

Freedom Stories film screening

Amnesty International and Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) local groups invite you to a screening of Steve Thomas' award winning documentary, "Freedom Stories", Sunday 26th June, at 2.00 pm, in the Cygnet Supper Room, (upstairs from the Town Hall).

We wanted to mark the end of Refugee week with this new Australian documentary which celebrates the stories of former boat people who are now Australian citizens. They tell their own journeys, the reasons they fled, their difficulties in reaching safety, their time in detention and the lives they have forged in their new homes.

This is a thoughtful and uplifting film which brings back humanity to this too often politicised debate. It resonates with all of us because at its heart is a story about people and the meaning of "home" and raises awareness of the support newly arrived people require and the practical things we can do to make a difference.

Sometimes we feel like closing our eyes and covering our ears, overwhelmed by so much pain and suffering in the world. But when we keep silent, when we are absent, we allow the voices of division, hate and fear to dominate the debate with devastating consequences.

This film shows ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances who have had so much taken from them yet give so much and here we can bear witness to their stories.

Afternoon tea will be provided; entry by donations