



E-VENTS CALENDAR

January 2009



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

The African Women's Federation in collaboration with Relationship Australia invites you to a

"Healthy Relationship Workshop" on **Wednesday 21 January 2009 between 1.00pm and 4.00pm** at the Australian Refugee Association, 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale. Childcare will be available.

This activity is supported by funding from the Department of Immigration & Citizenship under the Settlement Grant Program.

HOUSING INFORMATION SESSION

This free session is open to people from refugee backgrounds who have been in Australia for less than five years.

Participants will find out how to

- Search for suitable accommodation
- How to approach real estate agents
- How to fill in rental application forms
- Private rental assistance



To be held at the Australian Refugee Association, 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale on Friday 28 January between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Afternoon Tea will be provided.

For further information or to register please contact Adrian Bok on Telephone: 8354 2951 or Email: Adrian.bok@ausref.net

ARA's Accommodation Support Workers are funded by DIAC's Settlement Grants Program.

ARA DOUBLE FEATURE FILM NIGHT in conjunction with Adelaide Combined Lodges



VALKYRIE – Biography / Drama / History / Thriller

Tom Cruise & Kenneth Branagh

&

BRIDE WARS – Comedy / Romance

Kate Hudson & Candice Bergen

Sundays 1 & 8 February 2009 at 6:00pm

Chelsea Cinema - 275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park
Adults \$14.00 Students \$7.00 Bookings essential please

Tickets available from Erika 8161 3322 or 0407 976 319

Erika.marshall@ausref.net

In theatres third week in January 2009

FREE MANUFACTURING TRAINING

SouthAustraliaWorks The course will introduce you to the following skills:

- Use of larger workshop machines such as turning lathes, milling machines and a range of welding equipment
- Use of hand and power tools
- MMAW Welding
- MIG Welding
- GMAW Welding
- Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare
- Workplace communication and Job skills

Commencing on 3 February 2009, at Thebarton Senior College, Torrensville, the training will run for 9 weeks
Students will need to attend Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:30am until 4.00pm

If you are interested, please speak to Sarah Lovell 8354 2951 at the Australian Refugee Association ASAP.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR



Join us for a Banquet to celebrate **Chinese New Year** - *Year of the Ox*

Wednesday, 18 February 2009. 6.30pm for 7.00pm

House of Chow, 82 Hutt Street, Adelaide.

\$45 per head – Please book early! - Bring your friends!

Please contact Erika on 8161 3322 or email Erika.marshall@ausrerf.net

ARA MUM'S GROUP



For mums of 0-5 year old children

This group meets at the Australian Refugee Association on a weekly basis – every Tuesday between 10.00am & 12.00noon. Morning tea is provided.

The group discusses child raising in Australia, how to use childcare, helping children at school, children's learning and play and how to have happy children.

ARA Mum's group is an ARA program, supported by funding from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship under the Settlement Grants Program.

Please contact Michelle Meinel on 8354 2951 for further information

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 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** needs volunteers especially for the **Homework Clubs, Family Support Program, Reception 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

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.LCCSA.org.au
- 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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