

### Harmony Day Breakfast at Picnic Point



Recently, Toowoomba Together were very pleased to host a community breakfast at Picnic Point to welcome the visiting UNESCO Ambassadors. Over 150 locals shared breakfast and stories with the visiting dignitaries. To commemorate this event and the Ambassadorial visit, a Bottle Tree (*Brachychiton rupestris*) was planted at this renowned Toowoomba location. The planting was officiated by Mayor Paul Antonio, Venerable Master Chin Kung AM and H.E. Dr. Samira Mohamed Moosa Al Moosa, the UNESCO Ambassador from Oman. The Bottle Tree will be a lasting memorial of the visit in a city that strives to be a city of peace and harmony.

*John Minz*

*Chairman and President, Toowoomba Together Inc.*

### Harmony Day Celebrations at Darling Heights State School



Darling Heights State School recently celebrated Harmony Day with the special event being the school's Harmony Day Assembly. This year an added highlight was the visit by and participation in the school's assembly of the UNESCO Ambassadors who were visiting Toowoomba as part of the desire to have Toowoomba designated a City of Peace and Harmony. The school saw it as an absolute privilege and pleasure to welcome the Ambassadors. A highlight of the day was the interaction of parents and students with the Ambassadors and the opportunity for all to see not only the multicultural nature of the school, but the tolerant and accepting community that has grown in and about the school.

*Mark Creedon*

*Principal, Darling Heights State School*

### Town Hall Community Dialogue



As outgoing Goodwill Committee chair, it was good to be part of the sharing of 'model city' work from so many different Toowoomba sectors. My own input was focused on the centrality of developing wide and deep relationships as the basis of peace and harmony. From this many things can flower. The UNESCO Ambassadors' presence helped further such crucial links between local and international levels.

*The Revd Dr Jonathan Inkipin*

*Chair, Goodwill Committee of Toowoomba*



### Ancestral Remembrance Ceremony

The Ancestral Remembrance Ceremony held at Westbrook is the first of its kind that has been hosted in Australia. The ceremony memorialises one's ancestors in gratitude for their contributions to society and the ancestors of all ethnic groups around the world. It is important to acknowledge the contributions of our ancestors, learn from and follow their virtuous conduct, and repay the kindness they have shown us.

Venerable Wu Ping  
Pure Land Learning College Association Inc.



### Dialogue at USQ

On March 18, USQ played host to a delegation of UNESCO ambassadors, good friends in the Toowoomba community, and a number of our students. The event was a wonderful opportunity to continue building relationships and developing our ongoing commitment to the University's role in promoting peace and harmony. A tour of the campus featured the Japanese and Gumbi Gumbi Gardens, representing some of the expressions of cultural diversity on the Toowoomba campus.

Professor Ken Udas  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Services) & Chief Information Officer,  
University of Southern Queensland

### Dialogue with the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group

Members of the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group met in dialogue with the UNESCO Ambassadors during their visit to Toowoomba on 16-18 March. The Working Group's presentation covered the different areas the group has engaged in since its formation in 2015. These areas included the Interfaith Affirmation, 'Voices of Faith' radio program, participation in International Peace Forums, Advocacy and Support, Scriptures 360 and Participation in Australia Day Peace Prayer. The Ambassadors, in their response, congratulated the Interfaith Working Group for their achievements and encouraged the members as they pursue further initiatives.

Reverend Richard Tutin  
Public Relations Office  
Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group



### Farewell Dinner

As part of the UNESCO Ambassadors' visit to Toowoomba, schools across the city were encouraged to participate by illustrating Toowoomba, a city of peace and harmony, in the form of posters. Over 150 posters were received, cumulating in a colourful and creative display of the city, as seen through the eyes of our young generation. At the farewell dinner, the students presented their artwork to the Ambassadors.