



Refugee Council
of Australia

Annual Report 2020/21



President's Report

Writing the President's Report has been an emotional task this year because it will be the final one I'll write for RCOA – an organisation that I have had the honour of serving, and in which I deeply believe and respect.

My tenure as President ends during what is likely the strangest period that most of us living in Australia have ever experienced. Our lives have been completely transformed in such a short time by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, it has been even tougher and more stressful for refugees and people seeking asylum, both in Australia and overseas. RCOA has fought hard this past year on behalf of these people who are in the community in Australia and have been left without an income.

These efforts have occurred while we've also tried to carve out a path to permanent residency for holders of temporary visas onshore and to ensure that refugees and those seeking asylum who have been granted residency but who are trapped abroad, are allowed into our nation.

All this has unfolded amidst a backdrop of the ending of the US presence in Afghanistan, which has resulted in thousands of refugees fleeing the Taliban in recent months – creating an emergency of massive proportions. RCOA has been playing a significant role in lobbying the Government at its highest levels, to assist in this crisis, and we've been backed by 300 organisations, businesses, and community groups. I'm all too familiar with the awful situation in Afghanistan, having travelled and worked there on multiple occasions in the past 20 years and having advocated with refugees who have escaped that nation to try to seek safety here in Australia.

Of course, aside from the hardship experienced by the people we are trying to help, everyone working inside the sector has also been trying to cope with the effects of the pandemic on their lives.

But while such challenges have tested us, progress has continued. RCOA's relationships, work with and support for, refugee-led organisations have matured to point that we are now partners, as well as supporters. This is exemplified by the development and achievements of both the National Refugee-led Advocacy and Advisory Group (NRAAG), and the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR) in the past year.

We have also forged new relationships with key ministers and have been engaging in ongoing discussions at a ministerial level and with bureaucrats with the goal of restarting resettlement.

During the increasingly difficult years for refugees over the past decade, I have also been greatly heartened by the fact that the measure of support coming from the Australian community has been a source of great hope. We saw this when the Federal Government cut core funding to the Refugee Council back in 2014.

Australians responded by ensuring – through their donations – that we had the resources to continue our work to protect the rights of refugees. Another example of this has been the incredible public backing for Operation Not Forgotten. This has meant that many refugees marooned in Australia's offshore processing system in places like PNG now have hope that they can start new life in Canada.

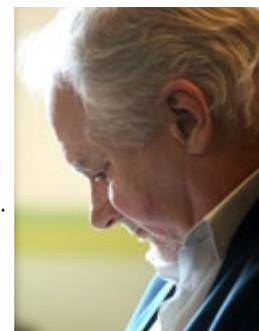


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This underpins the fact that if the Australian people are given the truth about refugees, rather than misinformation that demonises them – propagated by some politicians – that Australians will, and do, support refugees and the contribution they make to our country and continue to make to our country.

Finally, it has been a privilege and an honour to serve as the President of the Refugee Council for nine years, but this work would not have been possible without a great team. In that sense we have been blessed at RCOA, with the people that we work with, and for. I'd like to thank our Vice President Emeritus Professor William Maley, and Chair Maya Cranitch AM and all members of the Board, for their support and wisdom.

Most particularly, I'd also like to express my gratitude to our staff, ably led by our CEO Paul Power, all of whom have done an outstanding job in often difficult times.

Paul has always been prepared to go the extra mile and has steered the council through the many tough times, but also through the successes. I salute him and his leadership. The fact that the voices of refugees and representation of refugees in the council are now so prominent is one of the truly significant positive developments.

My thanks go finally to the refugee communities that have been such a gift to Australia. The Refugee Council will continue working to ensure their rights are recognised and their voices are heard and are at forefront of any debate involving their future.

Martin Luther King used to say that the arc of history is long but it bends towards justice. What he didn't say is that it needs people to do the bending. This is the work of the Refugee Council of Australia, to work with displaced peoples to bend that stubborn arc of history towards justice for refugees in Australia and around the world - and encourage others to do the same. It is important and challenging work, at times difficult, but it is a privilege to be involved in it.

