



Grandmothers for Refugees is a grass roots movement that advocates for compassionate welcome and safe settlement of all people seeking asylum.

While our first concern is the children, we also advocate for all who are subjected to the physical and psychological damage being inflicted by Australia's offshore and onshore processing regime.

We join with others in the refugee advocacy and support network in sustained opposition to Australia's mandatory and indefinite detention of people forced to flee their home countries to find safety for themselves and their families.

Asylum and protection for refugees is a human rights issue. However, successive Australian governments have made our national response to the global refugee crisis a political issue.

Donations are very welcome

We use funds for printing and other materials to support our lobbying activities.

Donate by direct funds transfer to our bank account:

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LOCKED DOWN FOR LIFE?

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The Morrison Government is still keeping many hundreds of refugees locked up long after the 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019 political campaigns demonised frightened people escaping danger in boats to reach what they thought was a safe, welcoming country.

Today, those women, men and children are all older, sicker, desperate, tortured by hopelessness inflicted by successive governments and still being exploited for political gain.

The Morrison Government has had more than enough time to find alternatives to the ongoing imprisonment of 1500 innocent adults and children fleeing persecution, including the Biloela family on Christmas Island.

It is time now to release and resettle the refugees.

They need to start rebuilding their lives. We need our shame and Government's cruel treatment to stop.

Decent, fair Australians like you can do something about this.

>> **Call your local federal member** of parliament to register your concern and ask for answers to the issues raised here.

>> **Join the #gameover campaign** led by former soccer champion, sports broadcaster and human rights activist, Craig Foster. <https://gameover.org.au>

>> **Sign the petition** at <https://action.asrc.org.au/time-for-a-home>

>> **Follow refugees on social media** and share their stories with your networks.

Whatever you do, DO SOMETHING!



REFUGEES EVICTED AND LEFT DESTITUTE

Grandmothers for Refugees organise locally within federal electorate boundaries. We hold street vigils, local events to build community awareness, and coffee time / Zoom meetings.



If you want fair treatment for refugees:

VISIT

www.grandmothersforrefugees.org

CONTACT US

info@grandmothersforrefugees.org

JOIN US

join@grandmothersforrefugees.org

Membership is free. Friends of Grandmothers are welcome.

The Morrison Government in September 2020 began evicting refugee families and individuals in community detention from their housing, and cutting off their survival income payments.

People who for years were denied the right to work or study have been suddenly told to get out, find a job and fend for themselves.

A special visa says they have six months to leave the country. In a global pandemic and recession!!! They have nowhere else to go.

Charities and refugee supporters are having to find homes and crisis funds to save these most vulnerable people including children from hunger, homelessness, and utter destitution.

If you are troubled by this cruelty, there is something you can do.

>> **Call, email or write letters** to your federal MP asking for an explanation.

Why this, why now?

>> **Donate** to an aid organisation like Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project www.basp.org.au

>> **Talk to your family and friends** so this does not happen in secret under cover of the pandemic.

**Whatever you do,
IT WILL HELP!**

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