



E-VENTS CALENDAR

October 2008



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 21 October 2008
6.00pm for drinks and nibbles
Meeting starts promptly at 6.30pm

Venue:

Bethlehem House
12 Sudholz Place (off Flinders Street)
Adelaide



Guest Speaker:

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR
Governor of South Australia

RSVP to ARA

Telephone: 8354 2951



PARENTS AT PLAY

ARA is running a new parenting program. The first session is this Friday 10am – 12pm at 304 Henley Beach Road.

These workshops will be for 'refugee women' and will run for 10 weeks with a focus on 'importance of play', 'relationships' and 'behaviour guidance'.

Parents are encouraged to attend. If you would like any additional information, please contact Michelle Meinel, on 8354 2951 or michelle.meinel@ausref.net

PARKS COMMUNITY CENTRE GALA DAY

Sunday 30 November 2008 12.30pm – 4pm

Parks Community Centre – 2 – 46 Cowan Street, Angle Park

For more information please contact Tara on 8243 5670 or email tara.casey@portenf.sa.gov.au

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMPUTERS – Can you help?

ARA is always grateful for the donation of working Pentium 3 or later computers that can be refurbished for use by refugees.



John Read volunteers at ARA and combines his passion for teaching and computers to refurbish donated machines and then provides 'one to one' tutorials for clients to improve their computer literacy.

Please contact ARA on 8354 2951 if you have a computer you would like to donate. We presently have 40 people waiting to receive a computer and your support would be gratefully appreciated.

ARA DOUBLE FEATURE FILM NIGHT



THE DUCHESS – Drama / History -
Keira Knightly
&
TAKEN – Action/Thriller -
Liam Neeson

Sunday 19 October 2008 at 6:00pm

Chelsea Cinema - 275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park
Adults \$14.00 Students \$8.00 Bookings essential please

Tickets available from Erika 8161 3322 or
Erika.marshall@ausref.net

Last sessions for 2008 will be on December 7 & 14 and will feature the film "Australia" with Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman together with the latest James Bond film "Quantum of Solace".

POWER OF U COMMUNITY RAFFLE

United Way South Australia is offering you a chance to win \$5,000 first prize in the 2008 Power of "U" Raffle. Second Prize is an accommodation package for two people in the Barossa Valley valued at \$400. Third Prize; Holden Promotional Package from Peter Page Holden – valued at \$75. Fourth Prize – Dozen Mixed Wine – Valued at \$120. Fifth prize: Bickford's assorted drinks basket 0 Valued at \$35.

Tickets are \$2 each and books of ten are now available for commencement of sale from 1 September. There are only 12,000 tickets and the winner will be drawn on 12 December. Lic No: M11804

If you are able to assist with the purchase or sale of tickets please contact Erika on 8161 3322 or Email: Erika.marshall@ausref.net Web: www.ausref.net



ARA retains part proceeds from all tickets it sells.
Your support will support ARA.

FUNDRAISING CHOCOLATES

ARA continues to sell the ever popular Cadbury Fundraising chocolates.

Delivered to your workplace, they come in a variety box of 48 pieces. Each piece sells for \$1 and the box includes, Giant Freddo - Milk & Dream, Caramello Koala, Twin Peppermint or Twin Strawberry and snack size Crunchie, Time Out, Picnic and Cherry Ripe. Payment is collected after the box has been sold.

Please call Erika on 8354 2951 if you would like to know more or you would like to take a box at your office or workplace.



ARA MEMBERSHIP

ARA welcomes membership applications from all friends and supporters.

Membership entitles you to a membership badge, newsletters and annual report together with voting rights at general meetings.

To ARA, your membership is of vital importance when we are advocating with governments for better policies for refugee and asylum seekers.

Individual membership \$22, Couple membership \$33 or Business membership \$55 together with a special rate for Volunteers \$11 per annum are available.

