

What does Armidale Sanctuary do?

We respond to the plight of these refugees by:

- ✦ Raising sufficient funds to bring two or more families to Armidale every year. It costs about \$8,000 for each family's airfare (which families later repay)



Peter Await was born in Armidale Hospital just prior to Christmas '04

- ✦ Identifying refugee families in great need. Most of these families are in refugee camps, in desperate situations
- ✦ Proposing to the Australian Government that a particular family be granted Special Humanitarian Visas
- ✦ Making arrangements when the Visa is granted, to bring the family to Armidale

- ✦ Establishing their home, welcoming, settling and supporting the family

What can I do to help?

Help is most welcome and often urgently needed! You can help, even in a small way, by:

- ✦ Joining our association. See the reverse side of this page for the membership form
- ✦ Being as active a member as you wish
- ✦ Making a one-off or regular donation—we are a registered charity. Donations to Armidale Sanctuary Humanitarian Settlement Inc are tax deductible
- ✦ Attending our fund raising events
- ✦ Assisting with settlement



Article from Manly Daily, Sydney 2004

There are 20 million refugees in desperate situations around the world. They have fled their country in fear of their lives. Many have experienced or witnessed rape, murder, mutilation, starvation, with homes and livelihoods destroyed. They are desperate to find a welcoming country where they and their families can live in safety.

The Australian Government accepts about 13,000 refugees per year. About 7,000 of these are off-shore refugees on Special Humanitarian Visas.

These refugees come from wherever there is persecution, war or internal conflict. In the past they have come from South American countries, the old Yugoslavian countries, China, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and so on. Australia's current priority is for refugees from Africa.

In order to come to Australia on Humanitarian Visas, refugees are required to have an individual or group that will propose and sponsor them, pay their airfare and then help them settle here.

Armidale Sanctuary was formed in May 2003 to bring government-approved refugee families in great need to Armidale. There are many such grass root groups around Australia.

Armidale Sanctuary

Humanitarian Settlement Inc

PO Box 1499
Armidale NSW 2350

If you wish to participate actively, you can volunteer to help by:

- ✦ Becoming a committee member and regularly attending meetings
- ✦ Assisting with family settlement
- ✦ Assisting with fund raising
- ✦ Assisting with publicity

The above list is a broad outline of our many volunteer needs.

Suzanna & Sarah at Sanctuary's 1st Birthday Party



You will learn more by attending

a committee meeting. All are

welcome at these meetings. They

are usually held 5pm to 7pm

every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of

the month in the Youth Hall be-

hind the United Church, Rusden

St. Armidale. We are grateful to

the United Church for its

ongoing support in providing the

meeting room.



Regina blows out the candles to celebrate Sanctuary's 1st Anniversary

Armidale Dumaresq Council has declared Armidale a "REFUGEE WELCOME ZONE"

Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Mobile _____
Email _____

Would you like to be actively involved? Please tick:

- Attend meetings
 Join the committee
 Assist with family settlement
 Make a donation

Membership \$10 Individual
\$15 Family & Schools

Please enclose your cheque or money order and mail to:
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