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International Day of Peace Toowoomba 2022

Around the world, the annual International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September. However, this year's Toowoomba Peace day was celebrated on 1 October. The day commenced with a smoking ceremony by Shannon Bauwens. This was indeed a great start to spiritual and physical cleansing. The exciting part of this event was the art competition for young people, and we received many great paintings at the end. Congratulation to the winners of this year's art competition. A huge thank you to our speakers for sharing their beautiful peace messages and to the performers with their breathtaking acts and support.

Well-done to our MCs Prince Lo and Mahsa Nabizada for doing a wonderful job.



A Word from our Emcee's



Left to right: Prince Long-lo, Mahsa Nabizada

For me, the event signified the message that peace is a group project that can be achieved with a united vision. Today, in our war-torn world, peace is more important than ever. It is truly tragic to see the injustices and inequalities our brothers and sisters across the world are facing. We are the human family, and it pains me to see all that people in conflict seek are peace, security, and a good future but these have yet to manifest. We are now in a new era of conflict and violence which we must combat with our task of peace building through compassion, education and action.

Mahsa Nabizada – Grade 12 student,
Fairholme College

It is my honour to have been one of the MCs of the International Day of Peace in Toowoomba on 1 October. The event was very well organised with a wide range of activities and speeches for all community members in Toowoomba. I am glad to see so many community members engage with us and attend the event. Our partners who supported the event truly demonstrate how the wider Toowoomba community and services are willing to work together to deliver a strong message of peace and harmony, create community connections and support each other. This event not only showcased the diversity of the Toowoomba region, but it also truly served the aim of uniting our diverse community and fostering collaborative work relationships in supporting the city's new arrivals and the wider diverse community.

Prince Lo - Field Officer, Darling Downs
Southwest Region



Toowoomba Hospital Foundation grant award ceremony 2022

The Toowoomba Hospital Foundation supports the local health services through providing funds for life-saving equipment and resources, staff development, research and scholarships across the Darling Downs Health region. This year's grant award ceremony was held on 5 October 2022. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's grant award. Pure Land is looking forward to many more years of partnership.



Above (Left to right): Ricky Yang, Venerable Zhiyang

To left: Recipients of the 2022 Toowoomba Hospital Foundation Research Grant

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Peace Conference 2022

We are excited to announce that members of the TIWG have organized their annual conference for Friday 25 November. This year's theme is How do we 'Be the Change We Want to See in The World'. Come and listen to the presentations by Protea Place, RACQ Life Flight Rescue and the amazing Josh Marshall from Inclusion Access. Please refer to the flyer for more details or visit:

<https://bit.ly.bethechangewewanttoseein>



National Peace Conference 2022

The annual youth conference organised by TYP.G is going to be held on 26 November 2022. Titled 'Would you dare?', this event delves into the topics of passions, fears and everything in between - and it's exactly as it is! Come along to join various sessions which tackle the physical and emotional aspects of youth wellbeing, create art and facilitate discussions with likeminded people.

To register, scan the QR code on the flyer or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/would-you-dare-youth-conference-2022-tickets-394872974697>

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



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