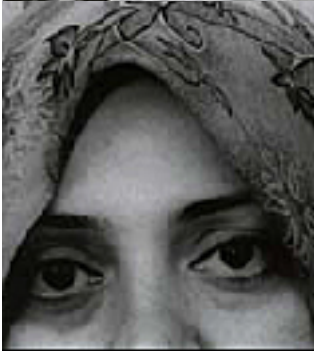


'We could be deported any day. it is a deeper crisis now.'



'All they give you is false hope'

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A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO TOUCH THE AUSTRALIAN HEART

'Extraordinarily beautiful images; clear, stark and lyrical, with a real dignity'. H.B.

Shadowland in Australia

By Viv Mehes

With Wiam, Lailya, Mohammad and Usama

TRUE STORIES OF HOPE AND SURVIVAL BRAVELY
TOLD BY REFUGEES.

THE LIMBO IN WHICH THEY'VE BEEN LIVING HAS BECOME
A DEEPER SHADOWLAND OF UNCERTAINTY.

Asylum seekers who have sought refuge and been on temporary visas contributing to our community for years, now face a deeper crisis as they are forced from the 3-5 year visa onto a new open-ended rolling visa.

'On a rolling visa we can be deported any day' Mohammad

The exhibition uses photo stories to tell of their hopes, dreams and fears.

'This work brings the human face of refugees to the wider public and above all may symbolise the salvaging of human dignity for them and for us all'

Viv Mehes, Documentary Photographer

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES HUGE PORTRAIT BANNERS THAT HANG OVER SHOPPERS AT HIGHPOINT AMONGST THE XMAS BAUBLES AT CENTRE STAGE.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES November 22 11am. On Centre Stage.

Hear the true stories of refugees read by well known actress

Anne Phelan

best remembered for her work in

Prisoner, Something In The Air and Marshall's Law

Anne is an active member of Actors For Refugees

Kavisha Mazzella

and the 400 strong Song Nation Choir

including the emerging Asylum Seeker Choir

Anne Phelan, Kavisha Mazzella, Wiam, Lailya, Usama, Mohammad and Viv Mehes, are available for interview

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