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Rural Australians for Refugees - Maryborough  
Rural Australians for Refugees - National  
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Victorian Socialists  
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Yarra City Council

**WALK for**

**2019**

**JUSTICE for  
REFUGEES**

**For a Fair & Welcoming Society  
Close Manus & Nauru - Bring Them Here**



**Palm Sunday, April 14**  
**2pm State Library** cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

**Music from 1.30pm, Speakers from 2pm** including Behrooz Boochani (imprisoned refugee, activist, filmmaker & prize winning author) live from Manus, Nyadol Nyuon (lawyer, refugee & community advocate) Michele O'Neil (ACTU President), Taqi Azra (Hazara Refugee), Lavanya Thavaraja (Tamil Refugee Council) Interfaith Panel including Mohammad Mohideen (Islamic Council of Victoria)  
Walk from 2.45pm to Kings Domain for music by Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir and others

Join and share the Facebook event via [www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk](http://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk)

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# Why it's important to Walk for Justice for Refugees

Stand up for refugees by joining the Walk for Justice for Refugees on Palm Sunday. In the run up to the federal election help deliver a message to all politicians that we want a fair society that welcomes refugees. BE THERE with your friends and share this information through your networks: [facebook.com/PalmSundayWalk](https://www.facebook.com/PalmSundayWalk)

## Australia's treatment of refugees remains punitive and unjust:

- After 5 years, more than 1000 people are still languishing on Nauru and Manus, most of whom have been recognised as refugees.
- The US deal is almost exhausted after resettlement of less than 500 refugees from Manus and Nauru.
- The Australian government still refuses New Zealand's offer to provide permanent protection for some of the refugees on Nauru and Manus Island.
- The Australian government is neither processing nor offering protection to the children and their families brought here from Nauru, who are placed mostly in community detention – so their uncertainty continues.
- The Australian government continues to deny refugees permanent protection and access to family reunion.
- The Government has actively separated families: husbands from wives, parents from children, siblings from each other.
- Hundreds continue to be held in on-shore detention centres - in some cases for over 9 years.
- Over 30,000 people are still on Bridging Visas often waiting for years for their protection claims to be processed. Thousands face destitution in our communities as the government withdraws basic income, and torture and trauma counselling.
- Even though eligible for citizenship, many people granted refugee status and permanent visas continue to wait unreasonably for many years.
- The Government is continuing to deport people to danger.

The tremendous community support for the #KidsOffNauru campaign has been effective in getting children and their families off Nauru. Now we need to get everyone off Manus and Nauru. The passing of the Medivac bill hopefully will see many sick people get treatment in Australia, but it won't get everyone off - its time to close the camps for good.

Seeking protection from persecution is a human right, regardless of how people enter a country. Australia must abide by the UN Refugee Convention.

## RIGHTS FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM:

We call on Australia's political leaders to abandon the current cruel and unjust policies, to stop the scaremongering, and to provide permanent protection for these vulnerable people.

We want truth and transparency in the public discourse - many people are shocked that some politicians show little regard for the truth while pursuing short term political advantage.

**Australia IS RESPONSIBLE for the people held on Manus and Nauru. Instead of spending billions prolonging their despair, Australia should bring them here.**