

Refugee Week events

Marrickville Multicultural Interagency (MMIA)

The Marrickville Multicultural Interagency (MMIA) is a forum which brings together the various agencies working with people from ethnic communities in the Marrickville area. The members of this Interagency are critical to the appropriate provision of services in the area. Some agencies will enter teams in the All Nations Indoor Soccer Tournament II and promote their services on the day. Others have organised events to recognise Refugee Week. They warmly invite you to join in the events below.

Canterbury Bankstown Migrant Resource Centre

Refugee stories film screening

Staff from the CBMRC have filmed several people who arrived in Marrickville as refugees, telling their stories of arrival and settlement. This fascinating short film will be screened at **3pm**

Friday 20 June, World Refugee Day, at the **Herb Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Rd, Marrickville.**

Call Losena on 0420 307 128 for more information.

ConnectMarrickville and Kelby's Café

Travelling Refugee Quilts

These quilts were made in support of, and to draw attention to, the plight of people in detention centres in Australia. The first quilt was made by a diverse group of people in the Illawarra, with a centrepiece made by a detainee in Villawood Detention Centre. They have travelled to numerous locations around the country and Marrickville is lucky to have them in the community for Refugee Week.

These beautiful quilts will be displayed at **Kelby's Café, 293 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville** during Refugee Week and for several weeks afterwards.

REFUGEE WEEK 2008

15 – 21 JUNE 2008

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS RECOGNISING REFUGEE WEEK IN MARRICKVILLE

Marrickville is a **Refugee Welcome Zone** and has declared its commitment to welcoming refugees into our community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in the Marrickville community.

During Refugee Week each year, Council coordinates community events, activities and exhibitions across the area to celebrate the significant contributions made by refugees. These events aim to raise awareness of the journeys, experiences, culture and contributions of former refugees who have made

Australia, and in many cases, Marrickville, their home.

Events & Exhibitions *See inside for details*

- **All Nations Indoor Soccer Tournament II:** 15 June
- **Schools Indoor Soccer Event:** 11 June
- **Marrickville Library** displays and activities
- **Film screening** featuring local refugee stories, by Canterbury Bankstown Migrant Resource Centre: 3 pm 20 June at Herb Greedy Hall.
- **Refugee Week Schools Activity Pack**
- **Stories from the travelling refugee quilts:** Connect Marrickville and Kelbys Café

All Nations Indoor Soccer Tournament II

**Sunday 15 June 2008,
10am-5pm**

Debbie and Abbey Borgia
Community Recreation Centre,
Illawarra Rd, Marrickville

Soccer teams from across
the inner west, reflecting the
area's cultural diversity, will
compete on two indoor
fields.

This family event will include
a free community barbecue
and a visit from the Magic
Yellow Bus.

Donations will be collected
on the day and sent to the
United Nations High
Commissioner for Refugees
(UNHCR).

The soccer event is open to
all ages (and skills!), so form
a team with 5-8 players and
join in the fun! Call Council's
Recreation Officer on 9335
2191 for more information.

Schools Indoor Soccer Tournament

Wednesday 11 June 2008

Debbie and Abbey Borgia
Community Recreation Centre,
Illawarra Rd, Marrickville

Refugee Week 2007 saw the
inaugural All Nations Indoor
Soccer Tournament take
place at the Debbie and
Abbey Borgia Community
Recreation Centre. This
event attracted more than
300 people and was a huge
success. This year Council
has decided to expand this
to a second day to involve
local schools.

This will be a day of fast
paced soccer for all ages as
students compete for the
*Refugee Week Schools
Indoor Soccer* perpetual
trophy.

MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY

**Afternoon tea badge making
& display**

Monday 16 June, 2.30pm

Participate in Refugee Week
with Library staff and visitors
on with an afternoon tea at
Marrickville Library.

You will also have the
opportunity to make a
refugee support badge.

Take time out during the
week to visit the library and
see the Refugee Week
display of books inside.



*Different Pasts, Shared Future
Refugee Week Mural - Illawarra Rd*

REFUGEE WEEK SCHOOLS ACTIVITY PACK

In schools now!

All schools in the Marrickville
local government area have
received a copy of the
Refugee Week Schools
Activity Pack, which was an
initiative of the Marrickville
Council Multicultural
Committee (MCMC).

The Activity Pack is for use
by teachers in helping
students and the broader
community become more
familiar with the issues faced
by refugees. Schools are
encouraged to celebrate the
contributions that former
refugees have made to the
area. The Pack contains
activities, worksheets and
interesting websites which
teachers will be able to use
with their classes.