

**INTRODUCTION to the DATABASE on INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES  
of the  
AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE (ACC&C)  
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The immediate aim of creating the database was to assemble information about interfaith relations, dialogue and activities throughout Australia. A Bibliography has been prepared see <http://www.wesleycanberra.org.au/images/Interfaith/interfaithbibliography.pdf> and a copy is printed at the end of this database.

The general overall purpose is to promote the processes of interfaith dialogue and activities and their contribution to harmony-building among the different faith groups involved.

It was hoped to assemble a similar range of information about interfaith activities, dialogue and activities in Indonesia using a parallel framework. This work has begun but is not yet country-wide in scope. Through this parallel exercise it was hoped to support and encourage faith groups in interfaith co-operation in both countries. The work in both Indonesia and Australia was supported by a grant from the Australia Indonesia Institute, to whom we express our gratitude. The start of the Indonesian data is here <http://www.wesleycanberra.org.au/images/Interfaith/indon-groups.pdf>

The ACC&C database framework is designed to summarize, for each of the interfaith groups identified in each State (or Territory), the following types of information:

- The main contact points, location and contact person(s)
- The participating faith groups
- The number of regular members (individuals)
- The date of commencement of the group
- Objectives/purposes
- Available information sources about it
- Activities – past and present; and future plans
- Comments on strong and weak points, needs etc

The database comprises currently entries from 18 interfaith groups, located in one or other of the States or Territory Capitals: (N.B. One organisation is national)

ACT: Interfaith Forum ACT

NSW: Affinity Intercultural Foundation  
Centre for Christian Muslim Relations  
Council of Christians and Jews  
Women's Interfaith Network  
World Conference of Religions for Peace

NT: NT Interfaith Group (Baha'i Centre)

SA: Christian-Muslim Women's Group  
Multifaith Association  
Project Abraham

TAS: Regional Baha'i Council  
World Conference of Religions for Peace

VIC: Australian Council of Christians and Jews (National)  
Council of Christians and Jews – VIC  
Darebin City Council Interfaith Group  
G\Interfaith Network of Greater Dandenong City Council  
World Conference of Religions for Peace

WA: Network of Religious Leaders

The first page gives the main location and contacts. Subsequent pages for that organization give contact details of the key persons (up to 3 or 4) in the group.

If you want to print out the whole database, or the file from one particular organization, you should click on the print icon in the acrobat toolbar for the former, or move the cursor to one particular organization and click on the same print icon for the latter.

## Organisation **Interfaith Forum ACT (IFFACT) - ACT**

**Place (Mail)** Brahma Kumaris Yoga *ID* 4  
**Address (Mail)** 38 Wisdom Street  
**Suburb (Mail)** Hughes **State (Mail)** ACT **Postcode** 2605  
**Place (Location)** Brahma Kumaris Yoga  
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**Phone** 02 6260 5525 **Other Phone** 02 6287 3829  
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**Website** <http://tripod.com.au> **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups** **# Of Individuals:** 15 **Started Functioning** 1993  

<b>Hindu</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Brahma</b>	<b>Buddhist</b>
<b>Quaker</b>	<b>Zoroastrian</b>	<b>Jewish</b>	<b>Christian</b> see Note 1
<b>Baha'i</b>	<b>Shamanic</b>	<b>Sikh</b>	<b>Muslim</b>

**Objectives-Purposes** Vision: To see all people living in harmony, respecting all races, cultures and religious traditions.  
Mission: to enable and facilitate open interchange and dialogue between people of different spiritual traditions within the ACT.  
Objectives:  
1. To have open conversation between individuals of various spiritual and religious traditions based on equality without any formal ties to their parent organizations.  
2. To demonstrate effective and powerful relationships between people of various spiritual and religious traditions.  
4. To promote integration of the highest spiritual insights and ethical values in all aspects of community.  
5. To uphold and respect the right of all human beings to maintain and practise the religious belief of their choice.

**Information Sources** Website: <http://tripod.com.au>

**Activities Meetings** Meetings second Sunday of each month at BK Centre unless otherwise specified - sometimes at another faith group.  
Sometimes have a speaker at these meetings; or discussion and planning of activities.  
ACT Multicultural Festival, last Sunday thereof (each February).  
2006 theme: Film 'Chasing God' + discussion, at Australian National Museum Theatre.  
2005 Theme: Harmony - the Golden Rule (Garema Place)  
2004 Theme: Peace.  
Visits to places-of-worship of participating faith groups.  
Participation, on invitation, with other faith celebrations & social activities.

