



The Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba

As the new member on the Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba (GCT), I have been inducted with a whirlwind of community activities, including having the privilege of attending the **Cultural Diversity Network** meeting in August, and presenting on behalf of GCT. Our participation is in fitting with the Toowoomba Goodwill Committee aims, to strengthen our spirit of fellowship and community inclusiveness, and to reaffirm our commitment to peace and harmony in our beautiful city.



On 22 August 2019, GCT with support from CatholicCare, hosted the **Community Tea Gathering**, where we enjoyed the hospitality of the Toowoomba Refugee and Migrant Support (TRAMS) team, and met up with members of the Yazidis community. Members from the community and other support agencies also braved the blustery conditions, strengthening our spirit of fellowship and community inclusiveness.

The Women's Circles of Peace, the women's wing of GCT, held a **Women's Forum** on 24 August 2019. With close to fifty women attending, we were very privileged to have passionate speakers from our community share their thoughts on 'Women, Family and Education'.



The collaboration of Together for Humanity, the GCT and the Pure Land Learning College Association ran the **Community Development Workshop** on 9 September 2019. This workshop examined community building by challenging cultural thinking with the slogan "together we can make a difference". This fun informative workshop demonstrated how effectively and quickly this could be achieved.



Keeping community consultation and information sharing alive, the GCT hosted a **Dialogue and Community Lunch** on 12 September 2019 with invited guests Mr David Janetzki MP and Mr John - Paul Langbroek MP.

It is with anticipation that we look forward to the two-day **International Interfaith Peace Conference** from 29-30 November 2019. Jointly organized by the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group, the Pure Land Learning College Association, and supported by the GCT, this year's theme is 'Compassion as the Common Ground of Religious Faith & Practice', where Marilyn Turkovich, the Executive Director for the Charter for Compassion, will present the Keynote Address. To register, please email to mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com.

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