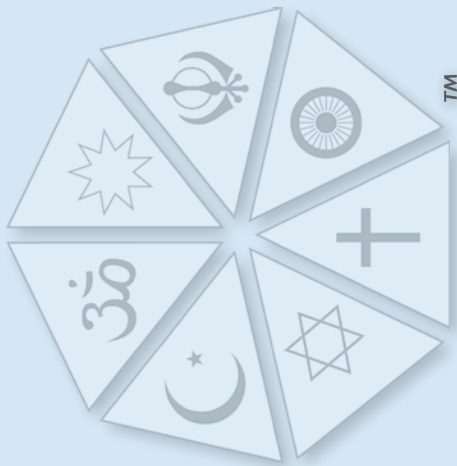


Special Requirements: We may be able to provide for special meal requirements. Please circle if you have any:



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| Gluten Free | Lactose Intolerant | No Seafood |
| Halal | Allergy to Nuts | Vegetarian |
| Kosher | No Beef | Vegan |
| Other | | |

Thank you - the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong looks forward to welcoming you to the Conference on Saturday, 8th August at 8.30am.

About the Network

The Interfaith Network is a group of diverse cultural and religious faiths, working in partnership with the City of Greater Dandenong Council to promote peace and harmony within the municipality.

The Network is the first established Interfaith Network in Australia, and consists of various traditional and multi-faith groups who meet monthly at the Council offices. Their goal is simple - promoting understanding, respect and tolerance for each other's beliefs by living together in peace and goodwill.

The Interfaith Network covers faith communities in the Springvale, Dandenong, Keysborough and Noble Park areas.

The Network strives to achieve the vision of 'Many Faiths, One People.'

Twentieth Anniversary

In August 2009, the Interfaith Network will celebrate its 20th anniversary. This is an important milestone for the Network and for the wider community as the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong is the oldest network in Australia.

To celebrate and mark this significant occasion, the Interfaith Network is hosting a National Interfaith Grassroots Conference and Celebration to continue to raise awareness of the importance of bringing peace, harmony and understanding within the local community as well as raising awareness of the importance of these interfaith principles on a wider scale. The Network is delighted to welcome your participation in sharing together this historic moment.



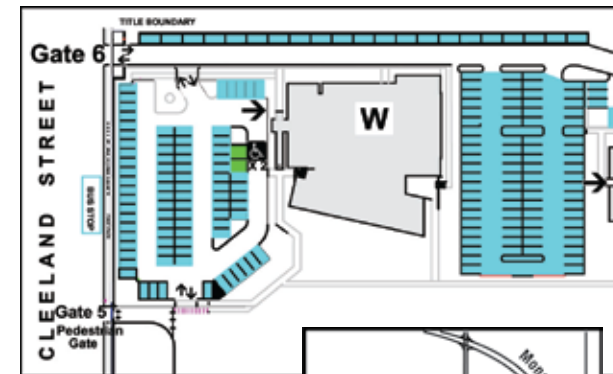
This National Grassroots Conference & Celebration is an official Pre-Parliament Event of the Melbourne Parliament of the World's Religions 2009

Cancellation: - if for any reason, once registered, you find you can not attend, please notify "The Registrar".

Accommodation: - it is the responsibility of individuals to make their own arrangements

Transport: - accessible by train (Dandenong Line), Stud Road Ventura bus numbers below.

Parking: - Near Building W at Cleland Street end



Chisholm Institute
121 Stud Road
Dandenong

Public Transport:
Bus nos 665, 697, 802,
804, 811, 862, 901.
Train: Dandenong station
1.5km



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The Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong Invites you to

A National Grassroots Conference & Celebration

"Interfaith... a journey of many faiths"

Saturday 8th August 2009

www.interfaithnetwork.org.au

Program

8.30 - 9am	Registration
9 - 9.30am	Opening Ceremony Acknowledgement - Mr Bryon Powell City of Greater Dandenong Mayor Pinar Yesil Chair Victorian Multicultural Commission - Mr George Lekakis Board of Management, Parliament of the World's Religions Melbourne - Mrs Maureen Postma Interfaith Network President
9.30 - 10am	Key Note Speaker: Dr Pushpa Wood
10 - 10.15am	Questions
10.15 - 11am	Morning Tea Ceremony
11 - 11.30am	Key Note Speaker: Mr Waleed Aly
11.30 - 11.45am	Questions



11.45 - 12.45pm	Lunch
12.45 - 2.15pm	Workshops: Session One (1) Resourcing Networks (2) Indigenous Interfaith (3) Dealing with Diversity (4) Living Faiths & Spirituality (5) Worship, Ritual & Practice (6) Sacred Texts (7) Integrating Networks (8) Young People & Interfaith (9) Tour to Places of Worship
2.15 - 3pm	Afternoon Tea
3 - 4.30pm	Workshops: Session Two (1) Resourcing Networks (2) Indigenous Interfaith (3) Dealing with Diversity (4) Living Faiths & Spirituality (5) Worship, Ritual & Practice (6) Sacred Texts (7) Integrating Networks (8) Young People & Interfaith (9) Tour to Places of Worship
4.30 - 5.30pm	Closing Ceremony



MC

MARGARET COFFEY

Margaret Coffey is a senior radio producer with the ABC and for several years has been making programs for the award-winning weekly religious feature program, "Encounter".



Encounter explores the connections between religion and life, regularly reflecting on the religious experience of multicultural Australia. This includes small, lesser-known groups and gives access to voices and experiences that are not often heard in the mainstream media.

Margaret has made programs in the past about the Dandenong Interfaith Network and about the development of the Dandenong Hospital's Sacred Space

Speakers

Dr PUSHPA WOOD (PhD)

Dr Pushpa Wood is a founding member of the Wellington Interfaith Council and an Executive Committee member of that Council. She is a member of the Organising Committee of the first National Interfaith Forum in NZ, Co-Chairing that Forum in 2008. Pushpa is also a founding member of the National Women Interfaith Forum.



Originally from Delhi, India, Pushpa came to NZ in 1980 and has been involved in interfaith activities for the past 30 years, both in NZ and India. Pushpa works at Waiariki Institute of Technology in Rotorua as a Project Manager for Foundation Education. Pushpa is a practicing Hindu and is married to a Catholic; she has a 22 year old daughter. Her passion and lifelong dream is to utilize religion as a uniting force for humanity and bring people of different faith together in order to increase better understanding.

WALEED ALY

Waleed Aly is a politics lecturer at Monash University, working in the Global Terrorism Research Centre. He has previously worked as a commercial lawyer, with experience in human rights and family law.



A former board member of the Islamic Council of Victoria, Waleed is frequently sought for comment on issues relating to Islam and Western Muslims. He is the author of *People Like Us: How arrogance is dividing Islam and the West* (Picador, 2007). Waleed writes regularly for the mainstream press with his work appearing in The Australian and The Age among other publications. He is a regular co-host of The Conversation Hour on ABC radio in Melbourne. Waleed is a writer and host of SBS's Salam Café and has made feature appearances on Enough Rope with Andrew Denton, Compass, and The 7.30 Report.

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