**Activities Other** Participation annually in ACT's Multicultural Festival, last Sunday of the event, held in a public place (Civic Centre)  
Organization of an interfaith worship event once annually, December, at various locations and with a different theme each year.  
Compilation of a 2-panel (1 x 2 m) exhibit depicting main beliefs and activities of each faith group, around the common theme of 'The Golden Rule'.

**Strong Points** Commitment to mutual trust, respect and appreciation of all participating faith groups.  
Work regularly with Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton, Canberra Islamic Centre, and National Jewish Centre.

**Weak Points** Weak or irregular participation of some faith groups e.g. Indigenous

**Trends Over Time** Gradual expansion to include more faith groups in on-going activities, especially annual events.

**Notes** Christian groups participating included: Catholic, Liberal Catholic, Anglican, Uniting Church

Others include: Sukyo Mahikari

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**Notes** Public Relations Officer is in effect the overall Co-ordinator of IFFACT. She is a member of the Catholic Archdiocesan Ecumenial and Interfaith Commission.

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**Notes** Terry is particularly responsible for establishing/ maintaining/ updating regularly the IFFACT Website.

He is also involved with overseas conferences of Sukyo Mahikari.

**Robyn Horton**

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**State (Mailing)** ACT  
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**Notes** Robyn is a senior member of Brahma Kumaris and thus is in effect the host of IFFACT at the BK Centre in Hughes.  
Robyn also organizes NSW and overseas Brahma Kumaris retreats.

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**Notes** Vernon is the compiler of this Interfaith Database of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, where he works as a volunteer in several capacities. Enquiries about the database as such may be addressed to him.

**Organisation Affinity Intercultural Foundation - NSW**

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*Suburb (Location)* Auburn 2144 *State (Location)* NSW  
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*Website* www.affinity.org.au *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups* *# Of Individuals:* 6 *Started Functioning* 2001  
*Hindu* *Indigenous* *Brahma* *Buddhist*  
*Quaker* *Zoroastrian* *Jewish* *Christian*  
*Baha'i* *Shamanic* *Sikh* *Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** Pamphlets; website; current event posters/flyers

**Activities Meetings** Interfaith dialogue and conferences for the Abrahamic faiths and other interfaith events including Baha'i, Hindu, Sikh.  
Educational services open to the wider community.  
International Inter-religious Abrahamic Conference.  
Spirituality in Islam Panel  
abdurachman Wahid Conference  
Legacy of the Prophet Conference  
School talks

**Activities Other** Women of Faith dinner.  
2006:  
\* Home encounters  
\* Forming of Women's Interfaith Network  
"I am a young Australian Muslim because..." Panel  
Affinity Friendship and Dialogue Dinner  
Auburn Gallipoli Mosque Open Day  
Church visits/talks  
Future plans:  
\* Other educational panels  
\* Camp

**Strong Points** Good relations with Catholic, Uniting Church and Jewish faith groups

**Weak Points** Can further relations with Hindu, Buddhist, Baha'i, Sikh and other Christian faith groups

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes** Info given here was supplied by Vice-president  
(see Record 2 under "People", opposite

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*State (Mailing) NSW*  
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**Fax (General)** **E-mail (general)** Removed  
**Website** www.columban.org.au **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups** **# Of Individuals:** 0 **Started Functioning**  
**Hindu** **Indigenous** **Brahma** **Buddhist**  
**Quaker** **Zoroastrian** **Jewish** **Christian**  
**Baha'i** **Shamanic** **Sikh** **Muslim**  
**Objectives-Purposes**  
**Information Sources**  
**Activities Meetings**  
**Activities Other**  
**Strong Points**  
**Weak Points**  
**Trends Over Time**  
**Notes**

**Pauline Rae**

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Relations - NSW **State (Mailing)**  
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**Bill Burt**

ID 10

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**Organisation Council of Christians & Jews - NSW**

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**State (Mail)** NSW

**Postcode** 2043

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**Website** <http://www.ccjaustralia.org>

