

SOUP LUNCHEON UNITES COMMUNITY AND HONOURS REFUGEES

The House of Welcome Ballarat held its annual soup luncheon fundraiser for refugees at Nazareth House Hall on June 20. Refugee Week 2018 is celebrated from June 17 to June 23. House of Welcome founder and organiser, Carmel Kavanagh said about one hundred people attended, including guest dancers. She said some people sent donations instead and that it was “a lovely social occasion” attended by many of the city’s multicultural groups.

Entertainment featured the Namarilly Bagarook troupe, followed by the Irish dancers representing the second wave and the South Sudanese Cultural Dance Group, representing the most recent refugee wave.



Co-founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Sister Brigid Arthur gave a vote of thanks at the lunch and spoke at the Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees event recently.

Mrs Kavanagh thanked the Australian Catholic University for providing cakes and Loreto College VCAL and St Patrick’s College students for helping with the lunch. Proceeds raised will go to local asylum seekers. House of Welcome Ballarat is grateful for donations. Details: 0401175045.

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Top Photo: Nyalam Choul and Nyepuot Riek

Left Photo: Deruka Dekuek, Emma Nunn, Maria Nunn and House of Welcome founder and luncheon organiser, Carmel Kavanagh
Right Photo: Loreto College students, Annie Quinlan and Teele Hart, help serve during the House of Welcome soup luncheon at Nazareth House Hall.