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Australian Workers Union Victorian Branch
Ballarat Regional Trades and Labour Council
CPSU – Community and Public Sector Union Victoria
Gippsland Trades & Labour Council
HACSU – Health and Community Services Union
IEU – Independent Education Union
Migrant Workers Centre
VAHPA – Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association
Victorian Trades Hall Council



Walk for justice, respect and kindness

Palm Sunday 29 March 2026

2-3.30pm Speakers and music at Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr

Prior to the program:

1pm Gather on Princes Bridge with banners and placards

1.30pm Walk to Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr

#justice4all #Respect #Kindness

Queries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au

Welcome Refugees



Come and join the STRONGER TOGETHER event

Demonstrate your own commitment to
justice, peace-making, respect and kindness in our communities

For decades, Palm Sunday community rallies have been an opportunity for Australians of many religious faith traditions, or none, to join together with unionists and people of goodwill in the community to draw attention to humanitarian causes and key issues of the day.

In the 1980s the focus was on nuclear disarmament and peacemaking. In more recent years the Palm Sunday Walks have called for justice for refugees and people seeking asylum.

The great civil rights campaigner Cornell West said:

“Justice is what love looks like in public”.

The Palm Sunday rallies are a time to call for compassion and justice.

Now, more than ever, we need to speak up for justice and compassion to counter divisive and hurtful sentiments in public discourse, and the fear and division we are seeing in our communities.

We need to stand up for the Australia we want.



**Kindness and respect
Justice for all
Love, not hate
Peace, not oppression and conflict**

The 2026 theme **‘Stronger Together’** has been chosen to highlight the way our communities can be safe, just and welcoming for all. By embracing and celebrating the richness of our cultural and religious diversity, we can work together to build a vibrant future for our nation.

For generations, people from around the world have found a new beginning in Australia. Those who have come across the seas, and their descendants, together with Australia’s First Peoples, have built our Australian community. Some have come to us seeking safety and protection; in 2025, the millionth refugee visa was granted.

It is a cherished Australian value that everyone has a fair go, and that we welcome people from many lands including those who have had to flee their home countries due to war and/or political persecution.

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Refugee rights are human rights.

While there have been some positive changes under the Labor Government, there are still many serious injustices and cruel policies in place.

A recent United Nations Human Rights Report found significant problems in the way Australia treats people seeking asylum, with a special mention of the offshore policy and deporting people to Nauru.

Justice for refugees and people seeking asylum means:

Ensuring fair and fast assessment of claims for refugee status, so people are not left on short-term visas for years, requiring ongoing visa applications.

Providing dignity, not dependence – people need work and study rights, and access to Medicare while they wait for refugee claims to be assessed (which under current arrangements can take years).

Reuniting families by ensuring Family Reunion processes are timely – often people are separated from their children, parents and other loved ones for many years.

Bringing to safety the 30 or so asylum seekers still stranded in Port Moresby, PNG after 13 years of detention and exile. Some are very sick and need urgent medical attention; others are at risk of destitution in PNG. All are at risk of harm in a hostile community.

Ending the cruel policy of offshore processing and exiling people to Nauru.

Resettling refugees stranded in Indonesia since 2014 with no safe resettlement options because of Australia’s policies. These people need a safe future.

Raising the refugee quota. The current quota of 20,000 is positive but falls far short of both past commitments and global needs.

We can do better