

# Directory of Refugee Services for Bendigo Region

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**Rural Australians for Refugees Bendigo**

The pro-refugee network is a vast mosaic of overlapping networks: lawyers, church people, human-rights advocates, welfare workers, political activists and ordinary people; from highly skilled professionals with specific expertise to the many thousands who have joined a grassroots movement striving to return compassion and humanity to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers.

**Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) is one strand of this network.**



## **Bendigo Community Health Services**

BCHS is a not-for-profit organisation delivering more than 50 programs to care for the health and wellbeing of families and the community. With sites in central Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat and Elmore, services offered by BCHS include general practitioners, children and family services, allied health, alcohol and other drugs, healthy lifestyle programs, mental health and counselling. BCHS refugee settlement services include a refugee health nurse, torture and trauma counselling services, refugee settlement programs and support for those of refugee background experiencing complex health and family issues.



This document is available at [www.bchs.com.au](http://www.bchs.com.au)

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<b>Access Australia Group</b>	Diane Finch	5445 9800	<a href="mailto:diane.finch@accessaustralia.org.au">diane.finch@accessaustralia.org.au</a>
<p><i>Services provided:</i></p> <p>In the Disability Employment Service area, clients who come from a refugee background can be linked in with our services. There are currently three streams which clients can be referred into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability employment: For those who are living with a disability and wanting to engage in employment/study.</li> <li>• Transition to work: For young people aged between 15-21 years who are considered at risk of long-term unemployment and require assistance to enter in vocational and employment opportunities.</li> <li>• Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN): Assists clients who are unemployed to build and develop skills to re-enter the work force.</li> </ul> <p>Peppergreen Farms. Phone 5445 9888. Supported employment opportunities for clients who are living with a disability and receiving a pension engage in some form of employment. This is supported through appropriate supervision and tailored workloads to suit the individual client. Volunteering opportunities in a variety of outdoor and gardening duties are available at the farm.</p>			
<b>Afghan Community</b>	Zahir Azimi	0479 098 032	<a href="mailto:ZahirSabiri@bchs.com.au">ZahirSabiri@bchs.com.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no formal organisation but Zahir is a contact person</li> </ul>			
<b>Amicus (One Person At A Time)</b>	Di Parker	5441 2666 0427 296 393	<a href="mailto:dparker@amicus.org.au">dparker@amicus.org.au</a>
<p><i>Services provided:</i></p> <p>Local NDIS provider – Individualised support services to people with a disability and those who are aged and frail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with daily tasks and shared living</li> <li>• One on one support for individuals to achieve their chosen goals</li> <li>• Assistance to access community – social and recreational</li> <li>• Assistance with individual skills development and training</li> <li>• Assistance with personal activities</li> </ul> <p>Access and Support – Supporting people who are aged and frail, have a disability or are carers, to link them into services and understand services they may be eligible for.</p>			
<b>Amnesty International Australia – Bendigo Group</b>	David Hooke <i>Secretary</i>	03 5447 1316	<a href="mailto:amnestybendigo@gmail.com">amnestybendigo@gmail.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets monthly</li> <li>• Supporting Human Rights – locally, nationally, and internationally</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note, Amnesty Bendigo does not deliver direct services to local refugees and people seeking asylum</i></p>			
<b>ARC Justice Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre</b>	Receptionist	03 5445 0900	<a href="mailto:reception@lcclc.org.au">reception@lcclc.org.au</a>

