



Important message regarding the recently deceased person on Manus Island – his family have requested that his name and photograph not be used publicly. Please delete from your websites, FB etc.

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Cuts to SRSS income and housing support for people seeking asylum

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SURVEY of ARAN member groups – complete by 18 June.

Registrations for the ARAN **CONFERENCE** close 30 June

Request to ARAN member groups nominate delegates to vote to elect the ARAN Committee – and also a candidate to stand for election.

19 July actions to mark 5th

anniversary of offshore camps

The Australian Refugee Action Network (ARAN), calls on member groups to organise actions to mark this shameful anniversary.

Please consider any or all of the following:

- A public protest action – in a public place or at your local MP's office
- A banner or placard display
- Call and email your MP, the Prime Minister, and both Coalition and ALP parliamentarians

Find details [here](#):

Note: In capital cities check for actions being by RAC or others – these will be listed on the ARAN Billboard.



Info and resources [here](#).

Proforma media release [here](#).

Poster Template [here](#).

CALL TO ACTION on the cuts to income and housing support for people seeking asylum (SRSS)

Action at Parliament House, Canberra 9.30am -11.30am

We must demand that income support and access to housing for people seeking asylum be maintained – and restored to those who have already lost this support.

ARAN is asking all members to

- call and email the PM, Minister Dutton, your MP and Coalition MPs
- Write letters to newspapers, and share on social media.
- Plan actions at MP's offices. Key messages: STOP the cruelty – Restore SRSS Fair Go for Refugees – Restore SRSS Dignity not Destitution– Restore SRSS

For further information and contact details click [here](#).

For MPs details click [here](#) for the list of MPs as of May, 2018.

PETITION for JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

Extended return date is now 16 July.

We are aiming for 10,000 signatures – so let's all get busy. Download the [petition](#) and collect signatures.



SURVEY OF ARAN MEMBER GROUPS

ARAN has been operating for 12 months and there are now 65 member groups and networks. The ARAN committee is seeking feedback from the member groups/networks, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY 18 June. The survey should take 10 minutes or less to complete. Click [here](#).

Your feedback will be used by the ARAN Committee to prioritise and implement ARAN's activities in 2018-19. Your responses are confidential and only aggregate findings will be published. No responses will be publicly reported that could identify individual member groups/networks.

If you have any questions or require any further information about the survey, please contact: austrefugeenetwork@gmail.com or Caron on 0421 231 679.

ARAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE – POLITICS AND PROTEST: THE FIGHT FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS

Sat 7 & Sun 8 July. Registrations close 30 June

Special guest presenters include: Julian Burnside AO QC, Najeeba Wazefadost, Emmanuel Kondok, Shen Narayanasamy (GetUP), Dr John Minns, Corinne Grant, Caz Coleman (Australian Refugee Churches Taskforce) , and many other workshop presenters.

See further details [here](#):

Download the full program here as either [double sided A4](#) (suitable for emailing) or [A5 folded version](#) (for distribution and display).

At the conclusion of the conference the nominated delegates from member groups will elect the 2018-19 ARAN Committee – send details of your group's two delegates who will vote for Committee members, and if you have any would-be committee members, nominate them as candidates for election. Email austrefugeenetwork@gmail.com by 30 June.



Kurdish artist Farhad Bandesh has been imprisoned on Manus Island almost 5 years.

His artwork can be printed on to T-Shirts – and would make a powerful statement for the Five Years Too Long rallies on and around 19 July. See several designs to choose from [here](#).

Farhad writes (from his fb site) - "Hi everyone

You can now order these art designs of mine for t-shirts! Include the text or just the art work.
T-shirts - \$35 each or for 10 or more – \$30 each – includes T-shirts and printing.

100% ethically produced – non-sweatshop, no exploitation of children or workers.

Please include \$4.95 postage/handling for orders of 5 or less.

Orders are more than 5 - additional postage and handling will be calculated.

Please allow up to 14 days for delivery."

You can order by contacting Farhad on fb [here](#).

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