



Australia for UNHCR



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Tim Fischer tees off for Tsunami Relief
Tuesday, 8 February, 9.30am
Kogarah Golf Club

Tim Fischer, Patron of *Australia for UNHCR* will join **Ian Chappell**, the organisation's Special Representative to support the **Australian Federation of International Forwarders'** efforts to raise funds for the **UN Refugee Agency's** Tsunami Shelter Appeal. AFIF will hold its inaugural Charity Golf Day at Kogarah Golf Club tomorrow to raise much needed funds to buy tarps, tents, blankets, jerry cans, cooking sets and saris urgently needed by people in tsunami-affected regions.

"Having a roof over your head is the first step for these people who must rebuild their lives from nothing." Fischer said, "We certainly appreciate the generosity of AFIF members participating in this fundraiser, especially given that a number of members have also given in-kind support to UNHCR's logistical operations in the region."

Brian Lovell, AFIF CEO said "Many of our members who operate in the region have been asking me how they can help. This golf day is a small way we can contribute through an agency that we know does a good job on the ground."

Tim Fischer will open the game with a shot-gun start at 10.00am. A charity auction in which over \$11,000 of prizes will fall under the hammer, will commence at 3.45pm followed by Ian Chappell's announcement of prize-winners at 4.30pm.

Kogarah Golf Club, Marsh Street, Arncliffe, (Sydney Airport)
Media Call 9.30am-Tim Fischer
Game commences 10.00am

UNHCR Shelter Appeal for Tsunami victims

Australia for UNHCR is seeking \$2m from Australians to support the UN Refugee Agency's global Shelter Appeal to provide shelter, non-food items and logistical support in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Somalia. With over 50 years of operational experience providing shelter to refugees and returnees, UNHCR is the lead agency providing shelter to those left homeless by the tsunamis in Sri Lanka. In Indonesia the agency's work is concentrated on the devastated west coast of Aceh where it will oversee a program providing long-term shelter needs to over 175,000 people affected by the earthquake and tsunamis.

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To donate to the UNHCR Shelter Appeal for Tsunami victims call 1300 361 288 or visit www.unrefugees.org.au