

Late April Good News Stories

Migrant businesswomen are showcasing their talents at a unique Melbourne enterprise

On a shopping strip in Melbourne's inner west, a group of women are realising their business dreams. A peek through the colourful shop window of the Casa Bonita Cultural and Empowerment Hub, a social enterprise in Seddon, reveals six businesswomen huddled around a table laden with accessories, athletic attire and homewares.

18/04/2021

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/migrant-businesswomen-are-showcasing-their-talents-at-a-unique-melbourne-enterprise>

Darwin mobilises to free Medevac refugees

The fight to free nine refugees who have been locked up in community detention in Darwin for more than a year is drawing wide support.

The campaign, organised by Darwin Asylum Seeker Support and Advocacy Network (DASSAN), has now won the support of Darwin City Council which, on April 13, voiced its "strong opposition" to the refugees being indefinitely detained

April 22, 2021

<https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/darwin-mobilises-free-medevac-refugees>

Social enterprises on rise as businesses respond to consumer demand

Bal Dhital and three fellow students launched apparel line Borne Clothing last year with a mission to tackle mosquito-borne diseases around the world.

The business sells mosquito-repellent clothing made from eco-friendly fabrics.

"We donate 50 per cent of our profits to funding public health interventions across the world that help put an end to mosquito-borne diseases," Mr Dhital said

23 April 2021

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-23/social-enterprise-business-australia-increase/100086502>

Allianz celebrates refugee scholarships

Allianz is celebrating its award-winning five-year partnership with Settlement Services International (SSI), which creates education and career opportunities for refugees and migrants.

The milestone was celebrated at an annual ceremony, held virtually, where 20 individuals from a refugee background were awarded scholarships.

26 April 2021

<https://www.insurancenews.com.au/the-professional/allianz-celebrates-refugee-scholarships>

Sport and refugees weekly: 25 April 2021

On 22 April, Nick Sore, Senior Refugee Sports Coordinator at the UN Refugee Agency, spoke with SportWorks to discuss how sport can be used as a medium to help those communities that have been forced to flee. Sore spoke about the transformative power of sport in bringing communities together, and its role in social inclusion and mental wellbeing.

25 April 2021

<https://www.sportanddev.org/en/article/news/sport-and-refugees-weekly-25-april-2021>

Allianz celebrates five years of supporting refugees

Allianz Australia and Settlement Services International (SSI) have celebrated their five-year partnership that granted nearly 200 scholarships to help people of refugee backgrounds achieve independence in Australia.

Allianz Australia and SSI celebrated their partnership at the annual Allianz SSI scholarships ceremony, held virtually, where 20 individuals of refugee backgrounds received scholarships.

27 Apr 2021

<https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/au/news/breaking-news/allianz-celebrates-five-years-of-supporting-refugees-253308.aspx>

A taste of country Queensland is a welcome relief for refugees

A SMALL country Queensland group is making big efforts to welcome the stranger – creating homestays for refugees and asylum seekers, and successfully pressing a local government to declare their region a refugee welcome zone.

In Warwick, the Southern Downs Refugee and Migrant Network with about 20 members has partnered with the Romero Centre in Brisbane to set up an innovative homestay project that offers some of the country's most vulnerable refugees a place to escape for the weekend.

29 April, 2021

<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/qld/a-taste-of-country-queensland-is-a-welcome-relief-for-refugees/>

Footy stars rally to support refugees

Former Socceroo Craig Foster and ex-Richmond star Joel Bowden have joined forces to call for the immediate release of nine refugees who have been held in detention in Darwin for more than 12 months. The Iranian refugees are being held in indefinite detention after being detained on Nauru in 2013 and flown to Darwin for medical treatment last February under the since repealed Medevac legislation.

30/04/2021

https://www.skynews.com.au/details/_6251112801001