



Welcome to our January edition of the 2016 newsletter. We wish all many years of good health and happiness, and look forward to your continuing support in helping making Toowoomba a safe and harmonious place.

### Community Leadership Engagement



Toowoomba is a great place to live - we should value, celebrate and protect this situation. The seminar held on 11 December 2015 on 'Strengthening Social Resilience Through Leadership' was to further strengthen the leadership commitment towards working together to ensure that Toowoomba remains a safe, inclusive and prosperous multicultural city.

Two of the recommendations were:

- To create support in the larger community so individual groups do not feel isolated
- To focus attention on changing perceptions on religion and to recognize the potential of religions for bringing harmony and internal peace, and focusing on common points between faiths

The DVD on the seminar is available. Please contact us if you like a copy.



Mayor Paul Antonio (left) giving an address, and Bishop Cameron Venables (right) chairing the panel discussion.

### Christmas Party



Performance by Pure Land Family & Friends



Performance by the Philharmonic Society



Celebrating Christmas with our community on 5 December 2015

## ★★★ Upcoming events for 2016 ★★★

First meeting of the Toowoomba Interfaith Forum (TIF) Committee

Date: Friday, 22 January 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Pure Land Learning College Association

Australia Day and Chinese New Year Celebrations

Date: Saturday, 23 January 2016

Time: Gathering at 4:00pm to start the celebration at 4:30pm

Venue: Pure Land Learning College Association

Traditional Chinese Cultural Exhibition and Lion Dance Performance

Official Opening: Friday, 12 February 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

Exhibition Duration: 12 – 21 February 2016