**ABN**

**Number Of Groups**

**# Of Individuals:**

2

**Started Functioning** 1943-8;1988

**Hindu**

**Indigenous**

**Brahma**

**Buddhist**

**Quaker**

**Zoroastrian**

**Jewish**

**Christian**

**Baha'i**

**Shamanic**

**Sikh**

**Muslim**

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** website + <http://judaica.library.usyd.edu.au>

Archives of Australian Judaica c/- Rare Books & Special Collections,  
Fisher Library, University of Sydney Australia 2006  
Other archives at 2 Devine St., Erskineville 2043

**Activities Meetings** One Executive meeting monthly (c.20 members)

Public meetings approx. every 2 month- C&J Luncheon Club

**Activities Other** Past/present: Annual Shoah service

Kristallnacht service

Educational days for teachers

Interfaith choral concerts

Poetry sharings (Jews/Christians/Muslims)

2005: 26 August Prof. Mary Boys gave Polding lecture

In-serv ice day for teachers

Small booklets published

Some international speakers e.g. Fr. John Pawlikowski (current president of International CCJ)

**Strong Points** Some Jews and Christians are dialoguing.

**Weak Points** Muslims included but less contact with them than between Christians and Jews.

Allon voluntary basis; need for some paid staff.

Not a high profile in Australian community.

**Trends Over Time** Aim to expand, and get more youth involved.

**Notes** The International CCJ was founded in London in 1942; the Australian CCJ was founded in Sydney in 1943 and continued actively until 1948.

The NSW CCJ was refounded in 1988 by Sr Shirley Sedawie (NDS), Sr Leonore Sharry (NDS), Rabbi Apple (Great Synagogue), Rev. Bern Stevens (Uniting Church), Major Gerben Stelstra (Salv. Army) & some others. A steering committee was formed and an AGM took place in 1989. A National CCJ was formed in December 1991. Most States now have a CCJ, or a dialogue group, except Tasmania & Northern Territory.

**Organisation Council of Christians & Jews - NSW**

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**State (Mailing)** NSW  
**Position** Hon. Secretary **Postcode (Mailing)** 2043  
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Vice-Pres. Fr Joseph Sobb SJ

**Joseph Sobb**

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**Organisation** Council of Christians & Jews - NSW **Suburb (Mailing)**  
**State (Mailing)** NSW  
**Postcode (Mailing)**  
**Position** President **Place (Personal)**  
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*State (Mailing)* NSW  
*Position* Vice-President *Postcode (Mailing)*  
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**Brian Bennett**

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**Organisation Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) (NSW)**

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ID 6

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*Suburb (Mail)* Bellevue

*State (Mail)* NSW

*Postcode* 2023

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*Address (Location)*

*Suburb (Location)*

*State (Location)* NSW

*Phone*

*Other Phone*

*Fax (General)*

*E-mail (general)* Removed

*Website* <http://www.fecca.org.au/Int>

*ABN*

*Number Of Groups*

*# Of Individuals:*

9

*Started Functioning* March 2001

*Hindu*

*Indigenous*

*Brahma*

*Buddhist*

*Quaker*

*Zoroastrian*

*Jewish*

*Christian*

see Notes

*Baha'i*

*Shamanic*

*Sikh*

*Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes** From Constitution (Sept. 2001):

2. Aim: ...bringing together women of different religious traditions in order to promote harmony, understanding and respect among the various world religions, and as a sign of solidarity among people of faith.

Principles:

3. a) Respect for other religions

b) Encouragement of mutual understanding and learning about the ideals of various groups, through personal relationships of co-operation and discussion

c) Rejection of proselytising

d) Working to eliminate religious prejudice and discrimination

e) Encouragement of joint advocacy by representatives of the different religious groups to address common social concerns

f) Spreading the ideal of harmony between religions as widely as possible by constituting a network of women's inter-faith groups with similar aims and programs.

**Information Sources** lacey@bigpond.net.au (35 pp.)

**Activities Meetings** Monthly meetings, average ... members

April 2004 Large meeting in NSW Govt House (160 members)

**Activities Other** 2004 Journey of Promise, 2 weeks in Sydney: Christian/Jewish/Muslim Youth

**Strong Points** Building personal relationships

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes** From Constitution: Membership-

4. The membership of the core group of the organization shall comprise the present members as at the date of this constitution\*, that is, representatives of the Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian (Anglican, Catholic, Uniting Church, Quakers), Hindu, Jewish and Muslim groups, together with such additional members as are co-opted by the consensus of a quorum of the existing membership.

