

**Media Alert**  
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### **Wayside Speaks - Cracking Down on People Smuggling; the Australian Way?**

Sydney icon, The Wayside Chapel, is hosting a series of events about issues affecting the community, focusing on social justice and welfare issues.

At the first of these events, on August 13, former leader of the Australian Democrats, Andrew Bartlett, will speak about whether our current immigration policies are indicative of the Australia we want to be, especially in relation to human rights.

Andrew Bartlett is a consistent and vocal campaigner for refugees and asylum seekers. Bartlett is the only Australian parliamentarian to have visited every refugee detention centre in Australia, as well as those on Christmas Island and Nauru, each of which he has visited four times to meet with detainees.

Zhi Yan from refugee advocacy group 'A Just Australia' will also be present to respond to questions.

Event: Cracking Down on People Smuggling; the Australian Way?

When: 6.30pm – 8pm, Thursday August 13

Where: The Wayside Chapel, 29 Hughes Street, Potts Point

Who: Andrew Bartlett, former leader of the Australian Democrats and Zhi Yan, A Just Australia

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*The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Each year thousands of people visit the Wayside for assistance in gaining equitable access to essential health, welfare and related services. The Wayside Chapel is well known for its Youth program and Day to Day Living programs.*

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