



# E-VENTS CALENDAR

## February 2009



### OFFSHORE REFUGEE SEMINARS

ARA Migration Services will be running **FREE** seminars fortnightly beginning in February 2009 at our offices at 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale.

The seminars will cover a range of visa options for people wishing to sponsor their friends and relatives from overseas.

The main focus of the seminars will be the most general category - offshore refugee visas. However, we will also run through the basic criteria for split family visas, spouse visas, child visas, orphan relative visas and remaining relative visas.

#### **For further information or to register please contact**

Reception on (08) 8354 2951.

Next sessions will be on Friday 20 February at 5.30pm or Thursday 5 March at 10.30am

### DRIVING INSTRUCTOR



The Muslim Women's association invites you to an information session on becoming a Driving Instructor.

Presented by Michael Simmons (Transport Training Solutions Pty Ltd) this session will give participants information about training/requirements necessary to become an instructor.

*To be held on **Wednesday 25 February, 2009 at 10.00am – 11.30am at Wandana Community Centre, 14 Blacks Road, Gilles Plains. Refreshments provided. Childcare and interpreters provided on request.***

**For registration or further information** please contact the MWA on 8212 0800 Mobile: 0430 065 535 or Email: [mwq222@hotmail.com](mailto:mwq222@hotmail.com)

This information session is especially organised for new arrival Muslim women (living in Ausyralia for less than five years) Orther women are also welcome.

### REFUGEE WEEK 2009

**14-20 June 2009**

## ARA DOUBLE FEATURE FILM NIGHT in conjunction with Adelaide Combined Lodges



### THE BOAT THAT ROCKED – Comedy

Gemma Arterton, Emma Thompson, Bill Nighy

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### DUPLICITY – Thriller

Tom Wilkinson, Paul Giamatti, Julia Roberts

Sundays 19 & 26 April 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 3319 or 0407 976 319

[Erika.marshall@ausref.net](mailto:Erika.marshall@ausref.net)

## TYRE FITTING COURSE



A short course for refugees 25 and under!

**Tyre Fitting Course** – 9th/10th March & 11th/12th March 2009

This course is specifically run for new arrivals/refugees and will have a maximum of four participants for each of the two day courses. A certificate from Bridgestone accompanied with possible work experience placements is a great way to get a start in this industry. As well as this, key competencies will be attained, meaning that students will gain competencies and therefore be well on their way to Certificate 2 in Automotive Mechanical.

### Further Information:

**Matt Rudd – Refugee Program Manager YouthJET – 8227 0933**  
[m.rudd@youthjet.com.au](mailto:m.rudd@youthjet.com.au)

## CULTURAL COMPETENCY WORKSHOPS

ARA offers another great opportunity to attend some exciting and informative workshops to develop your Cultural Competency Skills. Training topics include:

**Information** \* Cultural orientation \* **Ethnic community speakers** \* Country demographics \* **Historical perspectives** \* Stereotyping and prejudice \* **How to communicate effectively with a client group** \* Needs and issues \* **Cultural clashes** \* Common misunderstandings \* **Diversity in the Workplace** \* Cross-cultural clientele \* **Multi-cultural issues in SA** \* Case stories **and much more.**

For further information and booking flyers please go to ARA's website at [www.ausref.net](http://www.ausref.net)  
Or email [CulturalTraining@ausref.net](mailto:CulturalTraining@ausref.net)

*"I have been to many workshops over the last 25 years relating to child care and I have to admit that this would have to be one of the best, both informative and thoroughly enjoyable"*

## 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**

## 2009 BIGPOND ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL



## MAN ALIVE! 2009

**Graeme Goodings** will be hosting **Man Alive! 2009** – a festival that promotes men's health. This **FREE** community event has fun activities and great entertainment suitable for the whole family. Come along to **Semaphore Foreshore Reserve on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009** to enjoy the high quality live music (including the Borderers, Supernova, Jayne-Anne Power, Warren Milera, Nayima Hassan Belly Dancers, Burundian Drum Club SA and Billy Hyde Raiders Drum Corps). A Kurna Ceremony lead by Culture bearer Karl Telfer featuring the Paitya dance group – from the four directions will be occurring. A rock wall and other fun recreational activities, face painting, air brush tattooing, Free Health Screening checks for men, and lots more! will also be available – with some great prizes to be possibly won! For more information, visit the **website [www.manalifestival.com](http://www.manalifestival.com)** or phone **Pip (Enfield Primary Health Care Services) on 8342 8600.**

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:reception@ausref.net)

## OTHER USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

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