\* Later incorporated: Buddhist, Sikh

5. Each religious group may be represented by up to two members, or by three represented at the date of this constitution.

6. The core group shall meet regularly at such times as it may determine.

7. The core group shall be the sole decision-making body of the organization and shall determine the policies and activities of the organization by consensus.

**Organisation**      **Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) (NSW)**

*ID*    22

**Josie Lacey**

*Title*

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(NSW)

*Position* Convenor

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*Suburb (Personal)*

*State (Personal)*

**Organisation World Conference of Religions for Peace - NSW**

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**Suburb (Mail)** Lakemba **State (Mail)** NSW **Postcode** 2195  
**Place (Location)** NSW Parliament House  
**Address (Location)**  
**Suburb (Location)** **State (Location)** NSW  
**Phone** **Other Phone**  
**Fax (General)** **E-mail (general)** Removed  
**Website** http://religions for peace **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups** **# Of Individuals:** 6 **Started Functioning** 1992  
**Hindu** **Indigenous** **Brahma** **Buddhist**  
**Quaker** **Zoroastrian** **Jewish** **Christian**  
**Baha'i** **Shamanic** **Sikh** **Muslim**

**Objectives-Purposes** Promoting peace through religious dialogue

**Information Sources**

**Activities Meetings** General Meetings at NSW Parliament House - twice annually. Executive Committee meets monthly

**Activities Other**

**Strong Points**

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes** Other groups participating than those listed above: Mandeian, Scientology.  
6 groups participate in the Executive.  
Approx. 25 individuals attend regular meetings.

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Peace - NSW **State (Mailing)**  
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**Notes**

**Organisation Northern Territory Interfaith group**

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**Suburb (Location)** **State (Location)** NT  
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**Website** **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups** **# Of Individuals:** 12 **Started Functioning**  
**Hindu** **Indigenous** **Brahma** **Buddhist**  
**Quaker** **Zoroastrian** **Jewish** **Christian**  
**Baha'i** **Shamanic** **Sikh** **Muslim**

**Objectives-Purposes** Informal sharing of interfaith activities.

**Information Sources** Northern Territory Council of Churches

**Activities Meetings** Occasional 'interfaith' meetings called by the Baha'i Council of the NT, or the NT Council of Churches, or the Multicultural Council of the NT, or the Baha'i Centre.  
Participating Groups include: Buddhist Centre, Hindu Temple, Islamic Centre, Catholic and Uniting Churches

**Activities Other** Project Abraham

**Strong Points**

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes** Participating groups: Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian (Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Uniting, Australian Indigenous Ministries, Assemblies of God), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim.  
Contact points of specific groups:  
Buddhist - Buddhist Society of the NT 08 8948 1131  
37 Parkside Cres., Leanyer 0812  
Christian: Fr Paul Webb, Bishop Greg Thompson or Revd. Kate Fraser or Steve Orme - see the 'People' notes attached.  
Hindu: Tamil Society of the NT 08 8945 1371  
Jewish: Jewish Community (informal) 08 8985 4040  
Muslim: Islamic Centre of the NT  
53 Vanderlin Drive, Wanguri 0810 08 8945 0390  
There are several Indonesian Christian congregations in Darwin, including two affiliated with the Uniting Church.

Comments on Indigenous Christians and religious practices:

1. The Katherine Christian convention held on May Day weekend each year since 1968 draws together mainly Indigenous attendees, around 1000, from all over the NT and some from northern Qld and WA.
2. Some 2/3 of Indigenous people in the NT are "tribal" Aboriginals. Most tribal groups continue at least some of their animistic ceremonies. In some communities there is a strong subtle conflict between traditional power brokers and the Christians living there. Corroborees can be very serious business re-enacting and affirming traditions long handed down.
3. Appropriate contextualisation has resulted in an increasing flow from Christian Aboriginals of dot painting in the Central Australian art form, depicting Biblical stories and themes and purlapas (corroborees) covering the Christmas and Easter stories and the "One People" purlapa presented by Warlpiri Christians all over Australia including Martin place Sydney during the 1988 Bi-Centenary Celebrations (see Jordan: Their Way, Charles Darwin University Press... ).
4. 'Indigenous Spirituality' may refer to contextualising the message of the Gospel to Aboriginal ethnicity in a totally Christian context; or it may mean a syncretistic approach endeavouring to fuse the Trinitarian Godhead with the Rainbow Spirit; or it may mean a

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totally animistic type of pantheism, coping with the ancestor spirits etc.

