

FOREWORD

In this time of COVID-19 the flow of refugees into Australia has effectively been halted for over a year. For the 26 million refugees across the world the situation is extremely dire, with countries closing borders and focussing on stable home populations rather than on displaced people. The health emergencies in what would normally be receiving countries for refugees have meant increased isolation and the diverting of resources away from settlement and towards supporting home populations. For the at least eighty million displaced people across the world - double the numbers of a decade earlier - COVID-19 has intensified their predicament.

Daily we are reminded of disastrous situations in multiple countries - Syria, Afghanistan, Venezuela, South Sudan and, closer to home, we continue to be appalled at the actions of Myanmar's military forces. Only in the last month have there been significant bombardments across the Israeli/Palestinian border in Gaza and we have seen hundreds of deaths, greater misery and dislocation to compound the three generations of refugees from Palestine, some of whom call Australia home.

Against this calamitous situation it was enlightening and inspiring to receive the hundreds of entries submitted for this year's Youth Poster Awards Exhibition. Created by students from across the state of South Australia - in primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions in the public and private sectors - those works have been curated into this present exhibition reflecting the social complexity of the situation in which refugees find themselves both outside and within Australia. Themes of multiculturalism, human rights, cultural diversity, anti-racism and the welcoming of refugees into Australia, as well as how refugees become part of, and contribute towards, the Australian "family" have all been explored and expanded in this riposte to the mistreatment, injury and division which have spawned so many refugees.

Here you will see students using all manner of visual art techniques and media, from traditional graphite and coloured pencil sketching through to gouache and acrylic painting, with a large percentage of the secondary students, and all tertiary students, embracing digital forms to either partially or fully express their ideas. And those ideas take us back to the core of what makes us human, caring, compassionate, social animals, and stress the imperative to overcome the intolerances which divide us and to nurture the virtuous qualities which unite us. Concomitant with this is the recognition of the need to eliminate discrimination and racism and to build respect, inclusivity and equality. To understand that having a nation comprised of people of diverse backgrounds gives us great strength and cultural richness and that our multicultural society gifts us the foundations to use our openness and skills to build an harmonious and peaceful country.

Yet students have not been blinkered in their idealism, as they plainly point out the tragedies which have befallen refugees, identifying the realities facing vulnerable people trapped, and fleeing from, ongoing, dangerous situations. Students have stressed the importance of safety at every step of a refugee's journey - from the imminent threat in their home countries, to the perils of the journey, and finally the sanctuary offered by settling countries. Images of the boat, life jacket, umbrella and helping hands are all used to represent shields from death and injury. Students have additionally recognised that achieving safety in a new country also means protection from being negatively categorised and that oppression is borne through attitudes as well as actions.

In these works you will also find great optimism, with a sense of lightness and hope, aligned with the freedom of new circumstances portrayed by birds and by the gum leaves and blossom we know so well. Heartwarmingly we see our own local references, such as the Sturt Desert Pea used as a coating to embrace the multiple, former national groupings which comprise our state - with the letters "u" and "s" (us) in Australia highlighted. And we note the use of humour to offer welcome, to celebrate settlement and for our ability to coexist and to share. In these details of the particular we find the very best possible examples of how, united, we may sustain each other, and craft a future Australia.

Finally the organisers of this awards exhibition - the Australian Migrant Resource Centre and The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre - wish to acknowledge our enormous gratitude for the support we continue to receive from the South Australian Minister for Education, and from The Honourable Jing Lee MLC, Assistant Minister to the Premier, for launching both the exhibition and Refugee Week itself. Most importantly we wish to recognise the support this exhibition receives from all participating schools and educational institutions, from their teaching staff and most significantly from all the hundreds of students who have contributed to this important display advocating for refugee peoples.

Andrew Hill AM

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS

Primary

Brahma Lodge Primary School
Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
Concordia College St John's Campus
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
Glen Osmond Primary School
Hampstead Primary School
Hawthorndene Primary School
Holy Family Catholic School
Ingle Farm Primary School
McLaren Flat Primary School
Mt Gambier North Primary School IELP
Norwood Primary School
Pennington School R-7
Pulteney Grammar School
Richmond Primary School
St Michael's College
St Michael's College Henley Beach
St Spyridon College
Sturt Street Community School
The Hills Montessori School
Unity College Murray Bridge
Warradale Primary School
Woodside Primary School
Woodville Primary School

Secondary

Adelaide Secondary School of English
Brighton Secondary School
Cornerstone College
Mt Gambier North Primary School NAP
Murray Bridge High School Inclusive Education Centre
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
Paralowie R-12 School
Saint Aloysius College
Salisbury High School
Thebarton Senior College
Underdale High School
Walford Anglican School for Girls
Woodville High School

Tertiary

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SA REFUGEE WEEK YOUTH POSTER AWARDS EXHIBITION

2021



AWARDS

Primary

- Best Poster**
24 Si Bi Oh
 Mt Gambier North Primary School
- Runner-Up**
27 Tcross Laisun
 Holy Family Catholic School
- Commended**
21 Sarah Colic
 Richmond Primary School

