AICPA-CIMA-ICCSL-Daily-FT-Most-Admired-Companies-of-Sri-Lanka-2022-winners/44-752066
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September 2023

02	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple
09	D Major Dinner Dance	Richmond Mahinda Old boys Association Qld
10	Sinhala Movie: Ksheera Sagaraya Kelambina	Sinhala Association
16&17	Agricola Overnight Stay and AGM	Agricola QLD
17	Annual General Meeting	Old Anandians' Association Queensland
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 Niroscha Concert	Sathsara Entertain
11	Community Lifeblood: Blood Donation Event	Old Anandians Association of Qld
11	Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans

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 + Wasthi	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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03 Sep	Kanthi Wijesoma/ Kasun Karunaratne
10 Sep	Sam Fernando/ Sam Fernando
17 Sep	Lakmini Keerawella, Kasun Karunaratne/ Kasun Karunaratne
24 Sep	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
01 Oct	Yashodara School Special Broadcast, Lalith Keerthiratne/ Sameera Samarasinghe

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
06 Sep	Yovun Sandella/ Sameera Samarasinghe
13 Sep	Kumara Dissanayake & Guest/ Sandun de Silva
20 Sep	Pulastha and Dushan/ Dhanushka Bandara
27 Sep	Thisara Pathirennhelage, Kanchana/ Thisara Pathirennhelage
04 Oct	Yovun Sandella/ Sameera Samarasinghe

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