If you would like to support ARA in this manner, please contact ARA (8161 3322) for a membership application and return it together with your remittance to ARA Membership at 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale 5032. Applications can also be downloaded from www.ausref.net

WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace Giving allows employees to donate funds on a regular basis to a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) charity directly through their pay.

Workplace Giving is easy to set up and just a small contribution from each pay can really add up. This scheme is totally voluntary and amounts can be changed or ceased at the donor's discretion.

If you would like to donate in this way to support ARA, please check with your employer to see if he/she is happy to participate and then contact Erika Marshall at ARA on 8354 2951 – Erika.marshall@ausref.net for further information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD AN EVENT TO SUPPORT ARA?

ARA would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to run an event to support our work with the refugee sector.

This support can take many forms and the following are suggestions only:

- Organise a 'Casual Day' at your work place for a gold coin donation
- Hold a morning tea or get together at work or with your friends.
- Organise some friends to hold a Badge Day at a local shopping centre
- Suggest your friends and family make a donation to ARA in lieu of gifts for a birthday or anniversary

Your support in any of these areas or suggestions of your own is most welcome. ARA is happy to assist with publicity, brochures about the organisation or tins and badges if you choose to organise a collection. To register your interest or to discuss any possibilities, please contact Erika at 8354 2951.

Your support will help us to help others. Please contact us soon!

DONATION CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

Can you help? Picking up donated furniture, and delivering it to Refugee families

The ideal characteristics for someone to be part of the Donation centre team is that they are able to drive a manual vehicle, they are able bodied, available to help for a regular one day a week [not weekends] between 9am - 3pm, and that they don't mind working as part of a team. Our aim is to have people work in pairs, so that any lifting required is not too arduous.

There is a role for helpers who are available less regularly, who could be on call, when regulars are not available. Also for those who cannot drive the vehicle [they would be the 'off-sider' on the day].

If you are able to assist as a volunteer in this way, please contact Dusko Cuckovic on 8354 2951 or email dusko.cuckovic@ausref.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** needs volunteers especially for the **Homework Clubs, Family Support Program, Reception, and Furniture Donation & Delivery and Marketing, Fundraising and Promotions.**

To view/download a volunteer information pack about all our volunteer placements visit www.ausref.net or call reception for details on 8354 2951

DONATIONS AND FUNDS NEEDED

• **ARA REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

ARA has set up the Refugee Scholarship Fund as a practical way of demonstrating support and empathy for refugees and to assist with education and training. Donations are managed and administered by the Australian Refugee Association and are tax deductible. Contact reception@ausref.net or telephone: 8354 2951

- **THE ASYLUM SEEKER FUND** at the **Australian Refugee Association (ARA)** needs your help with funds and non-perishable food. **All donations are tax deductible** (please mark 'Asylum Seeker Fund'). For more information contact Reception at ARA on 8354 2951, or at reception@ausref.net

NORTHERN LIGHTS 2008-Free Multicultural Festival for Everyone!

Celebrate Northern Lights 2008.FREE event.
TWELVE 25 Youth Enterprise Centre, 17 Wiltshire St, SAQLISBURY.

Saturday 25 October 2008. 10.00am until 5pm

Come along and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Experience the community connection!

Performance line up includes, Indigenous, Newly Arrived African and Burmese performers as well as more established community performers from around the World.

For further information: Contact – Ambulatory and Primary Health care, Salisbury Community Centre, telephone: 8281 7644

OTHER USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org.au/refugees
- Centre for Refugee Research at University of NSW: www.crr.unsw.edu.au
- DIAC: www.immi.gov.au
- Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education: www.erc.org.au
- Lutheran Community Care: www.lca.org.au/action/commcare
- Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia: www.mrcsa.com.au
- Multicultural Youth South Australia: www.mysa.com.au
- Refugee Action: www.refugeeaction.org
- Refugee Council of Australia: www.refugeecouncil.org.au
- STTARS – Supporting Survivors of Torture & Trauma www.sttars.org.au
- UNHCR news at: www.unhcr.ch/refworld/reflink

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