

# PURE LAND LEARNING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INC. MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

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## STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Pure Land Learning College Association Inc., together with the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group, and with the support of Toowoomba Regional Council, organised a gathering and peace prayer for the Bondi victims as we stood in solidarity with the Jewish community and all those affected by the tragic events at Bondi.



The gathering was held on 19 December at the Village Green, Toowoomba Regional Council and brought together around 250 community members. Those in attendance included Mr Trevor Watts MP (Member for Toowoomba North), Mayor Geoff McDonald, Bishop Cameron, and faith and community leaders from across the region. It was a deeply moving and solemn occasion. Prayers were offered by faith leaders, candles were lit, and flowers were laid in remembrance of the victims. In his address, Mayor Geoff McDonald expressed, 'On behalf of the people of the Toowoomba Region, I extend our deepest sympathy to all those affected by this tragedy'.



As a community, we are reminded that 'We are One, We are Many'. Let us continue to look out for one another, care for one another, and remain united as One Australia. This heartfelt gathering reflected the strength of our shared humanity, as leaders from many faiths stood together in unity, compassion and hope.



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## WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE: MEETING WITH THE MORETON BAY GOODWILL COMMITTEE



On 9 December, a productive meeting was held with the Moreton Bay Goodwill Committee, during which the team explored ways to further strengthen our shared efforts to promote peace and understanding. A key focus of the discussion was planning a symposium for next year, aimed at bringing together diverse voices to foster dialogue, connection and mutual respect.

The Moreton Bay Goodwill Committee is a passionate and dynamic group committed to nurturing peace, social cohesion and harmony within the community. Meeting regularly, the committee organises meaningful programs and activities that create opportunities for people to connect, learn from one another and build lasting understanding.



## A MILESTONE IN UNITY: TOOWOOOMBA INTERFAITH WORKING GROUP'S 100TH MEETING

The Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group, established in 2016, reached an extraordinary milestone with its 100th meeting on 3 December 2025. Over the years, the group has organised more than 80 peace conferences and workshops, and has shared its inspiring work on the international stage across Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Taiwan, London, Wales and Paris.

This remarkable team's unwavering commitment and passion for service continue to shine as a beacon of hope, nurturing mutual understanding and enabling cultural and faith diversity to flourish, both within Australia and throughout the wider region.





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## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY: THE PLLCA CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On 3 December, the PLLCA hosted a wonderful Christmas lunch to celebrate and honour our dedicated community leaders and volunteers. It was a joyful occasion and a heartfelt opportunity to express our gratitude for the strong and supportive community that stands behind our programs and activities.

A special thank you goes to the incredible Women in Harmony, who filled the afternoon with festive cheer through their beautiful Christmas carols. Their performance lifted the gathering's spirits and added a memorable touch to the celebration.



As the year draws to a close, the Venerables, staff and volunteers of the PLLCA, extend our deepest gratitude to the friends, partners, community leaders and organisations who have supported and collaborated with us throughout the year. Your dedication has played a vital role in advancing our shared mission of promoting peace and harmony within our community. Let us continue working together to create a brighter future and make Toowoomba a shining example of peace, unity and compassion.