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<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free &amp; confidential legal advice on a wide range of areas but not on refugee law</li> <li>• Telephone advice service Monday 10 am – 1 pm by appointment</li> <li>• Evening advice service Wednesday 6 pm – 8 pm by appointment</li> <li>• Day service Monday 1 pm – 4 pm by appointment</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.lcclc.org.au">www.lcclc.org.au</a></p>			
<b>Baptcare Home Start Bendigo</b> 3/14 Creek St North Bendigo	Jane Worthington	03 5432 4570 0439 038 140 <b>Head Office:</b> 03 9373 3800 <i>and ask for ICFS Manager</i>	<a href="mailto:jworthington@baptcare.org.au">jworthington@baptcare.org.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visiting mentors to work with young families in the home. They visit once a week for around 2 hours to offer both practical (help with the children, encouragement getting out of the home, some support with the parent around small jobs).</li> <li>• Emotional support - listening, sharing, guiding, encouraging.</li> <li>• A supported playgroup.</li> <li>• Access to parents groups and outings - when funds are available.</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Amateur Soccer League</b>	Rebecca Fahey	Use email	<a href="mailto:info@basl.com.au">info@basl.com.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• League spans across North Central Victoria.</li> <li>• Winter competition for men, women, teenagers and juniors (U6 – U18), season: April – November.</li> <li>• Open Social 7's competition every second Friday evening for any ability.</li> <li>• Programs include BASL Academy and BASL Advanced Academy, BASL Representative Development Squads, BASL Academy Y Coach (coaching workshop), BASL School Holiday Program and Boys &amp; Girls 5-a-side (ages 6-11).</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Baptist Community Care</b>	Maree Shay	03 5441 4747	<a href="mailto:commcare@bendigobaptist.org.au">commcare@bendigobaptist.org.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training, Counselling</li> <li>• Life Essentials Op Shop - opportunities to volunteer &amp; get training. Contact Rod Meadows</li> <li>• Mad Cow Café - opportunities to volunteer &amp; get training. Contact Rod Meadows</li> <li>• Mad Cow Cleaning - occasional opportunities for training. Contact Maree Shay</li> <li>• Gilead Counselling. Contact Mark Boyd 03 5441 1494</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Community Health</b>	Martine Street	03 5448 1600	<a href="mailto:martinstreet@bchs.com.au">martinstreet@bchs.com.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Partnership Grant:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kaye Graves ... .. 03 5448 1600 <a href="mailto:KayeGraves@bchs.com.au">KayeGraves@bchs.com.au</a></li> <li>- Sarah Tarquinio ... 03 5434 4300 <a href="mailto:SarahTarquinio@bchs.com.au">SarahTarquinio@bchs.com.au</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Refugee Health Nurse:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharyn Gibbs ..... 03 5448 1600 <a href="mailto:SharynGibbs@bchs.com.au">SharynGibbs@bchs.com.au</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Culturally Sensitive Counselling:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Janaya Wiggins ... 03 5430 0500 <a href="mailto:JanayaWiggins@bchs.com.au">JanayaWiggins@bchs.com.au</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<b>Bendigo Community Health – Humanitarian Settlement Program</b> <i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanitarian Settlement Service case management for new arrivals</li> <li>Complex Case Service short term case management for people with complex needs</li> <li>Settlement Services Program including casework, information sessions, youth services.</li> <li>Settlement Support</li> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Youth settlement</li> <li>Casework</li> <li>Homework Clubs</li> </ul>			
<b>Refugee Health Nurse</b> <i>Services provided</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase access to primary health services</li> <li>Health information for individuals and groups</li> <li>Education for the workforce to understand and support refugee health.</li> <li>Support the immunisation process</li> </ul>			
Bendigo Council <u>see</u> <b>City of Greater Bendigo</b>			
<b>Bendigo Friends &amp; Mentors</b>	Helen Musk <i>Secretary</i>	03 5441 6398 0437 416 398	<a href="mailto:fambendigo@gmail.com">fambendigo@gmail.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual mentoring support for families</li> <li>Conversational English</li> <li>Supervision of students' homework</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Islamic Association</b>	Heri Febriyanto	0438 196 822	<a href="mailto:hfebriyanto86@yahoo.com.au">hfebriyanto86@yahoo.com.au</a>
<i>Services provided:</i> Multicultural and religious			
<b>Bendigo Interfaith Council</b>	Judy Causon <i>Secretary</i>	03 5443 5909	<a href="mailto:rcauson@bigpond.net.au">rcauson@bigpond.net.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing opportunity for dialogue among Bendigo's faith communities</li> <li>Working with other groups to educate the Bendigo community about its diversity of faith traditions and cultures</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Kangan Institute</b>	Sue Sutherland	03 5434 1933 0422 859 146	<a href="mailto:ssutherland@bendigotafe.edu.au">ssutherland@bendigotafe.edu.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching English as another language. All levels from beginner to university entrance</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Police Station</b>	Snr Sgt Craig Gaffee	03 5448 1300	<a href="mailto:BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au">BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au">craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same policing services as offered to everyone else</li> <li>Opportunities to meet and explain to refugees what Police do, to break down barriers</li> </ul>			

