

A STELLAR 2024 FOR SBS PODCASTS KICKS OFF WITH 'THE SBS BOOK CLUB' AND 'HUMANS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEAF COMMUNITY'

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More captivating, inclusive and distinctively SBS podcasts are coming in 2024, starting with *The SBS Book Club* hosted by Walkley Award-winning journalist Sarah Malik and video podcast series *Humans of the Australian Deaf Community*.



SBS, the 2023 Podcast Publisher of the Year*, is gearing up for another bumper crop of podcasts that shine a light on unique, Australian stories, starting this month with some of the nation's best-selling authors and extraordinary Deaf Australians.

Named Best Publisher at the Australian Podcast Awards, SBS is starting the year with *The SBS Book Club* which celebrates the power of a great story with some of the biggest names in Australian fiction including Shankari Chandran, author of the award-winning *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens*, Melissa Lucashenko, author of *Edenglassie*, Tony Birch, author of *Women and Children*, Yumna Kassab, author of *The Lovers*, and Mirandi Riwoe, author of *Sunbirds*.



Host and Executive Producer, Sarah Malik, discusses how novels reflect the realities of modern multicultural Australia – including the themes of race, family, friendship and love - and how today's writing contributes to new perspectives of how Australia was, is and could be.

"It is my joy and delight to share a project close to my heart, exploring the power of stories and literature to reshape the way we see ourselves and the world," Malik said.

"By sharing stories in thoughtful ways and discussing the characters we love, hate, and love to hate, this podcast aims to celebrate diversity, hybridity and complexity of our national stories in our modern multiracial Australia."

This year also marks a new chapter for Auslan podcast *Our Deaf Ways*; a follow up season titled *Humans of the Australian Deaf Community*. It is a series of short video profiles spotlighting the lives of Deaf people working in various fields around Australia starting with Queer, Deaf artist from Adelaide, William Maggs.

SBS Podcast and Digital Audio Manager, Caroline Gates, said the 2024 slate of podcasts would continue to amplify new voices and stories that were smart, thought-provoking and entertaining.

"This year, we have an exciting line-up of podcasts including a second season of the *Seen* podcast hosted by trailblazing Australian feminist icon, Yumi Stynes," Gates said.

"Listeners can also expect to hear stories that will resonate in multicultural Australia – a series dedicated to our relationships with grandparents and how they shape us, insights into the lives of young Korean-Australians with *Say Kimchi*, bedtime stories from around the world with *Story Globe*, and a unique exploration into the business of dying in *Grave Matters*.

"Last year we were thrilled to be named Australia's Best Publisher of Podcasts and we hope to keep up the momentum in the podcast space this year."

This year will also premiere two exciting companion podcasts to SBS's television content: *Alone Australia: The Podcast* which will accompany season two of the breakout hit series *Alone Australia* and *Insightful with Kumi Taguchi* will delve deeper into the stories of SBS news and current affairs program *Insight*.

More than a dozen new podcasts are in production to be released throughout the year, alongside the large SBS slate of daily podcasts in English and more than 60 languages. Listen to SBS podcasts at [SBS Audio](#), the SBS Audio app on iOS and Google Play Store, LiSTNR, Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other streaming platforms.



*SBS was awarded Podcast Publisher of the Year for the second year in a row at the 2023 Australian Podcast Awards in November last year.

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