

The Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees is supported by the following organisations:

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Rural Australians for Refugees - Benalla
Rural Australians for Refugees - Bendigo
Rural Australians for Refugees - Castlemaine
Rural Australians for Refugees - Daylesford
Rural Australians for Refugees - Echuca
Rural Australians for Refugees - Euroa
Rural Australians for Refugees - Grampians/Gariwerd
Rural Australians for Refugees - Hamilton and District
Rural Australians for Refugees - Healesville
Rural Australians for Refugees - Home among the Gum Trees
Rural Australians for Refugees - Latrobe Valley
Rural Australians for Refugees - Lorne
Rural Australians for Refugees - Macedon Ranges
Rural Australians for Refugees - Mansfield
Rural Australians for Refugees - Maryborough
Rural Australians for Refugees - National
Rural Australians for Refugees - Phillip Island
Rural Australians for Refugees - Queanbeyan
Rural Australians for Refugees - Queenscliff
Rural Australians for Refugees - South Gippsland
Rural Australians for Refugees - Southern Highlands
Rural Australians for Refugees - Surf Coast
Rural Australians for Refugees - Trentham
Rural Australians for Refugees - Warburton
Rural Australians for Refugees - Warrnambool
Rural Australians for Refugees, Daylesford & District
Santa Maria College, Northcote
Shamama Association of Australia
Swan Hill Community Issues Group
Socialist Alliance
Socialist Alternative
Solidarity
South West Love Makes a Way
St Mary's Catholic Parish - Echuca
Teachers for Refugees
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia
The Salvation Army (Australian Southern Territory)
Union of Australian Women
Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
Vic Trades Hall Council
Victorian Council of Churches
Victorian Afghan Associations Network
Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association
Welcome To Australia
West Welcome Wagon
World Vision
Yarra City Council
YPR - Young People for Refugees - Bendigo



WALK for

JUSTICE

2018

for

REFUGEES

End the cruelty

Palm Sunday, March 25
2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

Music from 1.30pm

Speakers from 2pm, Walk at 2.45pm

loop route through Bourke Street mall returning to State Library

Music includes Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir, Yomal, and Strange Tenants, and will continue at Library after the walk

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, call Marie Hapke 0409 252 673 or Chris Breen 0403 013 183 or visit www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org for more info

Evacuate
Manus &
Nauru

Join the Walk for Justice for Refugees

Across Australia, thousands of people will join the Palm Sunday actions for refugees. **Share this information and encourage others to join you on the Walk. You can help to bring about the change we so urgently need to see.**

We are inviting you to join the walk because the government continues to punish people who sought protection in Australia:

- Thousands of people have been held on Nauru and Manus Island over the last four years. The deliberate cruelty of offshore detention has resulted in 9 deaths and untold misery and despair, with many people developing serious mental illnesses.
- There are still 160 children held on Nauru, who, with their families and other adults, are being denied hope for the future.
- The men marooned on Manus are fearful for their safety as Australia abandons them in Papua New Guinea.
- 230 people have been offered protection by America - but around 1700 remain. No refugees from Iran, Somalia, and Sudan (countries covered by Trump's travel ban) have been offered places to the US.
- The Australian Government has rejected the offer by New Zealand to provide protection for 150 people per year.
- There are concerns that many people will continue to be pressured to return to unsafe places.
- Over 30,000 refugees are living on bridging visas in our community, with their futures in limbo. People are still held in detention here in Australia, many for long periods. Many families are separated by the harsh system, and most have no hope of ever being reunited with their loved ones.



What We Want to See for Refugees

We are calling on Australia's political leaders to abandon the current harsh and unjust policies, and to provide permanent protection for these vulnerable people.

We are also calling for truth and respect in the public discourse - Australians are shocked that some politicians show little regard for the truth while pursuing short term political advantage.

Australia IS RESPONSIBLE for these people. Instead of spending millions to prolong their despair, Australia should **#BringThemHere** and **#LetThemStay**. In this election year, let's stand together with refugees.

Give them HOPE – not despair

- **Everyone has the right to a life that is free from persecution and life-threatening situations. Seeking asylum is a human right**
- **Australia can be more generous and provide resettlement to many more refugees**
- **We want to be part of a society that is shaped by compassion and justice for all people including people seeking asylum**
- **People seeking asylum have the right to live with dignity and in safety in our community while their claims for protection are processed**