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<b>Bendigo Senior Secondary College</b>	Tony Merrett <i>Homework Club Coordinator</i>	0409 134 675	<a href="mailto:merrett.tony@bssc.edu.au">merrett.tony@bssc.edu.au</a>
<i>Service provided</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run EAL VCAL program for new arrivals with refugee background</li> <li>Education - Homework support</li> </ul>			
Bendigo Rural Australians for Refugees <u>see</u> <b>Rural Australians for Refugees – Bendigo</b>			
<b>Bendigo United Churches Social Justice Group</b>	Garth Phillips	03 5441 1050	<a href="mailto:garthcphillips@bigpond.com">garthcphillips@bigpond.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asylum Support</li> <li>Policy Change</li> </ul>			
<b>Bendigo Uniting Care Outreach</b>	Julie Roberts <i>Team Leader</i>	03 5443 4972	<a href="mailto:julie.roberts@vt.uniting.org">julie.roberts@vt.uniting.org</a>
<i>Services provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food, clothing &amp; financial support</li> <li>Social Worker available</li> </ul>			
<b>Caritas Australia Sandhurst Diocese</b>	Kerry Stone	0408 579 908	<a href="mailto:caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au">caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au</a>
<i>Services provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raising awareness of global and local injustice and providing resources in Catholic parishes and schools and the wider community.</li> </ul>			
Castlemaine Rural Australians for Refugees <u>see</u> <b>Rural Australians for Refugees – Castlemaine</b>			
<b>Catholic Care Sandhurst</b>	Rhonda Lawson-Street <i>Senior Manager, Practice and Service Outcomes</i>	03 5438 1300	<a href="mailto:email@ccds.org.au">email@ccds.org.au</a> Attn: Rhonda
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counselling</li> <li>Family dispute resolution</li> <li>Parent and family education workshops and programs</li> </ul> <p>Our information brochures are available in Karen, Arabic and Dari. We can also work with translators where necessary and subscribe to TIS National.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ccds.org.au">www.ccds.org.au</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/catholiccaresandhurst/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/catholiccaresandhurst/?fref=ts</a></p>			
<b>City of Greater Bendigo Community Partnerships</b>	David Williamson <i>Coordinator of Inclusive Communities</i>	03 5434 6090	<a href="mailto:d.williamson@bendigo.vic.gov.au">d.williamson@bendigo.vic.gov.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting cultural diversity and inclusion in Greater Bendigo</li> </ul>			

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<b>City of Greater Bendigo Immunisation</b>	Susannah Kirby	03 5434 6312	<a href="mailto:s.kirby@Bendigo.vic.gov.au">s.kirby@Bendigo.vic.gov.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of the National Immunisation Program through 5 public sessions per month</li> <li>• Delivery of the School Vaccination Program to secondary schools in the Municipality</li> <li>• Can assist with immunisation catch up</li> </ul>			
<b>City of Greater Bendigo Maternal &amp; Child Health Services</b>	Helen Lees Maternal & Child Health Clinical Coordinator	03 4408 6590 (enquiries and appointments)	Clinical Coordinator <a href="mailto:h.lees@bendigo.vic.gov.au">h.lees@bendigo.vic.gov.au</a> General enquiries <a href="mailto:eyadmin@bendigo.vic.gov.au">eyadmin@bendigo.vic.gov.au</a>
<i>Services Provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free service supporting children's health &amp; development from birth to school age in relation to their health and well-being</li> <li>• The service offers 10 consultations at key ages &amp; stages</li> <li>• Interpreter will be booked for appointments by the service as required, including a Karen group interpreter session at two of the centres each month. Interpreter sessions for other languages can be arranged as needed.</li> </ul>			
<b>EAL Coordinator, Bendigo Education Department</b>	Rosaly McNamara	0447 297 709	<a href="mailto:mcnamara.rosaly.r@edumail.vic.au">mcnamara.rosaly.r@edumail.vic.au</a>
<i>Services provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting schools in setting up programs for students of non-English speaking background</li> <li>• Providing staff professional learning for schools that have newly arrived students</li> <li>• Working with all the refugee service providers in Bendigo</li> </ul>			
<b>EAL Teachers in Schools</b>			
SCHOOL	SCH. PH. NO.	EAL TEACHER or PRINCIPAL	EMAIL ADDRESS
Bendigo PS	5443 6411	Amanda Costello	<a href="mailto:costello.amanda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au">costello.amanda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Bendigo SSC	5443 1222	Mardi Holland	<a href="mailto:holland.mardi@bssc.edu.au">holland.mardi@bssc.edu.au</a>
Bendigo S-E	5443 4522	Jenni Shelton	<a href="mailto:shelton.jennifer@bse.vic.edu.au">shelton.jennifer@bse.vic.edu.au</a>
Camp Hill PS	5443 3369	Kerrie Murray	<a href="mailto:murray.kerrie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">murray.kerrie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
C'maine Jr. SC	5479 1111	Paul Frye	<a href="mailto:frye.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au">frye.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Crusoe 7-10	5447 7122	Merrilyn Gaulke	<a href="mailto:gaulke.merrilyn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au">gaulke.merrilyn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Eaglehawk SC	5446 8099	Rebecca Conman	<a href="mailto:conman.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au">conman.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Golden Square PS	5443 6877	Fiona Fenton	<a href="mailto:fenton.fiona.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">fenton.fiona.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Heathcote PS	5443 3090	Kathryn Ballantyne	<a href="mailto:ballantyne.kathryn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au">ballantyne.kathryn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Kangaroo Flat PS	5447 5100	Michelle Chng	<a href="mailto:chng.michele.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">chng.michele.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Kennington PS	5443 2011	Michelle Chng	<a href="mailto:chng.michele.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">chng.michele.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Lightning Reef PS	5443 2501	Julie Hommelhoff	<a href="mailto:hommelhoff.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au">hommelhoff.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Specimen Hill PS	5443 5353	Wendy Jackson	<a href="mailto:jackson.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au">jackson.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Weeroona College	5443 2133	Sue Pollard	<a href="mailto:pollard.sue.m@edumail.vic.gov.au">pollard.sue.m@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
White Hills PS	5443 6799	Merrilyn Gaulke	<a href="mailto:gaulke.merrilyn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au">gaulke.merrilyn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>
Homework Club Golden Square PS		Fiona Fenton	
Homework Club Kangaroo Flat PS		Fiona Fenton	
Homework Club Lightning Reef PS		Leslie Nicholson	
Weeroona Homework Club		Sue Pollard	

