

Refugee Week



#with Refugees

16 - 22 June 2019

**Celebrate Refugee Week with Mount Alexander Shire Council
and Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) Castlemaine.**

**A week full of events and activities that aim to promote
better understanding between different communities and
encourage successful integration, enabling refugees
to live in safety and to continue to make a
valuable contribution to Australia.**

Mount Alexander Shire was declared a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2014.





2019 Program

**Saturday
15 June**

RAR Castlemaine Market Stall

A great opportunity to learn more about the work of RAR Castlemaine and how you can get involved.

**7.30am -
1.00pm
Wesley Hill
Market**
149 Pyrenees
Hwy Castlemaine

**Sunday
16 June**

Vocal Nosh visits Castlemaine for Refugee Week.

Fundraiser for RAR

Join singer-song-writer Fay White and other singing enthusiasts for an all-in singing session and community meal to celebrate diversity and chase off the winter blues.

Songs of Travel, Food and Home-comings
and a hearty meal of **Foods from Many Lands.**

Cost \$16 full price. \$12 concession.

All proceeds go to RAR.

For bookings please call 0447576642 or visit faywhite.music@westnet.com.au so we know how much delicious food to provide.

**6.00pm -
8.30pm
Uniting
Church Hall**
24 Lyttleton St,
Castlemaine

**Monday
17 June**

Children's Author Event

Children's authors Nicola Philp and Laura Keogh meet to read and discuss their picture books *A Grain of Hope* and *Australia is our Home*, and the common ideas the stories share about diversity, inclusiveness and seeking refuge.

**10.30am-
11.30am
Castlemaine
Library**
212 Barker St
Castlemaine

**Wednesday
19 June**

Vigil for Refugees

Join RAR Castlemaine members on the steps of the Castlemaine Historic Market Building for their weekly vigil to show solidarity with asylum seekers in detention.

**4.30 – 5.30
Market
Building**
44 Mostyn St
Castlemaine

Thursday
20 June

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

*When history looks back will it be to see them
standing alone or will it see we were standing
#WithRefugees*

Friday
21 June

Christine Cummins: Dignity in a Teacup

Join author Christine Cummins discussing her book, Dignity in a Teacup, which recounts true stories of courage and sacrifice from Christmas Island.

Free event but bookings essential via Eventbrite at: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christine-cummins-dignity-in-a-teacup-castlemaine-tickets-61857916694

**4.30pm -
5.30pm
Castlemaine
Library**
212 Barker St
Castlemaine

Friday
21 June

Refugee Week Concert

Featuring Castlemaine Chamber Players, Allan Evans on harp, Sam Goble on cello and B'RockWerk.

Supper provided. Entry by donation.

**7.30
Anglican
Church**
Crn Forest and
Kennedy
Streets
Castlemaine

Saturday 22
June

**World of Stories Multicultural Dinner:
An evening of sharing**

Experience Refugee Week with a sumptuous Vegetarian feast and shared stories. Leaders of many faiths and cultures will be in attendance.

Cost \$15 per person or \$40 per family
Bookings at Mount Alexander Box Office:
<http://bit.ly/MtAlexBoxOffice>

**6.00pm
Castlemaine
Town Hall**
25 Lyttleton St
Castlemaine

Other Refugee Week events can also be viewed online at
<http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/events>



#WithRefugees

The Refugee Council of Australia has chosen #WithRefugees as the theme for Refugee Week in Australia for 2019.

Today, more than ever, we need a global movement to demand the safety and rights of refugees are protected. In Australia, it is the responsibility of our Government, and each one of us to ensure people forced to flee from their homes can live with dignity and with hope.

Refugee Week provides an opportunity for the Australian public to recognise and better understand the courage and contribution of refugees. People from across the world who have sought, and in some cases found, safety in Australia. Hearing their stories during refugee week reminds us that these powerful people are defined by so much more than their past. People who today are making many valuable contributions to Australian society and who show immense courage and resilience.

These activities have been organised by Rural Australians for Refugees Castlemaine in partnership with Mount Alexander Shire Council, Castlemaine Goldfields Library, Castlemaine Uniting Church, Anglican Parish of Castlemaine, and Vocal Nosh.

All donations collected during Refugee Week will be distributed between local refugee families and Refugee support agencies.

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For more information contact:

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