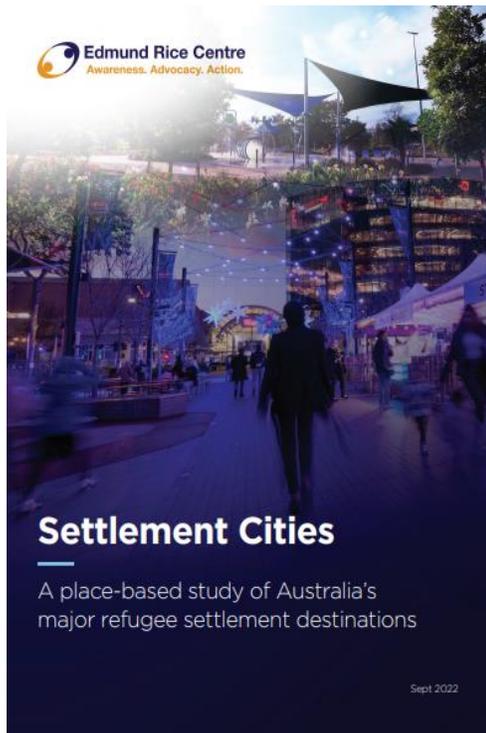


The Edmund Rice Centre invites you to the

# LAUNCH OF THE SETTLEMENT CITIES REPORT



## About the Report:

The Settlement Cities Report is a major new report on the settlement experiences of refugees in Australia. The report takes a place-based approach to refugee settlement, focusing on 'Settlement Cities' - the LGAs where refugees most frequently settle in Australia.

Based on in-depth qualitative interviews and focus groups with refugees and local service providers, the report highlights:

- the aspirations, achievements and challenges refugees experience when settling in Australia
- how refugees feel about the places where they now live
- refugee experiences of community and belonging
- challenges and strategies for equitable access to local services

**Monday, 7th November, 2022, 4pm AEDT**

3pm Brisbane, 3.30 Adelaide

Online Webinar (zoom), free entry, registrations essential

# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

## **Phil Glendenning, AM – Director, Edmund Rice Centre**

Phil has been the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre since its inception in 1996 and is the immediate past President of the Refugee Council of Australia. In November 2021, he was awarded life membership of the Refugee Council of Australia and, in 2017, became a member of the Order of Australia (AM).

## **Bashar Hanna, OAM – Refugee Community Leader, Project Participant**

Bashar is the current president of the Australian Mesopotamian Cultural Association, which he also helped establish. Bashar also established and directs the Arts and Community Development Centre in Fairfield which brings to life meaningful solutions to social challenges faced by diverse emerging Australian communities. In 2021, Bashar was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his long and distinguished service to multiculturalism and refugee support in Western Sydney.

## **Dr Altin Gavranovic – Research team member, Settlement Cities Project**

Altin is a Senior Researcher at the Edmund Rice Centre. He holds a Ph.D. in the social sciences and has held research and teaching appointments at several Australian universities. He has been involved with advocacy-driven research on refugee settlement in association with the Edmund Rice Centre since 2018.

## **Dr Ayah Abubasheer – Research team member, Settlement Cities Project**

Ayah holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Thought and has worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and various NGOs on advocacy, policy, and community development projects in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.