



Journeying Together to Enrich Community



On 28 July 2015, the Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba (GWC), in conjunction with Queensland Alliance, organised a forum to share stories and experiences of each other's work and how faith groups, organisations and individuals can work together for the benefit of the community. This forum bears testimonies that love and service towards the community transcends beyond colours and creeds of humanity. To Queensland Alliance and the GWC, we say thank you and well done for bringing us together.



Reverend David Baker and Dave Copeman (from the left) shared their Queensland Alliance model for working together to enrich communities



The Reverend Sharon Kirk chairing the panel discussion after Father Brian Sparksman and Venerable Wu Ping's presentation on 'What motivates you and drives you to be involved in enriching your local community'

Women Encounter – A Compassionate Day of Retreat

This special day of nourishing our spirit and enjoying the gifts of nature and one another was held on 18 July 2015 at Amaroo Education Centre. Thank you to Paul Carmody for a guided tour of the sacred ground of Amaroo and for your trust in our Women's Committee to provide for you a meaningful time of spiritual nourishment and fellowship with one another.



Reflecting on compassion in our lives led by Nicole Rangira after we were all relaxed



Kim Walmsley led us through the copper wire art activity

Building Bridges of Peace through Culture and Faith



The delegates who presented were (from the left) Sarwan Narayan, Syed Ghazaly, Reverend Heather Griffin, Reverend Graham Warren, Muhammed Haniff and Roberto Garcia (front row), and Meiling Chow and Venerable Wu Ping (second row)

A delegation from Toowoomba was invited to go to Taiwan on 3 July 2015 to present our experiences on 'How Different Faith Promotes Interfaith Peace in Their Community'. Among the audience of 600 were delegates from Singapore, the USA, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, South Africa, and Taiwan. It was a great opportunity for our delegates to exchange experiences with other delegates as well as the opportunity to engage in networking. Exposure to an international forum most certainly broadens one's knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of interfaith dialogue. At the closing dinner, the organizers expressed their intention to make this an annual event in Taiwan and hoped to see Toowoomba participation again in the future. Our delegates came back richer and wiser as the conference theme centred very much about the importance of dialogue in listening and building an inclusive society.