I wish you all safety and good health in this unprecedented period of history. Thanks for your support for the Council, and more importantly, for the rights of refugees and their communities.

Phil Glendenning
President, Refugee Council of Australia

Supporting Refugee-Led Advocacy



Photo: ABC News

The leadership of people from refugee backgrounds and supporting their efforts is central to our work at RCOA. Here are just some of the ways in 2020-21 we promoted the advocacy and public role of Australia's refugee communities by enabling their self-representation and showcasing their contributions:

The 14-member steering committee of the National Refugee-led Advocacy and Advisory Group (NRAAG) made progress guiding and driving the national refugee dialogue and refugee-led advocacy, particularly as the continuing impacts of Covid are felt across refugee communities. NRAAG has:

- Published the 'Leaving Nobody Behind' report.
- Made a submission to the Senate inquiry on Australia's COVID-19 response.
- Engaged with civil society through presentations and public webinars and continued to amplify community concerns with the public, media and allies through public statements, social media and more.
- Supported and encouraged others to follow the leadership of refugee-led groups and to treat them as partners and knowledge-holders who should be at the forefront of change for their communities.

The Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR) is a refugee-led network founded in 2019 and supported by RCOA, which includes members in 12 countries. It developed a series of live conversations with refugee doctors, sharing information on COVID-19 in languages including Kurdish, English, Assyrian, Arabic and Dari. This is being shared through a weekly online forum, using audio-visual material and a Q&A style discussion to respond to questions from refugee communities with valid information and to get people

better connected. Since the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, APNOR has also:

- Conducted fortnightly safety check calls through its national hubs.
- Produced health information, particularly for women and children, in different languages through videos and podcasts.
- Put together an emergency appeal to support COVID-19 responses of refugee-led organisations in the Asia-Pacific.
- Conducted consultations with refugee communities in Bangladesh, Japan, New Zealand and Malaysia, as well as Rohingya diaspora members across Asia-Pacific, publishing findings from these consultations to inform regional advocacy on refugee issues.

Adama Kamara was appointed as the new Deputy CEO of RCOA in January 2021. Adama has 15 years' experience in refugee services, health, and local government, as well as personal and family experience of seeking asylum and supporting newly arrived refugees from her home country of Sierra Leone. She has a passion for community-led initiatives and is an advocate for meaningful participation. Adama has led co-design projects with young people, people seeking asylum, refugees, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and service providers.

In November 2020, Deena Yako was appointed to RCOA's management team as Director of Community Engagement. Born in Iraq and resettled to Australia as a teenager, Deena has worked in the resettlement of refugees since 2006 in both government and non-government organisations. Her focus has been on young refugees and she most recently managed the RCOA Face to Face schools' program.

Advocacy and Campaigns



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RCOA continued to work tirelessly to bring the sector together on several important issues related to our advocacy and campaign work. Not being able to get together in person for most of the year did not stop us co-ordinating with representatives from our member agencies, campaign colleagues and most importantly, people affected firsthand, so we would be able to effectively lobby key decision makers for more humane refugee policies.

Helping refugees trapped overseas find safety in Australia

We worked collaboratively with key stakeholders from refugee communities, settlement services, the Australian government, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to advocate for practical solutions to facilitate the resettlement of refugees who have been granted visas but have not been able to travel to Australia because of pandemic-related border restrictions. We have:

- Undertaken extensive research and consultations with over 35 representatives from 18 organisations and/or communities.
- Developed and shared a detailed strategy on the barriers to restarting resettlement and practical steps that could be taken to facilitate humanitarian arrivals.
- Brought together key stakeholders for several cross-sector meetings to coordinate and work collaboratively on furthering this strategy.
- Engaged in ongoing discussions with colleagues in the Department of Home Affairs and at a Ministerial level to offer practical suggestions for how to restart resettlement.

