



Refugee Council  
of Australia

The Refugee Council of Australia warmly invites members and friends to attend its

## 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 9 November 2020**

**12.00pm – 1.30pm** NSW, Vic, ACT, Tas  
(11.30am in SA; 11am Qld; 10.30am NT; 9am WA)

to be held via Zoom link to RCOA members around Australia

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82979350388?pwd=WnVqcXZjT2w4YnBGU09sRzRzcGNzdz09>

RCOA's AGM will conclude with the following forum:

### **Operation Not Forgotten: the Canadian lifeline for refugees sent to Nauru and PNG**

In mid 2019, Laurie Cooper of Canada Caring Society approached the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) with a plan to scale up efforts to find solutions through private sponsorship for refugees caught in Australia's offshore processing regime in Nauru and Papua New Guinea. Laurie convinced MOSAIC, a settlement service based in Vancouver, to take on the leadership and coordination of Operation Not Forgotten, an international community effort to respond to the needs of refugees in Nauru and PNG who had been excluded for the option of resettlement to the United States.

With strong support from volunteers and donors in Australia, Canada and the United States, Operation Not Forgotten has raised more than \$2.4 million and lodged more than 80 sponsorship applications for refugees affected by offshore processing and 75 separated members of their immediate family. More applications are being lodged each month, for refugees in Nauru, PNG and medically evacuated to Australia.

The good news of how this partnership was developed, what has been achieved so far and what is being planned next will be shared at RCOA's 2020 AGM, to be held via Zoom. Speakers from MOSAIC, RCOA and UNHCR Canberra will explain how Operation Not Forgotten is working and its significance internationally, as a community-led effort to find practical solutions for refugees left with nowhere to turn.

Please **RSVP** to [manager@refugeecouncil.org.au](mailto:manager@refugeecouncil.org.au) by **Wednesday 4 November 2020**.

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## AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Adoption of AGM Minutes of 11 November 2019**
3. **Matters arising from the minutes**
4. **President's Report – Phil Glendenning**
5. **Treasurer's Report**  
(includes report from Australian Refugee Foundation)  
The RCOA Audited Financial Statement is available online [here](#).

### 6. **Election of Board Members**

The following positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held for:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- 2 organisational member representatives
- 1 individual member

A Member who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting has the right to appoint a proxy or submit a proxy. Please submit [proxy](#) and [nomination](#) forms to RCOA no later than 5pm (Sydney time) on Wednesday 4 November 2020.

Forms should be sent to [manager@refugeecouncil.org.au](mailto:manager@refugeecouncil.org.au).

### 7. **Motions**

#### a. **Motions from the floor**

RCOA members have the option of putting forward motions for the RCOA membership at the AGM to consider.

### 8. **General business**

### 9. **Forum: Operation Not Forgotten: the Canadian lifeline for refugees sent to Nauru and PNG**

Representatives of MOSAIC in Vancouver, UNHCR's regional office in Canberra and Refugee Council of Australia will provide an update of what has been achieved so far with Operation Not Forgotten and its significance in finding solutions for refugees trapped in Australia's offshore processing regime.