

Molly & Mobarak

A documentary feature by Tom Zubrycki



In 2001 ninety Afghan asylum seekers from the Hazara ethnic minority arrived in the NSW town of Young having been recruited to work at the local abattoir. Among them was 23 year old Mobarak Tahiri.

Documentary maker Tom Zubrycki's film follows Mobarak as he befriends high school teacher Molly and her mother Lyn. Against a backdrop of Molly and Mobarak's burgeoning relationship, a picture of the town emerges through characters such as Tony Hewson, the abattoir manager who recruited the Afghans, and Anne Bell, the teacher who organises English classes for the refugees. The observational narrative is played out against the backdrop of a divided community still haunted by the memory of anti-Chinese riots during the 1860s gold-rush.

"a kind of Australian Romeo and Juliet, complete with love, loss and loneliness."
Sasha Molitorisz, *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Valhalla Cinema, Glebe Point Road, 29 January 2004, 7.00 pm

Tickets \$15 (\$10 concession).

All proceeds to Port Jackson Greens and Balmain for Refugees.

Sylvia Hale MLC will introduce the film and speak briefly about Temporary Protection Visas prior to screening.

Tom Zubrycki will hold a Q&A session about the documentary after the screening followed by nibbles, free wine-tasting and drinks for sale in the cinema foyer.

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