- Reached out to affected communities to consult and provide support with travel exemption processes, including developing an information sheet for humanitarian visa holders and their families.
- Worked with journalists from a number of media outlets to raise awareness about the devastating impacts the pause on resettlement has had on refugee families in Australia and overseas. Since our advocacy work started on the issue of travel exemptions and resettlement, we have seen evidence of an increase in the proportion of travel exemption requests by humanitarian visa holders being approved.

Durable solutions for refugees in PNG and Nauru

The bipartisan support for offshore processing policy means RCOA has had to work within the current policy and find practical solutions for people who remain in limbo after a long nine years. To this end, RCOA worked tirelessly in 2020-21 to engage with a number of key decision makers and stakeholders. These efforts included:

- Meetings with the Department of Home Affairs and PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) to speak about the issues faced by refugees and people seeking asylum in PNG and to look at durable solutions for those remaining in PNG. This includes maximising the uptake of US resettlement pathways and raising the issue of ongoing detention of people subject to offshore processing policies.
- Strong engagement with people subject to offshore policies and those who work closely with and are most trusted by them, for example Catholic Bishops

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Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands and its agency Caritas PNG. They have played an integral role in highlighting the main issues of concern and putting forward practical solutions to address them.

- Working with members in the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), to engage with colleagues across the region and use their professional network and expertise to work on durable solutions, for example ensuring New Zealand's resettlement offer remains current. We also worked with APRRN members and the Geneva-based Global Detention Project to submit a joint report about the situation of refugees in PNG to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

In the past year, RCOA has continued to work with two Canadian organisations, MOSAIC in Vancouver and Ads Up Refugee Network, for the sponsorship to Canada of refugees affected by offshore processing in PNG and Nauru. In the two years to June 2021, RCOA received \$3.14 million in donations from Australians enabling the partnership, known as Operation #NotForgotten, to submit 140 sponsorship applications for refugees and 96 separated family members (236 sponsorship spots in all). In October 2021, the Canadian Government approved visas for the first 10 applicants, enabling them to start rebuilding their lives in Vancouver and Toronto by the end of 2021.

Advocating for solutions for 18,000 refugees on temporary visas

Refugees on Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEV), who have been in Australia since at least 2013, remained on indefinite temporary visas in 2020-21. The SHEV scheme was created to incentivise refugees to take up positions in areas where there were labour shortages in regional areas but has failed to do so because of its complicated and unrealistic pathway to permanency. While we maintain our fierce opposition to this temporary protection policy, we recognised a political opportunity and proposed to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Program that SHEV and TPV holders be offered a permanent visa if they work in regional areas or other critical industries facing labour shortages for one year. This proposal was backed by consultations and a survey with refugee communities, with 85 percent of 717 TPV and SHEV holders who participated indicating a willingness to move under this proposal. The Parliamentary

Committee partially endorsed our proposal, recommending that "the Government consider additional concessions to SHEV and TPV holders who undertake at least one year of agricultural or horticultural work in a regional area, and are prepared to settle in a regional area". Following this, we have had meetings with several Coalition MPs and their advisors to discuss this proposal, alongside refugees on SHEVs. Some Nationals MPs in regional areas affected by labour shortages have expressed support for this proposal. Key industry bodies, including farming groups, have also supported this idea. As COVID-19 continues to affect international arrivals, we believe refugees who are already in Australia present a win-win solution to Australia's current labour shortages while also supporting refugees to permanently settle in Australia.