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**Organisation Christian-Muslim Women's Group - SA**

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*Postcode* 5001

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*State (Location)* SA

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*Website*

*ABN*

*Number Of Groups*

*# Of Individuals:*

10

*Started Functioning* 2001

*Hindu*

*Indigenous*

*Brahma*

*Buddhist*

*Quaker*

*Zoroastrian*

*Jewish*

*Christian*

*Baha'i*

*Shamanic*

*Sikh*

*Muslim*

*Objectives-Purposes*

*Information Sources* -

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*Activities Meetings* Since 11-9-2001, 9 seminars over 3 years, convened by a core group of 10 persons, to explore Christian & Muslim beliefs, culture and practices etc. Attendance >100 each time.

Group now on hold - meets as a friendship group only - unless a need seen.

*Activities Other*

*Strong Points*

*Weak Points*

*Trends Over Time*

*Notes*

**Vikki Waller**

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**Organisation      Multifaith Association - SA**

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*Website* *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups* *# Of Individuals:* *0* *Started Functioning*  
*Hindu* *Indigenous* *Brahma* *Buddhist*  
*Quaker* *Zoroastrian* *Jewish* *Christian*  
*Baha'i* *Shamanic* *Sikh* *Muslim*  
*Objectives-Purposes*  
*Information Sources*  
*Activities Meetings*  
*Activities Other*  
*Strong Points*  
*Weak Points*  
*Trends Over Time*  
*Notes*

**Organisation Project Abraham - SA**

*Place (Mail)* ID 13  
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*Suburb (Mail)* *State (Mail)* SA *Postcode*  
*Place (Location)*  
*Address (Location)*  
*Suburb (Location)* *State (Location)* SA  
*Phone* *Other Phone*  
*Fax (General)* *E-mail (general)* Removed  
*Website* *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups* *# Of Individuals:* 3 *Started Functioning* 2006  
*Hindu* *Indigenous* *Brahma* *Buddhist*  
*Quaker* *Zoroastrian* *Jewish* *Christian*  
*Baha'i* *Shamanic* *Sikh* *Muslim*

*Objectives-Purposes*  
*Information Sources*  
*Activities Meetings*  
*Activities Other* Started as a Muslim-Jewish Group, now expanded to three-faith group  
*Strong Points*  
*Weak Points*  
*Trends Over Time*  
*Notes*

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*State (Mailing)* SA  
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**Organisation**      **Regional Baha'i Council for Tasmania**

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*Website*      *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups*      *# Of Individuals:* 200      *Started Functioning* 1949  
*Hindu*      *Indigenous*      *Brahma*      *Buddhist*  
*Quaker*      *Zoroastrian*      *Jewish*      *Christian*  
*Baha'i*      *Shamanic*      *Sikh*      *Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** Beacon newsletter  
**Activities Meetings** Past: Numerous, Current 60, Future 60/year  
**Activities Other** Annual World Religion Day  
**Strong Points** Good relationship with other groups.  
**Weak Points** Limited acceptance by some Christian denominations.  
**Trends Over Time** Increasing recognition by major faiths.  
*Notes*

**Fuad Ta'eed**

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Tasmania      *State (Mailing)* TAS  
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**Organisation World Conference of Religions for Peace - TAS**

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*Suburb (Mail)* *State (Mail)* *Postcode*  
*Place (Location)*  
*Address (Location)*  
*Suburb (Location)* *State (Location)* TAS  
*Phone* *Other Phone*  
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*Website* www.wcrp.org.au *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups* *# Of Individuals:* 15 *Started Functioning* October 1999  
*Hindu* *Indigenous* *Brahma* *Buddhist*  
*Quaker* *Zoroastrian* *Jewish* *Christian*  
*Baha'i* *Shamanic* *Sikh* *Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** Religions for Peace, PO Box 1383, Carlton Vic. 3053

**Activities Meetings** 10 dialogue meetings in the past  
Curent year (2005): 2

**Activities Other** 10 prayer meetings; 3 in current year (2005)

**Strong Points** Support from religious leaders and community

**Weak Points** Slow membership growth

**Trends Over Time** Increasing support for religious services

**Notes** This is a growing movement.

As the multi-faith movement grows, there is increasing resistance from some congregations who feel threatened by this movement.

