



Community Tea Gathering

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A community tea gathering organized by The Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba was held on 15 August 2018 at The Heights Community Centre. Kaye Lindsay, coordinator of the Centre, welcomed the guest and shared the Centre's programs and activities.

Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group Activities



Members of the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group (TIWG) have been engaged in some varied activities over the past few weeks. They joined with other faith and community leaders on 1 August for the 2nd Annual Multifaith Dinner organised by the Queensland Police Service. As well as leading those attending in the Affirmation, members were able to network and enjoy a very enjoyable dinner. This event further strengthens the relationship between the different faith traditions in Toowoomba and the Queensland Police Service.

Friday 10 August saw some TIWG members take a bus trip to The Abbey Church at Caboolture where the St Michael's Community and the Sunshine Coast District of the Queensland Police Service combined to hold the launch of the Abbey Multifaith and Cultural Dialogue Centre. The launch gathered many people from different faiths who live and work in the Caboolture, Bribie Island and Sunshine Coast communities. The support of the Toowoomba Interfaith Working and the Pure Land Learning College Association was acknowledged during the proceedings. A small gift was presented by the TIWG members to the St Michael's Community to help mark the launch.



TIWG members were on hand to lead the Affirmation at the beginning of the MDA Regional Settlement Conference held in Toowoomba on 13 and 14 August. The conference showcased the success of regional settlement, opportunities and challenges and the role of leadership in creating cohesive communities.

Rev'd Canon Richard Tutin
Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group



Toowoomba Youth Peace Group

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This year the Toowoomba Youth Peace Group has been involved in Toowoomba's community and initiated many plans for the future to build peace. Many new developments have come to life with our ambitious ideas. The commitment of the group has shown what can be achieved at our young age with Connie Qu designing a website to share with the world our contribution, Mahsa Nabizada being interviewed by Cr Geoff McDonald, and several of our members attending an overseas youth seminar. We have also attended the Police Dinner in August to celebrate the faith leaders of our region.



The group also hosted a stall at the popular Toowoomba Languages & Cultural Festival on Sunday 12 August 2018, as a Youth Wing of The Goodwill Committee. This included activities and promotion for our upcoming Multi-Faith Youth Conference to be held on Saturday 13 October 2018. It has been organised with the main theme of What We Influence vs. What Influences Us aimed at high school and university students.



An Art Competition is also being run for people of all ages with prizes up for grabs. More information for the Youth Conference and Art Competition can be found on the website (<https://thenextstep1twbyouth.wixsite.com/peace>).



We hope with our ever-growing presence, we will achieve our intended outcome – to motivate youth in 'keeping the peace spark alight', and taking action for a better tomorrow. Check out our social media accounts –
Instagram: thenextstep_twbyouth;
Facebook: Toowoomba Youth Peace Group.
We're looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

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