

STORIES TOLD 2 EXHIBITION

The refugee journey from homeland to a new life in Bendigo will feature in a Stories Told 2 exhibition hosted by Bendigo Community Health Services.

The City of Greater Bendigo's Capital Venues and Events will partner with BCHS for the exhibition to coincide with the city's Festival of Cultures.

A series of stories recorded and presented by Karen and Afghan residents will form the centrepiece of Stories Told 2.

Portraits created by renowned Bendigo photographer Donna Bailey will be another highlight.

Stories Told 2 allows people from diverse cultural backgrounds to share the highlights and struggles of their journey to Bendigo and creating a new life in a different place.

BCHS Healthy Communities and Lifestyle manager Martine Street said the organisation had enjoyed a wonderful reaction to the first Stories Told exhibition last year.

"That interest from the general public has encouraged us to share these inspiring and brave stories of refugees finding their way to a new home in Bendigo again," Martine said.

"These stories reveal what these new citizens have endured in getting to Bendigo and making a new life here.

"The stories are told with honesty and deliver a beautiful insight into different cultures."

Greater Bendigo co-ordinator Art and Cultural Maree Tonkin said Stories Told 2 was a fabulous addition to the Festival of Cultures program.

"The exhibition provides a platform for participants to share their experiences with the broader community. The arts play a vital role in interpreting the experiences in creative ways."

Visitors can enjoy the Stories Told exhibition between 10am and 4pm daily at Dudley House, 60 View Street, from March 16 to March 22.

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