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<b>H Febriyanto</b>	Heri Febriyanto	0438 196 822	<a href="mailto:hfebriyanto86@yahoo.com.au">hfebriyanto86@yahoo.com.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multicultural and Religious</li> </ul>			
<b>Foundation House The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture</b>	Therese Meehan, Rural Liaison Coordinator	03 9389 8962 0408 572 829	<a href="mailto:meehan@foundationhouse.org.au">meehan@foundationhouse.org.au</a>
<i>Services Provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Development</li> <li>Building capacity &amp; confidence of mainstream organisations to provide services to refugees</li> <li>Funding &amp; support for culturally sensitive counselling service at BCHC</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.foundationhouse.org.au">www.foundationhouse.org.au</a></p>			
<b>Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children</b> - <b>GADRC Bendigo</b>	Di O'Neil	0408 125 928	<a href="mailto:gadrc.bendigo@gmail.com">gadrc.bendigo@gmail.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Awareness Raising</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="https://gadrcbendigoandballarat.wordpress.com/">https://gadrcbendigoandballarat.wordpress.com/</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a></p> <p><i>Please note, GADRC Bendigo does not deliver direct services to local refugees and people seeking asylum</i></p>			
<b>Haven Home Safe</b> 10 – 16 Forest Street, Bendigo	There is no specific contact person. Ring the number and someone will direct your call appropriately	03 5444 9000	<a href="mailto:Info@hhs.org.au">Info@hhs.org.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing and homelessness services</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.havenhomesafe.org.au">www.havenhomesafe.org.au</a></p>			
<b>Hazeldenes</b> 74 Hazeldene's Rd, Lockwood, 3551  PO Box 1147, Kangaroo Flat, Vic, 3555	Ann Conway	03 5431 1300	<a href="mailto:ann.conway@hazeldenes.com.au">ann.conway@hazeldenes.com.au</a>