Mobilising decision makers as part of the Nobody Left Behind Campaign

The Nobody Left Behind campaign was launched in 2020 with 230 organisations signing onto the campaign, including medical groups, peak bodies, unions, NGOs, educators, mayors, individuals, and people personally affected. In 2020-21, we convened a strategy group made up of about a dozen member organisations to drive the strategic direction of this ambitious campaign, that has engaged directly with key ministers, Members of Parliament and other decision makers, and has also involved backbencher lobbying, State and local government advocacy, work with medical bodies directed at the Health Minister, public mobilisation and ongoing media coverage. In the lead up to the Federal Budget, we worked hard lobbying Liberal and National Party backbenchers to put forward a budget submission for time-limited access to Special Benefit for temporary visa holders. As a result of many meetings with MPs and influencers, we were able to secure two important mini wins:

- MP Russell Broadbent backed RCOA's budget proposal, submitting it to the Treasurer.
- A group of five Liberal backbenchers wrote a letter to the Treasurer asking for greater support for temporary visa holders, including people seeking asylum, during COVID and the ensuing recession. Those MPs were Trent Zimmerman, John Alexander, Dave Sharma, Jason Falinski and Fiona Martin.

Research and Policy Analysis

Everything we do at RCOA springs from the base of strong research and policy analysis resulting from close refugee community consultation. This year the policy team published six reports providing new and crucial information to the public about the impact of Australia's refugee policy, with key recommendations for improvement. These included:

- Seven years on: An overview of Australia's offshore processing policies.
- Homelessness and hunger among people seeking asylum during Covid 19.
- Covid 19 and humanitarian migrants on temporary protection visas: assessing the public cost.
- The impacts of COVID-19 on people seeking asylum and refugees on temporary visas.
- The Federal Budget: What it means for refugees and people seeking humanitarian protection.
- UN member states challenge Australia's refugee and asylum policies.

We also made 12 direct submissions on key policy issues on behalf of those who have experienced forced displacement and on behalf of the refugee sector:



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- Submission on the Humanitarian Program 2021-22.
- Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Human Rights on the Strengthening Information Provisions Bill.
- Submission to the Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security on the Strengthening Information Provisions Bill.
- Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the Strengthening Information Provisions Bill.
- Submission on the Migration Program 2021-22.
- Joint submission to the Universal Periodic Review on Papua New Guinea.
- Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on pushback practices and their impact on the human rights of migrants.
- Submission to the inquiry into issues facing diaspora communities in Australia.
- Submission to the inquiry into the efficacy, fairness, timeliness and costs of the processing and granting of visa classes which provide for or allow for family and partner reunions.
- Submission to the inquiry into the impact of temporary migration.
- Submission to the inquiry into the working holiday maker program.
- Submission to the inquiry into strengthening Australia's relationship with countries in the Pacific region.

Community Education and Awareness-Raising

During the 2020-21 year RCOA worked hard to achieve increased positive public sentiment for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia via our public education and events.

Face to Face

Since 2014, the Refugee Council of Australia has been bringing refugee speakers to audiences in the greater Sydney and Melbourne regions to share their personal stories as part of our Face to Face schools and community program. Face to Face also promotes social cohesion by addressing negative perceptions in the community about refugees and people seeking asylum and fostering greater understanding, empathy and respect. With COVID-19 restrictions making school and business visits impossible or impractical, the Refugee Council of Australia extended the delivery method of the Face to Face Program to a digital platform. This meant that students and community members in many more locations were able to learn about the refugee experience directly from people who have lived it and in an equally impactful way as they would have person to person. Throughout the year, we held 30 speaking engagements, reaching 3800 people, including many new audiences.

Thanks to our incredible and talented Face to Face Speakers:

- Samah Shda
- Sarab Shada
- Georgie Najarian
- Simon Shahin
- Milad Kado
- Dalal Sleiman
- Innocent Karabagega
- Shankar Kasynathan
- Lizzy Kuoth
- Shabnam Safa



Photo: Chris Southwood

Refugee Week

In 2021 RCOA celebrated another very successful Refugee Week, this time with increased exposure on TV, taking the positive message about refugees to new and larger audiences. In addition to securing a spot on ABC-TV's *The Drum* for our Deputy CEO during Refugee Week, we also furthered our partnership with SBS Food, with Adam Liaw hosting several refugee advocates on his TV program *The Cook Up*, who made some of their favourite meals while sharing stories. These advocates featured in our award-winning refugee cookbook available throughout 2020-21. On 18 June, our official virtual launch took place in partnership with The Wheeler Centre in Melbourne. Community members told the uplifting story of a group of Syriac refugees from a land-locked city in Iraq who took on the task of building a boat in Geelong. The result of this unique project was the construction of not only a beautiful boat, but a strong connection between communities. Refugee Week neared its end with the screening of the highly moving "Rosemary's Way".

