

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS



TIWG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORAL PARADE

»» BY JAG & SARWAN

The Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group (TIWG) presented a float in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Festival on Saturday, 16 September 2023. This was the 3rd time the TIWG participated in the carnival. Our float, although small, made a sizable impact. The tricycle tray was decorated with flowers and words of encouragement including 'Be kind. Be happy. Be creative. Be peaceful'. It made quite an impression as evidenced by the waves and cheers from the crowd. Some people even shouted words like 'Your words of encouragement are welcomed'. Our float also attracted younger people as some families brought their children, sat them on the tricycle seat and took pictures. Some people, especially those in front of the Council building, recognised us by standing up and cheering, and calling our names. Our members participated by walking alongside other floats, enjoying the activity all the way to the end point, Queens Park. We look forward to participating in similar community events when future opportunities arise.



WELCOMING VENERABLE WU DAO

PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION REPUBLIC OF HWA DZAN SOCIETY

We are delighted that Venerable Wu Dao, a resident monk of the Pure Land Learning College Association, Inc. who is actively involved in lecturing on Pure Land Buddhism worldwide has returned to Toowoomba for a one-month visit. Among his many duties here will be lecturing on the Dharma and leading the Thrice Yearning Ceremony to pray for world peace.



ABOVE: MR HANIFF WELCOMING VENERABLE WU DAO AT BRISBANE AIRPORT

ABOVE: VENERABLE WU DAO GIVING A DHARMA TALK AT THE CHANTING HALL AT THE PLLCA. BELOW: PLLCA STUDENTS WELCOMING VENERABLE WU DAO.



UPCOMING EVENTS...



>>> NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce that our annual National Peace Conference will be held on Saturday, 18 November at St Patrick's Cathedral Centre. This year's theme is 'All Generations Supporting Peace and Harmony'. Come and join us in broadening deeper understanding of our cultural and religious diversity as we work together toward nurturing our common humanity. We welcome you to attend this exciting Diversity by Default Workshop specially presented by our guest participants from Singapore. Toowoomba is proud to be the first city to host.



Register for free here! <https://events.humanitix.com/national-peace-conference-2023-all-generations-supporting-peace-and-harmony>. Please note that participation is limited to 150 people. For more information, please contact mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com.

>>> 'COLLECTIVE DREAMING' YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 2023

The youth conference, held on the same day at the same time and venue as the National Peace Conference, aims to challenge youths to dream and implement plans to achieve their goals and to overcome the physical and emotional aspects of youth wellbeing, while creating art and discussions with like-minded people. We believe that your presence and active participation will contribute significantly to the exchange of ideas and discussions on these important issues. Click yhr link below for free registration and come join us on the day to listen to some amazing speakers and meet new people! For more information, please contact 18.typp@gmail.com

<https://www.typpg.org/Events>

>>> TERM 4 FRIDAYS VINNIES FREE LEARN TO SEW AND SEW N CHAT

- * 12:30pm on 6, 13, 20, 27 October, 3 and 10 November. **Please note it is now on FRIDAYS!**
- * Five spots for complete beginners who will be supplied material to make five items.
- * Returning participants are welcome. Please bring your projects.
- * All welcome—it is 'Sew' much fun! A cuppa for all attending.
- * Venue remains the same: St Anthony's Community Hall, 3 Memory St.
- * Please register with Noela 46361737