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<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment - variety of opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.hazeldenes.com.au">www.hazeldenes.com.au</a>  <a href="#">Facebook</a></p>			
<b>Home Among the Gum Trees</b>	Alison McClure	0427 831 421	<a href="mailto:alison.m.mcclure@gmail.com">alison.m.mcclure@gmail.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <p>To people seeking asylum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a holiday (a relaxing break from worries)</li> <li>• Receive friendship and kindness with no questions asked</li> <li>• Chance to experience rural Australia &amp; maybe consider it as an option to live, study, work</li> <li>• Opportunity to try out new activities or just hang out in a rural setting</li> </ul> <p>To host families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get the indescribable benefits of giving</li> <li>• Exposure to the wonders of new cultures</li> <li>• The rewards of new friendships</li> </ul> <p>Immunisation <u>see</u> <b>City of Greater Bendigo - Immunisation</b></p>			
<b>Karen Culture Social Support Foundation</b>	Moonieinda	0435 200 752	<a href="mailto:kcssf@outlook.com">kcssf@outlook.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Karen Refugee families to integrate into the local community</li> <li>• Support Karen families to access community services to ensure their well-being in Australia</li> <li>• Provide educational support, career advice &amp; life skills coaching to young Karen people</li> <li>• Support &amp; assist various Karen cultural and community projects including future ones</li> </ul>			
<b>Karen Organisation of Bendigo Inc.</b>	Sei Sei Mu Thein	0422 270 646	<a href="mailto:seiseimuthein@yahoo.com">seiseimuthein@yahoo.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help new arrivals feel comfortable in Bendigo</li> <li>• Keep Karen cultural traditions and celebrations alive</li> </ul>			
<b>La Trobe Equity and Diversity Officer</b>	Julie Kiroluch Paul Gianni	03 5444 7283 03 5444 7941	<a href="mailto:j.kiroluch@latrobe.edu.au">j.kiroluch@latrobe.edu.au</a> <a href="mailto:p.gianni@latrobe.edu.au">p.gianni@latrobe.edu.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support program for students from a refugee background who have a permanent humanitarian visa or Australian citizenship.</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/support/wellbeing/refugee">www.latrobe.edu.au/students/support/wellbeing/refugee</a></p>			



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<b>Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services (LCMS)</b>	Linto Thomas. <i>Community Development Coordinator</i>  Rose Vincent <i>Manager Community Service Programs</i>	03 5441 6644	<a href="mailto:info@lcms.org.au">info@lcms.org.au</a> <a href="mailto:l.thomas@lcms.org.au">l.thomas@lcms.org.au</a>  <a href="mailto:r.vincent@lcms.org.au">r.vincent@lcms.org.au</a>
<p><i>Services provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Case coordination for people on Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) pathways</li> <li>• Community Development with cultural &amp; ethnic groups</li> <li>• Festivals and events</li> <li>• Peak Multicultural organisation</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.lcms.org.au/">http://www.lcms.org.au/</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lcmsbendigo/">https://www.facebook.com/lcmsbendigo/</a></p>			
<b>Old Church on the Hill</b>	Rose Vincent	0458 290 402	<a href="mailto:rose@theoldchurchonthehill.com">rose@theoldchurchonthehill.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social support</li> <li>• Craft</li> <li>• Community Kitchen and Meals</li> <li>• Playgroup</li> <li>• Community Garden</li> </ul>			
<b>Police (Bendigo)</b>	Snr Sgt Craig Gaffee	03 5448 1300	<a href="mailto:BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au">BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au">craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same policing services as offered to everyone else</li> <li>• Opportunities to meet and explain to refugees what Police do, to break down barriers</li> </ul>			
<b>Refugee Council of Australia</b>	Samuel Dariol <i>Media and Campaigns Officer</i>	03 9600 3302	<a href="mailto:admin@refugeecouncil.org.au">admin@refugeecouncil.org.au</a>

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<p><i>Services provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peak body for refugee sector</li> <li>• Advocacy and lobbying (national and international)</li> <li>• Research and promotion of humane policy alternatives</li> <li>• Consultations</li> <li>• Public campaigns</li> <li>• Refugee Week co-ordinator</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note, RCOA does not deliver direct services to refugees and people seeking asylum</i></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/">http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/</a></p> <p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OzRefugeeCounc">https://www.facebook.com/OzRefugeeCounc</a></p> <p>Twitter: <a href="https://www.twitter.com/OzRefugeeCounc">https://www.twitter.com/OzRefugeeCounc</a></p>			
<b>Refugee Minor Program</b> St Lukes Anglicare 175 - 187 Hargreaves Street Bendigo	Tony Yates <i>Kinship Care &amp;                      Unaccompanied                      Refugee Minor Team                      Leader</i>	03 5440 1100 0447 520 324	tony.yates@anglicarevic.org.au
<p><i>Services Provided:</i></p> <p>Support for young refugees who are not in the care of their mother or father until they are 18 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting with education</li> <li>• Support to be more independent (e.g. catching public transport, getting driving licence)</li> <li>• Checking Centrelink payments are correct</li> <li>• Support to create networks in the community (e.g. sporting, church, homework clubs)</li> <li>• Help to sponsor other family members to come to Australia</li> <li>• Help with medical needs, doctor, dentist appointments, etc.</li> <li>• Family work and mediation to support placements</li> <li>• Support for carers and extended family</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.stlukes.org.au">www.stlukes.org.au</a></p>			
<b>Rural Australians for                      Refugees - Bendigo</b>	Melissa Abel <i>Secretary</i>	0421 704 064	<a href="mailto:rarbendigo@gmail.com">rarbendigo@gmail.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction to appropriate local services</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Awareness Raising</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>			
<b>Rural Australians for                      Refugees - Castlemaine</b>	Ellen O’Gallagher  Bev Campbell	03 5470 6867  03 5470 6698 0403 895 652	<a href="mailto:rarcastlemaine@gmail.com">rarcastlemaine@gmail.com</a>
<p><i>Service provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction to appropriate local services</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Awareness Raising</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>			