We extend our deepest thanks to our event partners: Settlement Services International, SBS Food and The Wheeler Centre. We also thank our major partners – the City of Sydney, City of Melbourne, Multicultural NSW and Australian Red Cross. We are also grateful to our partner sponsors - Overseas Services to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (OSSTT), Baker McKenzie, Multicultural Australia, Department of Health, CommuniCare and NSW Teacher's Federation. Finally, we want to express appreciation for all our supporters, including the Victorian State Government, St Vincent de Paul Society and the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS).

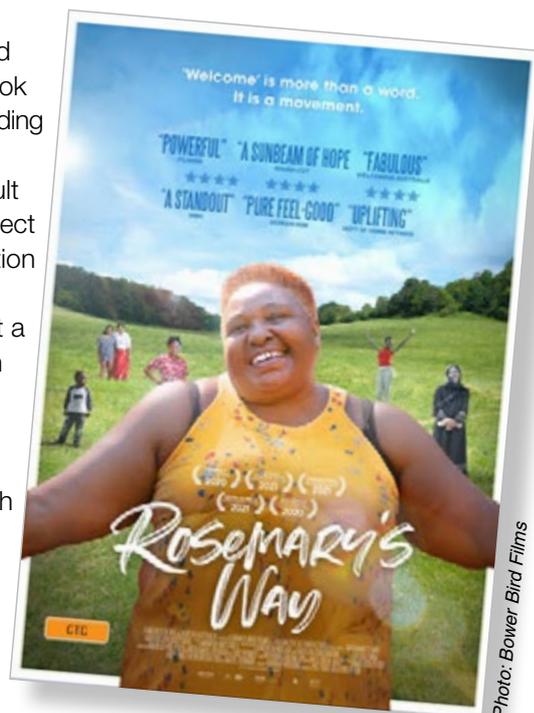


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Our Organisation

Support for our work

With the ongoing challenges of Covid, RCOA was excited to receive a record level of public support in 2020-21, thanks in no small part to our committed base of generous supporters. Donations and other support came in the form of volunteering, signing petitions, campaigning, pro bono assistance, appeal and regular giving, and even from purchasing our new Cookbook (pictured). We send a heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our supporters. A special thanks is extended to Rob Keldoulis and the team at Vivienne Court Trading, the Colin Biggers and Paisley Foundation, the Broadley Trust and the Sue and Sam Foundation for their unwavering commitment.

Board Members

Phil Glendenning AM – President
William Maley AM – Vice-President
Adrian Graham – Treasurer
Caroline Fleay – Secretary
Maya Cranitch AM – Chair
Jasmina Bajraktarevic-Hayward (from November 2020)
Ella Dixon
Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski
Marc Purcell
John Roc
Kwame Selormey
Dr Melika Sheikh-Eldin
Joseph Youhana (from November 2020)

Staff

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021
Paul Power – Chief Executive Officer
Adama Kamara – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (from January 2021)
Kelly Nicholls – Director of Strategy, Communications and Fundraising
Rebecca Eckard – Director of Policy and Research
Deena Yako – Director of Community Engagement (from November 2020) Face to Face Schools Coordinator (to November 2020)
Rebecca Langton – Office Manager
Rnita Dacho – Administration and Fundraising Officer

