

Monday, May 12, 2003 Innsbruck 20:00 Cafe Sub (Dreiheiligenstr. 9) Info Night & Video Screening hosted by Rechtshilfe Innsbruck and Grauzone (www.catbull.com/grauzone + catbull.com/rechtshilfe)

Tuesday, May 13, 2003 Linz 20:00 Kapu (Kapuzinerstr. 36) Video Screening & Info Night (www.kapu.or.at)

Wednesday, May 14, 2003 Vienna 20:00 Que(e)r Beisl @ EKH (Wielandgasse 2-4, U1 Keplerplatz) Info & Discussion Night with Videoscreening (www.raw.at + www.med-user.net/ekh)

Thursday, May 15, 2003 Vienna 20:00 Arena - Dreiraum (Baumgasse 80, U3 Erdberg) Public Screening W.U.T.N. & other Australian Refugee Action Videos (www.arena.co.at)

Saturday, May 17, 2003 Graz 20:00 Sub (Kaisersfarnzosephkai 66) info night, plus videos "Escape Your State/Create Asylum" & "Waking Up The Nation"

The events are benefit events to raise money for legal costs and help for refugees and activists involved.

Further information:

<http://www.no-racism.net>
<http://videoteppista.nomasters.org>
<http://at.indymedia.org>
<http://melbourne.indymedia.org>
<http://baxterwatch.net>
<http://www.rac-vic.org>
<http://www.boat-people.org>
<http://www.hrw.org>

On midnight of February 1st, 2003, four activists stormed the Woomera detention centre in the South Australian desert and broke out some refugees innocently imprisoned there for the last 2-3 years. After an intensive 48-hour hunt by the authorities all the escaped refugees were found, and the 4 activists have been sent to jail. One of the activists has been deported due to his "illegal status" in Australia, and will speak at the info night about the situation in Australia and his experiences there.

Waking up the Nation (Aus, 2002, 82 mins, E/german subtitles): During the Australian summer of 2002 a group of people concerned about the mistreatments of asylum seekers in detention centres went on a journey through the continent.

Their mission was to visit as many people in the camps as possible, and to educate the communities in the small towns on their route.

'Waking up The Nation' takes you on this inspiring journey as the strange mix of anarchists, house-wives and teenagers have their confrontations with cops, detention centre guards, and angry small-town locals. Most importantly the film introduces you to many people still imprisoned innocently in the camps, and exposes some of the human rights abuses by the private corporation which runs the camps, and the government that supports it.... something is happening in Australia's deserts that people should be ashamed of. See the infopage: videoteppista.nomasters.org

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At the end of April 2003, the Woomera detention centre has been closed and the last refugees have been brought to Baxter, a high-security-prison. With Woomera, an ugly part of Australian history is closed. But the violation of human rights is still going on. In December 2002, Human Rights Watch published the report "By Invitation Only: Australian Asylum Policy", which says, that many refugees who come uninvited to Australia are compelled to do so because they cannot find effective protection anywhere else. Human Rights Watch found that many asylum seekers are still at risk. In Australia they are obliged to stay in detention centres for years or to leave the country - otherwise they will be deported.