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37th Annual Signing of **The Common Statement**

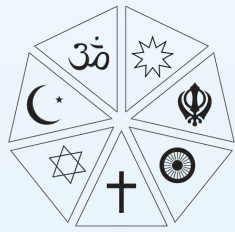
Growing our Interfaith Community Together

Wednesday 20th August 2025



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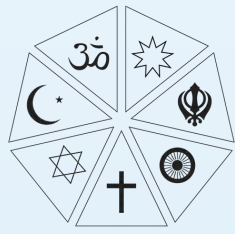


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Opening and housekeeping

Led by Livia Carusi, IFN Executive Officer



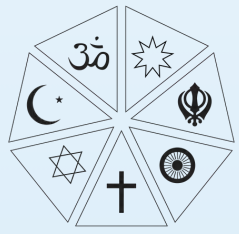


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Welcome to Country

Led by Uncle Mark Brown, Bunurong Elder,
Senior Cultural Heritage Officer
at the Bunurong Land Council





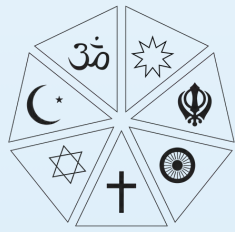
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Lighting of "The Many Faiths, **One People" Candle**

Led by Cr Sophie Tan, (Noble Park Ward)
Deputy Mayor of The City of Greater Dandenong and,

Venerable Pannasobhana Thero,
IFN Executive Committee Member



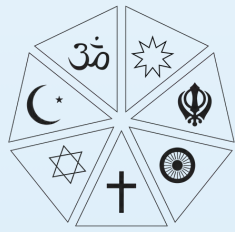


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Welcome

Led by Sophie Tan, (Noble Park Ward)
Deputy Mayor of The City of Greater Dandenong



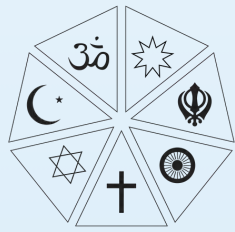


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Official Welcome

Led by Mehtap Williams, IFN President



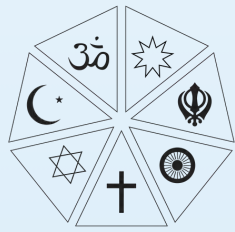


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Our Shared Lived Expression Of The Common Statement

Led by Livia Carusi, IFN Executive Officer



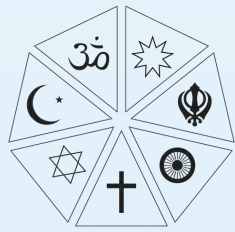


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Our Shared Lived Expression Of The Common Statement Questions

1. What does the Common Statement mean to you?
2. What speaks to you? A particular line, set of words?
3. Thinking about tomorrow, as a community, how can we continue to express, uphold the meaning of the Common Statement?





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Common Statement Reflection

Led by Paris Sard, IFN Community Education Officer



The Common Statement

'We bring greetings from the faith communities to the Mayor, Councillors, and people of Greater Dandenong.

We offer to the City of Greater Dandenong 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 other's beliefs, cultures, and traditions.

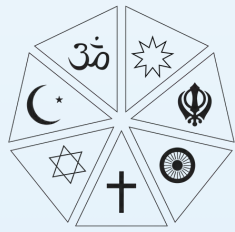
This desire arises not only from our common humanity but also from our being people of faith and people of prayer.

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.'



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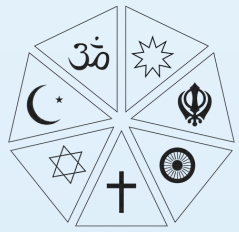
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Presentation of The "Many Faiths, **One People," Candle**

By Paris Sard, IFN Community Education Officer

Presented to Jacqui Weatherill,
The Chief Executive Officer of
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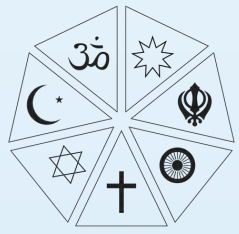


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Closing Reflection

Led by Anita Davine, IFN Vice President



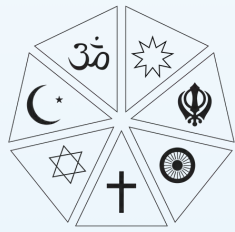


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Closing Remarks

Led by Livia Carusi, IFN Executive Officer





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(1987 - Bruce Woodley, The Seekers and Dobe Newton,
The Bushwackers)

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Thank You

Your presence and support continue to strengthen the spirit of unity, respect, and shared understanding that the Interfaith Network stands for. Together, we honour the commitment made in 1989 and carry it forward with renewed dedication to building harmony across our diverse community.

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