

SCARF

NEWSLETTER



An update from the Committee for volunteers, supporters & clients

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We recently sold at auction a work by the well-known local artist, Paul Ryan. The painting had been generously donated by Paul to our hugely successful fundraiser ART 4 REFUGEES in 2006. The proceeds of the sale will go toward paying the cost of our Volunteer's Insurance.

Our raffle, drawn in March, proved to be a very successful fundraiser with approx. \$1400 worth of tickets sales. These funds too will help offset the cost of our insurance policy! Special thanks to Kerrie Pederson and Lorna May for their efforts. Our prizes were donated by Fernwood Woonona, Little Italy, ibah spa and Il Porcellino. Please mention SCARF if you visit these establishments.

REFUGEE CONFERENCE

Our secretary Sharyn McKenzie attended the Inaugural African Resettlement in Australia Conference in Melbourne in April. Keynote speakers included government and United Nations representatives, Sharyn found the conference worthwhile, with new ideas for SCARF's work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refugee Week 18-22 June

We encourage those who can, to attend the local celebration: Welcome Here Festival 2007 to be held 10am-3pm at TAFE Recreation Centre, Foleys Rd Nth 'Gong.



SCARF will again have an information stall at this celebration ... trying to encourage MORE volunteers to get involved!

This year the focus of Refugee Week is on the youngsters and youth of the refugee community. There will be a separate children's space with bilingual and multicultural storytelling for as well as a full program of entertainment, information, craft stalls and food from different cultures.

The festival is a free community event for the whole family, and marks World Refugee Day.

SCARF needs volunteers to be on our stall. If you can spare an hour please contact Jane at admin@hksigns.com.au or 0402 888 126.

Community Consultation / Community Education Workshops

Workshops are being planned for late July/early August – these sessions will include opportunities for sharing a meal and also opportunities for us to be educated by the community members as they share their stories about making a new life in a different culture! Dates will be advised by email

ART 4 REFUGEES 2008

SCARF will hold its second Art and Craft Show in June next year ... so we are giving you 12 months notice to start creating those unique pieces that could become the next "must have" item for all the trendy shoppers ... use our Art Show as a showcase for your work!

WANTED - VOLUNTEERS!

Home visits, assisting kids with homework, teaching English & conversation with adults, taking people shopping, giving driving lessons (learner's own car) and opportunities for work-experience in ANY field of employment.

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