

“Eye On Afghanistan”

A Photographic exhibition by four Australian photographers that celebrates the strength, resilience and humanity of the people of Afghanistan, despite the ravages of war and poverty.

This Saturday 5th February

PhotoAccess, Manuka

(next to the Manuka Pool)

12 noon – 4pm

Join the photographers - **Virginia Haussegger, Gary Ramage, Sanaz Foutuhi, Palwasha Yusaf** - and friends for an open afternoon of music, talks, food and wine.

12.15 pm Photographer’s talk: “Afghanistan – An argument for hope in the Land of Sorrow”

Pakistani-Australian **Palwasha Yusaf** is a freelance photographer who has run photographic workshops and exhibitions for orphan children in Kabul. She is the founder of the not-for-profit photography collective *ShutterSeed*.

12.45 ... Women's choir Cyrenes ... performing the haunting and beautiful song of healing and a Sufi celebration..... followed by **Poetry readings**

1 pm ... Photographer’s talk:

What do you do when an orphan child, who owns nothing but a little toy matchbox car, slips that treasure into your pocket and whispers that he is sad you are leaving and will pray that you return?

Photographer and film producer **Sanaz Foutuhi** will discuss her experience shooting and filming in Afghanistan. She and her film-maker husband, Amin Palangi produced the award winning documentary “*Hidden Generation*”, which explored the shocking rise of self immolation among women in Afghanistan.

2pm – 4pm ... folk music & wine

An afternoon of music and wine... with one of Australia’s most entertaining troubadours **CJShaw** and his folk band.... Along with superb wines and local produce from Wamboin winery, **Shepherds Run**.