



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Rural Australians for Refugees- a grass roots movement striving to return compassion and humanity to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers and refugees.

RAR groups

- Aim to raise public awareness of the issues involving asylum seekers and refugees.
- Write letters to newspapers and politicians.
- Meet members of parliament to challenge inhumane policies.
- Provide practical help (food, clothing, accommodation) to local refugees.
- Fund-raise for asylum seekers and refugees.

Our 10 Point Plan

Rural Australians for Refugees calls on the Australian Government to seek solutions at a global, regional and national level to address the international asylum seeker and refugee crisis.

As a Nation ... Australia should

1. Receive asylum seekers in accordance with the humane standards set out in the United Nations Convention on Refugees which Australia signed in 1954.
2. Close all off-shore and remote detention centres and take full responsibility for processing asylum seeker claims here in Australia.
3. Rescind all current legislation that condones and even encourages human rights violations and establish a formal multi-party parliamentary committee to draft refugee and asylum seeker policies that will gain bipartisan support.
4. Do more to improve public understanding of the plight of asylum seeker issues and to dispel common myths.
5. Provide orientation, training and support to urban and rural communities willing to assist refugees with accommodation and employment.

In our Region ... Australia should:

6. Work with our Asia Pacific neighbours to find co-operative and non-punitive solutions to the flow of refugees into and through the region.
7. Ensure that countries currently hosting disproportionate numbers of refugees are given appropriate support.

In the Global context ... Australia should:

8. Use its position on the United Nations Security Council.
9. Seek a world -wide increase in aid for refugees.
10. Seek to influence oppressive governments who are persecuting their minority groups.

Membership Application

In completing this application affirms it:

- a) is a group based in a rural/regional location, and
- b) wishes to become a member of RAR; and
- c) supports the purposes of RAR, and
- d) agrees to comply with the Rules of RAR; and
- e) designates the following people belonging to it to be contact people for RAR National.

Signed _____ Dated _____

RAR group email address: *(a standard email address for the group is recommended eg RAR.location@gmail.com)*

Name of contact person 1			
Postal address			
Email			
Phone			
Are these details available to other RAR members and people wanting to join your group? (please circle)	YES	NO	
Are these details available to refugees seeking help?	YES	NO	
Are these details available to media enquiries?	YES	NO	

Name of contact person 2			
Postal address			
email			
Phone			
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