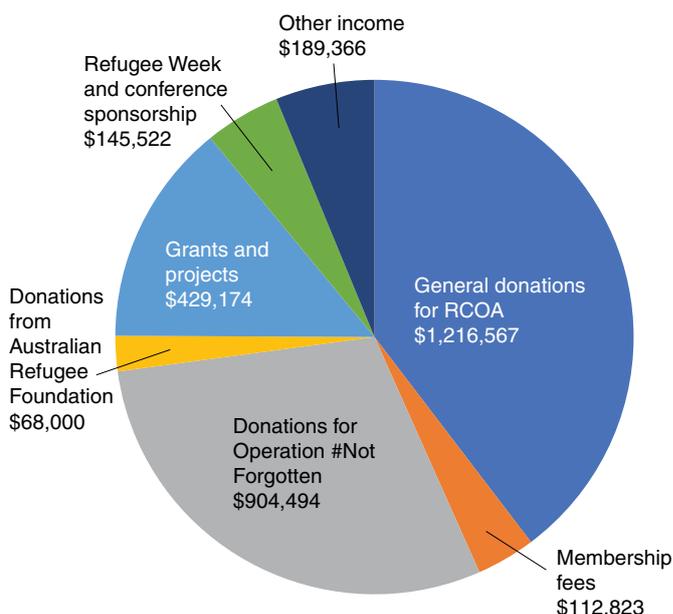
Samuel Dariol – Campaigns and Digital Coordinator (to April 2021)
Michelle Ferns – Project Manager (to April 2021)
Martyn Green – Accounting Officer
Asher Hirsch – Senior Policy Officer
Molly Jureidini – Digital and Campaigns Officer (from June 2021)
Paul Lampathakis – Media Officer (from January 2021)
Georgie McGrillen – Partnership and Relationship Manager
Sahar Okhovat – Senior Policy Officer
Louise Olliff – Senior Policy Advisor (from March 2021)
Afiqah Rozali – Digital Fundraising Officer (from March 2021)
Samah Shda – Project Officer (from February 2021)
Laura Stacey – Media and Campaigns Coordinator (maternity leave from December 2020)
Shukufa Tahiri – Policy Officer (to April 2021)

Our Volunteers

Thanks to all our dedicated and highly capable volunteers in 2020-21 for their commitment and enthusiasm:

Afiqah Rozali, Amelie Roediger, Philippa Bullock, Effie Mitchell, Joyce Chia, June Pickering, Justin Park, Liam Taylor, Saloni Nirala, Samah Shda, Soo Choi, Sophie Adair

Income Sources



Our Members

Organisational Members

2 Connect Youth and Community, St George Youth Services
Access Community Services Limited
Accessible Diversity Services Initiative (ADSI) Ltd
Act for Peace
ActionAid Australia
Advance Diversity Services
Aireys Inlet Rural Australians for Refugees
AMES Australia
Amnesty International Australia
Anglicare Migrant and Refugee Services (Sydney)
Anglicare Refugee and Migrant Settlement Services (NT)
Armidale Rural Australians for Refugees
Armidale Sanctuary
Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS)
Assyrian Australian Association
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Asylum Seekers Centre
Australia for UNHCR
Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council
Australian Council For International Development
Australian Education Union (Federal Office)
Australian Education Union New South Wales -Teachers Federation Branch
Australian Karen Organisation Inc
Australian Migrant Resource Centre
Australian Red Cross
Australian Refugee Association Inc
Australian Western Sahara Association (NSW)
Baptcare - Sanctuary
Bathurst Refugee Support Group
Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group
Brotherhood of St Laurence, Multicultural Communities Team
Cabrini Health
Canberra Refugee Support Inc
Career Seekers
Catholic Education Office Wollongong
Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Brisbane
Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace
Centacare Cairns
Centacare Catholic Family Services SA
Centacare Wagga Wagga
Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees
Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University
Centrecare Incorporated
Circle Green Community Legal
Cohealth
Community Queensland
Community Migrant Resource Centre
Companion House
Core Community Service
Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands
East Gippsland Asylum Seekers Support

