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National Refugee Week Celebrated At Sunraysia Community Health Service With Guest Speaker

Thursday 18 June 2015

Sunraysia Community Health Services celebrated Refugee Week on Thursday 18th June with guest speaker Zia Ibrahimi, a local Mildura man who fled Afghanistan with his family and arrived in Australia as a refugee. Zia talked to staff about life in Afghanistan, his journey to Australia and settling into his new life in our local community.

“Refugee Week is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about why refugees come to Australia, the challenges they face in coming and also celebrate the contribution they make to our local community” explains Kate Maloney, Refugee Health Nurse. “Having Zia speak to our staff personalized this and gave us a deeper understanding on the challenges they face when dealing with health issues and our health care system”.

“Talking with the staff gave me the chance to tell of my story and the story of many people from Afghanistan so they have a greater understanding of why we have left our country to come to Australia and how we can contribute to our local community” Zia says.

Sunraysia Community Health Services is accessed by many of our local refugee community with people utilizing the Refugee Health Nurse service, Dental service, Allied Health and Counselling services, to name a few.

Refugee Week is an annual event which aims to give Australians an opportunity to learn more about personal stories of people who have come to Australia as refugees and the contributions they have made to their new communities. It was held from 14 – 20 June 2015.

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