Secondary

- Best Poster**
56 Vanisa Chaodee
 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- Runner-Up**
48 Marni Gibson/
 Olivia Geddes-Coutanche
 Brighton Secondary School
- Commended**
55 Tain McCullum
 Cornerstone College

Tertiary

- Best Poster**
77 Tiana Marcellino
 University of South Australia
- Runner-Up**
59 Blessel Gulle
 University of South Australia
- Commended**
72 Nathan Lovell
 University of South Australia



EXHIBITORS

Primary Students

- 1** Anet Mashee Taban
Brahma Lodge Primary School
- 2** Bella Liu
Unity College Murray Bridge
- 3** Cheyenne Kelly Brown
Hampstead Primary School
- 4** Ciyen Xiang & Emily Chen
Glen Osmond Primary School
- 5** Clara Mundy
Woodside Primary School
- 6** Eliza Lattin Kevin
Sturt Street Community School
- 7** Ella Stone
McLaren Flat Primary School
- 8** Emily Rolls
Concordia College St John's Campus
- 9** Jordan Giannacopoulos
St Spyridon College
- 10** Ketiya Niyonzima
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
- 11** Khloe Maroulis
Norwood Primary School
- 12** La'Keisha Muwene
Pennington School R-7
- 13** Lexi Cannane
Warradale Primary School
- 14** Marco Didyk
St Michael's College
- 15** Marcus Wayne & Louis Pisoni
St Michael's College
- 16** Mitchell Johnston & Zac Byas
Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
- 17** Nizakat Naseri
Ingle Farm Primary School
- 18** Oisín Hayde
Hawthorndene Primary School
- 19** Oliver Brooks
St Michael's College
- 20** Pranil Rai
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
- 21** Sarah Colic
Richmond Primary School
- 22** Shae McMahon
Woodside Primary School
- 23** Shamonti Munir
Richmond Primary School
- 24** Si Bi Oh
Mt Gambier North Primary School
- 25** Skye Healy-Grose
Woodville Primary School
- 26** Summer Huston
The Hills Montessori School
- 27** Tcross Laisun
Holy Family Catholic School

Secondary Students

- 28** Tiana Halabi
St Spyridon College
- 29** Zara Crighton
Pulteney Grammar School
- 30** Zefyros Louca
Sturt Street Community School
- 31** Aiden de Jager
Brighton Secondary School
- 32** Ali Haidar Nawrozi
Adelaide Secondary School of English
- 33** Alice Kearns
Saint Aloysius College
- 34** Allie Borgo
Cornerstone College
- 35** Ava Battiston
Cornerstone College
- 36** Beth Coventry
Salisbury High School
- 37** Brianna Lacanale-Parente
Underdale High School
- 38** Ella-Bree Zobel
Cornerstone College
- 39** Ella Deland
Walford Anglican School for Girls
- 40** Ethan Kladouris
Underdale High School
- 41** Janina Valdrez
Paralowie R-12 School
- 42** Jennifer Nguyen
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College



Tertiary Students

- 43** Jess Madigan
Cornerstone College
- 44** Laura Wildman
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- 45** Lucas Puxley-Reynolds
Murray Bridge High School Inclusive Education Centre
- 46** Lucy Hoare
Brighton Secondary School
- 47** Madison Lily Bult
Woodville High School
- 48** Marni Gibson & Olivia Geddes-Coutanche
Brighton Secondary School
- 49** Mehakmeet Kaur
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- 50** Moo Sala Win Shwe
Mt Gambier North Primary School NAP
- 51** Naima Bint Islam
Woodville High School
- 52** Poppy Boss
Paralowie R-12 School
- 53** Roya Karimi
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- 54** Sahiba Tayeeb
Underdale High School
- 55** Tain McCullum
Cornerstone College
- 56** Vanisa Chaodee
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- 57** Aimee Dobozy
University of South Australia
- 58** Bishman Kumar Suresh Kumar
University of South Australia
- 59** Blessel Gulle
University of South Australia
- 60** Cecilia Tran
University of South Australia
- 61** Chelsie Morey
University of South Australia
- 62** Cristina Marino
University of South Australia
- 63** Duyen Nguyen
TAFE SA
- 64** Finn O'Sullivan
University of South Australia
- 65** Gursharan Singh
TAFE SA
- 66** Haydan O'Callaghan
University of South Australia
- 67** Kavindu Madushan Augusteenuge Don
University of South Australia
- 68** Kyle Clarke Feirclough
University of South Australia
- 69** Liam MacRaid
University of South Australia
- 70** Marie Wills
University of South Australia
- 71** My Ngo
University of South Australia
- 72** Nathan Lovell
University of South Australia
- 73** Onyx Nansel
TAFE SA
- 74** Quynh Chi Ta Le
University of South Australia
- 75** Sanya Anand
University of South Australia
- 76** Sophie Lemaistre
University of South Australia
- 77** Tiana Marcellino
University of South Australia
- 78** Yen Nguyen
University of South Australia
- 79** Yuri Cubio
University of South Australia