



Media Release

Migrant Resource Centre (Sth Tas) Inc celebrates Refugee Week

Saturday, June 16th, 2007

**Multicultural Event – showcasing German Choir, Congolese Dancers,
Burundian Women’s Group**

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Hobart City Hall, 26-28 Macquarie Street, Hobart

Wednesday, June 20th, 2007

Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony at the MRC

12:00 PM to 2.00 PM

MRC Premises – 49 Mollie Street, Hobart

Invite Only or strict RSVP

These upbeat multicultural events are designed to celebrate Refugee Week from Sunday, June 17 to Saturday, June 23. World Refugee Day is Wednesday June, 20th 2007 and this year’s theme is **“The Voices of Young Refugees”**. The theme focuses attention on the contribution, ideas and concerns of refugee children, teenagers and young adults. Refugee Week has been celebrated in Australia since 1986, to acknowledge the amazing contributions that refugees make to Australian society and draw attention to international refugee concerns. This year, many great events will be happening all over Australia.

As part of these events, the Migrant Resource Centre is hosting a celebration for the Hobart Community at the Hobart City Hall on Saturday June 16th. **This event will show case local refugee community groups in a festival of music, dance and song with key note addresses from the Lord Mayor, Alderman Rob Valentine of Hobart City Council** and friends of the Migrant Resource Centre.

On Wednesday June 20th a **traditional Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony** will be held at the MRC premises (12-2 PM - by invite or RSVP interest) where the **Minister for Community Development Michelle O’Byrne will help celebrate World Refugee Day**.

The refugee week celebration, as Mr. Cedric Manen, General Manager of the MRC puts it “is a celebration of cultural diversity that raises awareness of refugee communities globally. We are proud to host these events in recognition of the Tasmanian refugee communities that contribute so richly to our cultural landscape”

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