

# A welcome opportunity to be of help

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

HOW are you and your family going during COVID-19?

If you are worried about someone in isolation, get in touch with The Neighbourhood Centre.

We're providing support calls to many people across the Central West, Far West and Orana region so they know they are not alone.

We can check that they are safe and well and connect them to helpful services and programs in our community.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with phone calls. We also need volunteers to help us with data entry and administration tasks.

Visit our website and Facebook pages where we list all our volunteer roles or call us. We welcome your help!

Refugee Week is being



held this week and this year the theme is celebrating the year of welcome. The week raises awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrates the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (this Saturday, June 20).

The Neighbourhood Centre is offering all our programs online, so if you are interested in doing chair yoga, you can join in every Friday at the new time of 10am via our Facebook page.

If you're a carer for a loved one with dementia, you can be a part of our dementia café video call every Wednesday from 10am to noon.

If you have a son, husband, brother or father in your life who you think could benefit from connecting with other men to talk about issues in their life and increase their social connection, then join our Men Connect group every Monday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Phone The Neighbourhood Centre on 6332 4866 or visit [www.binc.org.au](http://www.binc.org.au) or [www.Facebook.com/TheNeighbourhoodCentre](http://www.Facebook.com/TheNeighbourhoodCentre)



**RISING STAR:** Imbi Neeme's novel *The Spill* won the 2019 Penguin Literary Prize.

## Online event to feature author

**EVENTS**

**AUTHOR** Imbi Neeme will chat about her award-winning novel in an online event next Tuesday, June 23 from 6.30pm.

The free event will be hosted by the Bathurst Writers' and Readers' Festival and BooksPlus.

Neeme's novel *The Spill* was awarded the 2019 Penguin Literary Prize and has been receiving strong reviews from readers and other authors.

Inspired by a similar event in Neeme's childhood, the story follows the lives of two sisters in the years following

a family car accident in 1982. Bookings for the event are essential and available online at the BMEC website, [tickets.bmec.com.au](http://tickets.bmec.com.au).

Copies of *The Spill* can be purchased during registration for the author event (to collect from BooksPlus) or are available from BooksPlus.

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