Ecumenical Social Justice Group (Western Suburbs) Inc
Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education
Executive Council of Australian Jewry
FamilyCare
Forcibly Displaced People Network
Foundation House (Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture)
Horn of Africa Relief and Development Agency (HARDA)
Host International
House of Welcome
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
Institute of Sisters of Mercy, Australia and Papua New Guinea
International Commission of Jurists, Australian Section
International Society for Human Rights Australia Inc
ISHAR Multicultural Women's Health Centre
Jesuit Refugee Service Australia
Jesuit Social Services
Justice for Refugees SA
Life Without Barriers
Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services
Loreto Sisters
Marist Sisters
Melaleuca Refugee Centre
Mercy Community Romero Centre
Mercy Works Ltd
Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc
Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT Inc
Migrant Resource Centre (Northern Tasmania) Inc
Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania
Montmorency Asylum Seeker Support Group
Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency
Multicultural Australia
Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga
Multicultural NSW
Multicultural Pastoral Care Brisbane
Multicultural Services Centre of WA
Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network
MultiLink Community Services Inc
Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee group
Muslims Australia - Australian Federation of Islamic Councils
National Council of Churches in Australia
National Justice Project
National Resource Centre for Migrant Empowerment
Northern Settlement Services
NSW Council for Civil Liberties
NSW Refugee Health Service
NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors
Office for Social Justice
Overseas Services to Survivors of Torture and Trauma
Pax Christi Australia (NSW)
Quaker Service Australia
Queanbeyan Rural Australians for Refugees
Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma

Our Members

Red Cross
Refugee Advice and Casework Service
Refugee and Immigration Legal Service
Refugee Connect
Refugee Legal
Rural Australians for Refugees Queanbeyan
SDN Children's Services
Settlement Services International
Sisters of Charity of Australia
Sisters of the Good Samaritan NSW
Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre
Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre
St James' Church, King St, Sydney
St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia
St Vincent de Paul Society Refugee and Migrant Committee (WA)
Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families
Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (STARTS)

Sydney Multicultural Community Services
SydWest Multicultural Services Inc
The Mercy Foundation
The Tasmania Opportunity
Think+DO Tank Foundation
Thrive Refugee Enterprise
Townsville Multicultural Support Group
Uniting Church in Australia Assembly
Uniting Vic. Tas
Valerio Daniel de Simoni Association Inc
Welcome Merchant
Welcome to Australia
West Wagga San Isidore Refugee Committee
Western Region Ethnic Communities Council
Western Sydney MRC
Wimmera Development Association (Wimmera Settlement Association)
Wyndham Community and Education Centre Inc

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Financial Reports

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
Revenue	3,065,945	4,153,861
Employee benefits expense	(1,125,276)	(992,483)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	-	(15,741)
Other expenses	(1,914,408)	(2,312,463)
Surplus for the year	26,261	833,174
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus for the year	26,261	833,174
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	26,261	833,174

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2021

	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,645,964	1,686,405
Trade and other receivables	174,977	421,101
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,820,941	2,107,506
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	107,602	61,710
Employee benefits	142,413	119,488
Other liabilities	321,516	705,785
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	571,531	886,983
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee benefits	22,107	19,481
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	22,107	19,481
TOTAL LIABILITIES	593,638	906,464
NET ASSETS	1,227,303	1,201,042
EQUITY		
Restricted Reserves	23,785	512,045
Retained surplus	1,203,518	688,997
TOTAL EQUITY	1,227,303	1,201,042

Audited financial statements

The Refugee Council of Australia's accounts for 2020-21 were audited by DFK Laurence Varnay Chartered Accountants, Sydney. The audited financial statements are available from the Refugee Council's Sydney office or online at www.refugeecouncil.org.au



Refugee Council of Australia

Our vision

For the voices of refugees to be heard, the rights of refugees to be respected, the humanity of refugees valued and the contribution of refugees celebrated.

Our purpose

To work with our members in promoting the development of humane, lawful and constructive policies towards refugees and people seeking asylum by Australian and other governments and their communities.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and to the unique role that First Nations people play in welcoming refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

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