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**Organisation Australian Council of Christians & Jews - National**

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*Website* <http://www.ccjaustralia.org>

*ABN*

*Number Of Groups* 0

*# Of Individuals:*

0

*Started Functioning*

*Hindu*

*Indigenous*

*Brahma*

*Buddhist*

*Quaker*

*Zoroastrian*

*Jewish*

*Christian*

*Baha'i*

*Shamanic*

*Sikh*

*Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes** From the Council's constitution:

- To educate Christians and Jews to appreciate each other's separate and distinctive beliefs and their common ground.
- To promote the study of and research into the historical, political, economic, social and religious causes of conflict between people of different creeds and colours.
- To promote education in those fundamental ethical teachings common to Christianity and Judaism which relate to respect and understanding between people of different creeds for the benefit of the whole Australian community.

**Information Sources** Publications

**Activities Meetings** The Council fulfils its purposes through:

- an executive committee
- lectures and discussions, cultural activities,

**Activities Other** • Research.

**Strong Points**

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes**

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**Organisation Council of Christians & Jews - Victoria**

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**Place (Location)** Meets in various schools,  
**Address (Location)** Melbourne  
**Suburb (Location)** **State (Location)** VIC  
**Phone** 03 9817 3848 **Other Phone**  
**Fax (General)** **E-mail (general)** Removed  
**Website** www.ccjaustralia.org **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups** **# Of Individuals:** 550 **Started Functioning** 1985  
**Hindu** **Indigenous** **Brahma** **Buddhist**  
**Quaker** **Zoroastrian** **Jewish** **Christian**  
**Baha'i** **Shamanic** **Sikh** **Muslim**

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** Geshet; www.ccjAustralia.org

**Activities Meetings** Every 6 weeks

**Activities Other** Essay prizes at year 12 & tertiary levels

**Strong Points** Often co-sponsors for events and grants

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time** Increasing awareness of other faith traditions

**Notes** Very active Executive with many ideas to reach out to new members especially young ones

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**Organisation Darebin City Council - Vic**

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**Website**

**ABN**

**Number Of Groups**

**# Of Individuals:**

-35

**Started Functioning** 29-06-2005

**Hindu**

**Indigenous**

**Brahma**

**Buddhist**

**Quaker**

**Zoroastrian**

**Jewish**

**Christian**

**Baha'i**

**Shamanic**

**Sikh**

**Muslim**

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources**

Interfaith Report

Guide to Faith communities.

Calendar of interfaith activities to be published (internet) December 2005.

**Activities Meetings**

Darebin Interfaith Council met in June and September 2005

Mailings to list of 80 persons.

**Activities Other**

Planned: Carols by Candlelight 17 December 2005

Interfaith Iftar Dinner 10 December 2005, 120 people of diverse faiths sharing breaking of fast with Muslim community.

**Strong Points**

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes**

Darebin Interfaith Council is concentrating on building strong relations between the religious leaders as main focus in 2006.

Objectives:

1) To inform Darebin Council staff and residents about each of the different faiths in our multifaith community, including creating a 'Guide to Faith Communities' information booklet, running tours of places of worship, and holding regular seminars and workshops about different issues of faith and religion.

2) To encourage meaningful interaction between members of different faiths including religious leaders in Council activities and encouraging interfaith activities in the community.

3) To work with local religious leaders to create a structure that will advance collaboration and understanding in the Darebin community.

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ID 14

**Dalal Smiley**

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**Organisation**      **Interfaith Network, City of Greater Dandenong - Vic**

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**Suburb (Mail)** Dandenong      **State (Mail)** VIC      **Postcode** 3175  
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**Website** <http://www.greaterdandeno>      **ABN**  
**Number Of Groups**      **# Of Individuals:** 25      **Started Functioning** 1989

<b>Hindu</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Brahma</b>	<b>Buddhist</b>
<b>Quaker</b>	<b>Zoroastrian</b>	<b>Jewish</b>	<b>Christian</b>
<b>Baha'i</b>	<b>Shamanic</b>	<b>Sikh</b>	<b>Muslim</b>

