

POLICY:	REFUGEE WELCOME ZONE
DATE ADOPTED:	Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report #1 Policy 5 December 2012 Council 6 February 2013 Minute Book No. 11477
ORIGINAL ADOPTION:	Director Corporate Services Report #1 Policy 1 December 2004, Council 8 December 2004 Minute Book No. 9416 (former BCC Policy)
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OBJECTIVE:	That Bathurst Regional Council declare the City of Bathurst a Refugee Welcome Zone.

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Aspects of a Refugee Welcome Zone are:

- welcome refugees into the Bathurst community.
- Upholding the human rights for refugees
- Understanding their experiences
- Acknowledge that refugees can and do balance our cultural and religious diversities.

Bathurst Regional Council to provide a leadership role in the local community to:

- support a tangible and visible policy of welcome, acceptance and hope to people classed as refugees in Australia today;
- be an ongoing partner in a wide community forum in our local government region that discusses the needs and treatment of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia today.
- Endorse and support the development of a community strategy to identify, support and welcome refugees within the Bathurst community

The Bathurst City Council,

Declares the City of Bathurst a

Refugee Welcome Zone

*This Declaration is a Commitment in Spirit to
Welcoming refugees into our community,
Upholding the **Human Rights** of refugees,
Demonstrating **Compassion** for refugees and
Enhancing cultural and religious **Diversity** in
our community.*

Signed: Cllr Ian Macintosh, Mayor
Bathurst City Council

Date: _____

*This Declaration is proudly supported and endorsed
by the
Refugee Council of Australia.*

*The Refugee Council of Australia is a peak national organisation
representing over 120 organisations and individual members. The aim
of the Refugee Council is to promote the adoption of flexible, humane
and constructive policies toward refugees, asylum seekers and
displaced persons by the Australian and other Governments and their
communities.*