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WEST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE AND HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL JOIN TO CELEBRATE REFUGEE WEEK WITH A FREE FILM SCREENING

Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Health Service are partnering to provide the community with a free film night celebrating Refugee Week. Refugee Week aims to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

The film *Constance on the Edge* will be showcased at the Nhill Cinema on Friday 28 July. Doors will open at 6pm with the screening to commence at 7pm. The evening will include various displays about refugees and multiculturalism in Australia, as well as refreshments and a shared-plate supper.

Filmed over 10 years, *Constance on the Edge* is an unflinchingly honest portrayal of one refugee family's resettlement story in Wagga Wagga, regional Australia. Brave, lion-hearted, charismatic Constance, mother of six, confronts her painful past in war torn Sudan, and risks everything in Australia so her family can thrive.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor Councillor Debra Nelson said, "Refugees have enriched our communities in various ways. The film night is another engaging and educational way

the wider community can discover the struggle that our newest residents have endured to be able to call Australia home. I encourage everyone in the community to attend this worthwhile and free event.”

West Wimmera Health Service Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Ritchie Dodds said, “We are very proud to help celebrate Refugee Week and to help share such a significant film, which tells a story that is very relevant to our own community.”

Mr Dodds added, “As an organisation we’re committed to supporting refugees and helping to build a better understanding of the hardships and the difficult journey that many of our own fellow community members have undergone to settle in a new home. I hope that everyone can join in the night.”

Constance on the Edge gets to the heart of a contemporary untold story about the courage and resilience it takes to build new lives. The film also highlights the important role communities play in encouraging a sense of belonging and enabling participation for everyone.

Constance on the Edge is a single screening opportunity and a free event sponsored by Hindmarsh Shire Council and West Wimmera Health Service in association with Refugee Council of Australia.

Following the screening there will be a shared supper and the opportunity to hear about the experiences of some of our local refugee community members through a Q & A session. All attendees are encouraged to bring a plate of culturally inspired nibbles to share.

For more information about the Constance on the Edge film night, please contact Council on 5391 4444 or West Wimmera Health Service on 5391 4222. Information regarding the film can be found at <http://constanceontheedge.com/>.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Mrs Casey Hiscock, Refugee Community Health Nurse on 5391 4222 or email at casey.hiscock@wwhs.net.au.