**Objectives-Purposes** Common Statement of the Faith Communities (signed 21/08/1989):  
We bring greetings from the faith communities to the Mayor, Councillors and people of the City of Greater Dandenong.  
We offer to the CGD our common commitment to seek to live together in peace and goodwill.  
We affirm our desire to promote respect and tolerance for the integrity of each others' beliefs, cultures and traditions.  
This desire arises not only from our common humanity but also from our being people of faith and people of prayer.  
We recognise that as neighbours, we have responsibilities to the community, the world and ourselves. We therefore urge all citizens, both religious and non-religious, to put aside intolerance, prejudice and divisiveness, to attain peaceful and fruitful co-existence in our City.

**Information Sources** Documents: Comprehensive kit including Common Statement (1989) which acts as a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council.  
Website: web page on Council's website

**Activities Meetings** The Interfaith Network has monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month except January, alternating between Springvale and Dandenong Council Offices.  
Special Tours to Places of worship for schools etc  
Annual Gathering of Interfaith Network in October.  
Schools' activities, including Annual Gathering with >900 children from 14 local schools attending in 2005

**Activities Other** Prayer/meditation offered at fortnightly Council meetings.  
The Interfaith Network is an active participant in the Annual Mayoral Induction.  
Possibility of setting up own office space with own worker

**Strong Points** Good resource for advising Council on cultural and religious sensitivities and actions.  
Contribute greatly to community harmony through its community information/education work such as the tours to places of worship, production of information/education DVD and regular talks and presentations to community groups.

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

**Notes** \* Contact Michelle Watts

Originated as Faith Communities of the City of Springvale (1989); Springvale amalgamated with Dandenong in 1995 to become City of Greater Dandenong in 1995; preferred title of the group is Interfaith Network of Greater Dandenong.

Participating groups include Sathya Sai.  
What the Interfaith Network is and is not:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Is an opportunity for dialogue & understanding  | 1. Is not an opportunity for religious argument         |
| 2. Is a way of living mutual respect and tolerance | 2. Is not an opportunity for conversion/proselytisation |

**Organisation**

**Interfaith Network, City of Greater Dandenong - Vic**

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| 3. Is a positive recognition of different faiths                | 3. Is not a forum for exclusive religious claims                        |
| 4. Is a celebration of individuality/identity of each tradition | 4. Is not a compromise of any individual faith tradition                |
| 5. Is held together by human values and good-will               | 5. Is not a jealous guarding of acquired or presumed rights/privileges. |
| 6. Is a partnership of manyfaith                                | 6. Is not the creation of any   |

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*Phone* *Other Phone*  
*Fax (General)* *E-mail (general)* Removed  
*Website* www.wcrp.org.au *ABN*  
*Number Of Groups* *# Of Individuals:* 15 *Started Functioning* Oct,1999  
*Hindu* *Indigenous* *Brahma* *Buddhist*  
*Quaker* *Zoroastrian* *Jewish* *Christian*  
*Baha'i* *Shamanic* *Sikh* *Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources** Religions for Peace, PO Box 1383, Carlton, Vic, 3053  
**Activities Meetings** Past 10 dialog, Current 2, Future 1 for rest of year  
**Activities Other** Past 10 prayer meetings, Current 2, Future 1 for balance  
**Strong Points** Support from religious leaders & community  
**Weak Points** Slow membership growth  
**Trends Over Time** Increasing support for religious services.  
**Notes** This is a growing movement.

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**Organisation Network of Religious Leaders(WA)**

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*State (Mail)* WA

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*Website* none as yet

*ABN*

*Number Of Groups*

*# Of Individuals:*

25

*Started Functioning* 2003

*Hindu*

*Indigenous*

*Brahma*

*Buddhist*

*Quaker*

*Zoroastrian*

*Jewish*

*Christian*

*Baha'i*

*Shamanic*

*Sikh*

*Muslim*

**Objectives-Purposes**

**Information Sources**

*Activities Meetings* Quarterly, discussion on religious values being taught at schools. Currently more discussion on religious values being taught at school and discussions sharing of beliefs and practices.

**Activities Other**

*Strong Points* Desire to listen and learn from one another.

**Weak Points**

**Trends Over Time**

*Notes* The group is in its infancy and has taken some time to establish itself as a group. They now wish to meet more regularly.

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