



Afghan Feast & Film Afternoon, Saturday August 31, 12 pm Violet Town Community Hall



Program

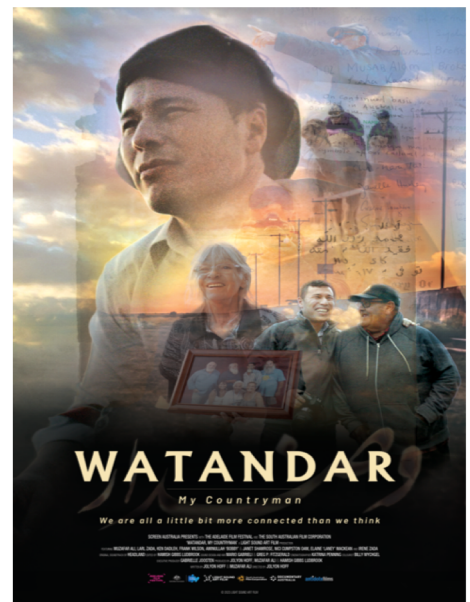
- 12 pm Three-course Afghan Lunch
- 1.30 pm *My Visit to Afghanistan, July 2024* - Bushra Samadi
- 1.45 pm. Presentation = Women for Change - Lida Hazara
- 2.15 pm Film *Watandar: My Countryman* (PG: 1 hr 10 mins)
- 3.30 pm Q&A via Zoom with film-maker, Muzafar Ali,
- 4 pm Afternoon Tea



Did you make it to the Maree Camel Cup on July 6th??

If not, don't worry... get all the thrills and spills and a good slice of history to boot in the exhilarating doco/film, *Watandar, My Countryman*. Afghan-Australian, Muzafar Ali, a prolific and accomplished cinematographer, takes you to the heart and history of Australia's Afghan cameleers. In doing so, he explores the relationship between colonial, ancient and immigrant Australians, our treatment of refugees, the division between the world's dominant religions, the success and or lack of success of the international forces in Afghanistan, and the power of individuals to create change.

WATANDAR
My Countryman



Lunch & Film, \$50; Lunch only, \$30; Film only, \$25

RSVP: 26/08/24

TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CTTOM>

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All proceeds to Afghan girls' education via Women for Change

AUG. 15th = 3 YEARS UNDER TALIBAN RULE
For girls and young women, it's 3 years of
no access to secondary or tertiary school,
closed doors, lost dreams,
& hopelessness.

**JOIN RAR-STRATHBOGIE SHIRE ON
AUGUST 31st TO SUPPORT GIRLS'
EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN.
JOIN US TO GIVE THEM HOPE.**

Afghanistan is the only country in the world that **bans girls' secondary education**. In Afghanistan, 75% of girls are out of school.

Nearly 30% of girls in Afghanistan have never entered primary education. In December 2022, university education for women was suspended until further notice, affecting over 100,000 female students attending government and private higher education institutions (**18 Jan 2023**)

Beyond blocking basic access to food at risk, even the chance to walk in a park, play a sport, or enjoy nature is being stripped away from Afghanistan's women and girls. Women who protest these violations face terrible consequences including **enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention, and torture (6 Feb 2024)**.

The agency estimates that **more than 1 million** girls are affected. The U.N. has warned that the ban on girls' education remains the Taliban's biggest obstacle to gaining recognition as the legitimate rulers of Afghanistan (**13 June 2024**)

SEE:

<https://theconversation.com/i-spent-a-decade-helping-afghan-girls-make-educational-progress-and-now-the-taliban-are-using-these-3-reasons-to-keep-them-out-of-school-225956>

"Education doesn't just provide opportunities. It protects girls from early marriage, malnutrition, and other health problems and bolsters their resilience to disasters like the floods, drought, and earthquakes that frequently plague Afghanistan... no country can progress if half of its population is left behind."

UNICEF executive director, Catherine Russell.