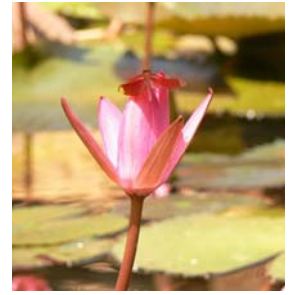


Refugee Week Forum at *Love Burma Love Freedom*



For over five decades, Burma has been embroiled in an armed conflict between the ruling military junta and various ethnic groups, resulting in the internal displacement of over 3.5 million people. Some have settled in Melbourne and formed local organisations that watch for hints of progress towards democracy and the restoration of human rights. They continue to be sorely disappointed.

Against the inspiring backdrop of the *Love Burma Love Freedom* exhibition, the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria is hosting an important forum to discuss the plight of Burma's displaced people and provide a space for recent settlers in Melbourne to share their stories.

Wednesday
17 June 2009
6.30pm—9.00pm
*(please arrive at 6.00pm
for a prompt start)*

@ fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

free event
refreshments provided

Bookings essential:
9349 4122 or
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Please let us know if you have any special needs



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Benny Manser from his
Forgotten Friends series

Join us for an inspiring and interactive discussion forum to hear the experiences of people displaced by the conflict in Burma and find out more about Australia's refugee and settlement programs.

Guest speakers & panel members include:

- ❖ Jose Alvarez - State Director, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- ❖ Paul Power - CEO, Refugee Council of Australia
- ❖ Ramesh Kumar - Manager, AMES Settlement Services
- ❖ Speakers from the Ethnic Nationalities Organisation Burma & North East India

