

The Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group

The Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group (TIWG) was formed in 2016 and is now represented by twenty-two faith denominations. Besides organising conferences and workshops in Toowoomba, TIWG members have also been active participants in various international conferences and also in visiting international faith organisations.



TIWG visit to Ba'alwie Mosque, Singapore



TIWG visit to IMC, Singapore



International Peace Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Syed Ghazaly is one of the founding members of the TIWG. He has contributed much to a number of areas. One of his signature contributions is organising the iftar in the month of Ramadan. Last year, Mr. Ghazaly relocated to Perth and indicated that he can no longer be a member of the TIWG. On 21 January 2023, members of the TIWG organised a luncheon to say their farewells to Syed. We would like to thank Syed for his contribution to the TIWG committee and wish him all the best with his future endeavours.



Radio 102.7 FM

Toowoomba 102.7 is a community radio station. Members of the TIWG have been contributing to the Radio 102.7 Voices of Faith series. The program can be heard every Friday and Sunday from 6-6:30 pm. Jagdish Narayan, a member of the TIWG, is one of the pioneer presenters of Radio 102.7 FM. We thank Mr. Narayan for his contribution on behalf of the Voices of Faith series, and we look forward to more recordings from TIWG members.



Right to left: Jagdish Narayan, Taisoo Kim Watson, Arsalan Mozaffari Falarti, Sarwan

15th Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Each year, 13 February marks the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, who suffered trauma because of past government policies of forced child removal. This year, the Karulbo committee, alongside the University of Southern Queensland, jointly organised the 15th Anniversary of the National Apology to commemorate the stolen generations. This apology is considered a milestone toward reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians in Toowoomba.



Queensland Police Service

The Culturally and Linguistic Diverse (CALD) meeting is an event for people from different communities to connect and support each other. This program supports connections to local resources, reducing barriers people may experience in their communities. The CALD meeting is held at the Pure Land Learning College Association Inc. (PLLCA) faith gallery and is chaired by Catherine English from the Queensland Police Service. The PLLCA is honoured to host and support this program. This meeting is open to anyone, and if you have any concerns that you like to raise with the Queensland Police you are most welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. Please email mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com or English.CatherineL@police.qld.gov.au for more information and to sign up.



Call on the Pure Land Learning College Association, Inc by Rev. Sharon Hollis

On 21 February 2023, the TIWG met with Reverend Sharon Hollis, President of the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. A productive dialogue was formed, and new friendships were created. It was great pleasure meeting Rev. Sharon Hollis, and we look forward to future collaborations.

Left to right: (Top row) Rev. Dylan Miegel, Susan O'Hara, John Agnew, (Bottom row) Haniff Abdul Razak, Sarwan Narayan, Rev. Sharon Hollis, Rev. Yvonne McRostie, Venerable Wu Chin, David Tutty