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<b>Salvation Army</b>	Maree Baird	03 5440 8450	<a href="mailto:maree.baird@aus.salvationarmy.org">maree.baird@aus.salvationarmy.org</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support</li> <li>• Driving Program "L2P" Programme</li> <li>• Community Garden</li> <li>• Emergency Relief</li> <li>• Financial Counselling</li> </ul>			
<b>Smile (Supporting Migrants in Learning English)</b> St John's Presbyterian Church	Naomi Boyes	0490 342 463	<a href="mailto:smile.bendigo@gmail.com">smile.bendigo@gmail.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly multicultural playgroup (Mondays 10 – 11.30 am at St Johns) during term-time with some social activities during holidays</li> <li>• Support women with young children to continue to improve their confidence in English, by providing a very relaxed, friendly place they can join in English conversation and songs.</li> <li>• Activities that aim to build community: cooking, eating, playing, read stories, craft activities etc.</li> <li>• All cultures and religions welcome.</li> </ul>			
<b>St Killian's Church Social Justice Group</b> 161 McCrae St, Bendigo 3550 PO Box 201, Bendigo, VIC 3552	Rom Hayes	03 5443 4800 0417 766 988	<a href="mailto:romhayes@gmail.com">romhayes@gmail.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social support</li> </ul>			
St Luke's Anglicare Refugee Minor Program see <b>Refugee Minor Program</b>			
<b>St Paul's Anglican Cathedral</b>	Very Rev Elizabeth Dyke, The Dean	03 5443 5061	<a href="mailto:cathedral@bendigoanglican.org.au">cathedral@bendigoanglican.org.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy for refugees</li> <li>• Caring supportive Christian community</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.stpaulsbendigo.org.au/">http://www.stpaulsbendigo.org.au/</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a></p>			
<b>St Therese's Catholic Church Social Justice Group</b> 25 Albion Street Kennington 3550	Joe Van Dillen	03 5443 3337	<a href="mailto:kennington@sandhurst.catholic.org.au">kennington@sandhurst.catholic.org.au</a>
Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sttheresesparishkennington">www.facebook.com/sttheresesparishkennington</a>			

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<b>St Vincent De Paul Bendigo Assistance Centre</b> 16 Hopetoun Street, Bendigo	Coordinator	0427 352 907	
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Assistance for those in need</li> <li>Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.</li> </ul> Website: <a href="http://www.vinnies.org.au">www.vinnies.org.au</a>			
<b>Uniting Care – Kangaroo Flat</b>	Max Blume, Manager	03 5443 5458	<a href="mailto:blume_m@bigpond.com">blume_m@bigpond.com</a>
<i>Services provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency support with food &amp; clothing</li> <li>Emergency financial support</li> </ul>			
<b>Victoria Police (Bendigo)</b>	Snr Sgt Craig Gaffee	03 5448 1300	<a href="mailto:craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au">craig.gaffee@police.vic.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au">BENDIGO.UNI@police.vic.gov.au</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same policing services as offered to everyone else</li> <li>Opportunities to meet and explain to refugees what Police do, to break down barriers</li> </ul>			
<b>Zonta Bendigo Inc.</b> PO Box 730, Bendigo Vic 3552	Ann Horrocks <i>President</i>	03 5443 9691	<a href="mailto:zontabendigo@gmail.com">zontabendigo@gmail.com</a>
<i>Service provided:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zonta is an international human rights organisation focussing on women and girls worldwide.</li> <li>Meets monthly</li> </ul> Please note, Zonta Bendigo does not deliver direct services to local refugees and people seeking asylum  Website: <a href="http://www.zontabendigo.org/">http://www.zontabendigo.org/</a>			

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We are eager to correct any errors and add other appropriate organisations to the Directory. Please notify Rural Australians for Refugees, Bendigo: [rarbendigo@gmail.com](mailto:rarbendigo@gmail.com)