

Annual Report

2024 - 2025



Interfaith Network
Of The City of Greater Dandenong





Acknowledgement of Country

The Interfaith Network is proud to acknowledge that the land on which we work, worship and live always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.

We pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of Country and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their culture, their connection to country and their ancestors, and to elders past, present and emerging.

Artwork: "Rivers of Country," By Katie Bugden – Kamilaroi artist based in Naarm



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About Us

The Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong, established in 1989, is the first and oldest Interfaith Network in Australia. We are a not-for-profit organisation that brings people of diverse faiths and beliefs together to foster understanding, respect, and cooperation. Through education programs, Places of Worship Tours, and community events, we celebrate Greater Dandenong's rich cultural and religious diversity and work towards a community where people of all faiths live together in harmony and peace.

Vision and Values

Vision

The Vision of the Interfaith Network is 'Many Faiths, One People'.

Values

The Values of The Interfaith Network are:

Respect
Harmony
Diversity
Integrity
Education



Jasbir Singh Suropada and David Moffat at 2025 IFN Members Meeting

The Interfaith Network - A Brief History

The origins of the Interfaith Network (IFN) of the City of Greater Dandenong can be traced back to 1988, when the then City of Springvale embarked upon a two-year Access and Equity Project to develop a community relations strategy that would strengthen social cohesion and promote harmony among the city's diverse communities.

This initiative led to the first meeting of Faith Communities of Springvale on 10 May 1989. From this meeting, the Common Statement was drafted a declaration of unity, respect, and cooperation between different faiths.

On 21 August 1989, the first Annual Gathering of Faith Communities was held at the Springvale Supper Room. At this event, Faith Leaders formally signed the Common Statement, which was then presented to the Mayor, Cr Noelle Trembath. This historic event marked the official beginning of the Interfaith Network.

Since then, the annual signing of the Common Statement has become a tradition, symbolising an enduring partnership between the faith communities, the City of Greater Dandenong, and the wider community.

Today, the Interfaith Network is recognised as Australia's first and oldest interfaith network, and remains a model of collaboration and dialogue. What began as a local initiative has grown into a dynamic and evolving movement, fostering understanding, respect, and peace within one of the country's most diverse municipalities.



Founders of The Interfaith Network 1989



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’.



37th Annual Signing of the Common Statement – Official group photo

Welcome Message

On behalf of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong, we are delighted to present the 2024-2025 Annual Report. As the longest serving Interfaith Network in Australia, we have continued to build our efforts towards achieving our shared vision of 'Many Faiths, One People,'

Our service and work today remains steadfast to the legacy of our founders and the many members, volunteers and staff that have come before us and those that are part of the IFN story today.

Over the course of the 2024-2025 reporting period, over 2000 individuals have engaged in an IFN activity, which illustrates our relevance, the appetite of people and community to engage in interfaith dialogue, to learn from one another and to support efforts towards peace, harmony and justice.

We hope you enjoy the read and we thank you for your contribution to the 2024-2025 IFN story and we look forward to another year of walking together towards our shared vision of 'Many faiths, One People'.



Mehtap Williams
President



Livia Carusi
Executive Officer

Organisational Reports and Strategic Directions



IFN Governance

The past 12 months have delivered significant improvements to our corporate governance, strengthening our Executive Committee effectiveness, enhancing accountability and transparency and fostering a culture of unity and optimism for the future of the Interfaith Network.

Governance highlights for the 2024-2025 financial year included:

- Creation of an ambitious and bold two year strategic plan with objectives and accompanying deliverables.
- Renewal of Governance position descriptions.
- Renewal of Governance policies and procedures including the introduction of a Governance Induction and Orientation program.
- Regular Governance meetings.
- Ensuring that our signature event, the annual signing of the Common Statement occurs in collaboration with our Faith Leaders, the City of Greater Dandenong and the wider community.
- An intentional lens to broaden our collaboration and partnership efforts to include community services organisations, engagement with elected officials, state-wide organisations as well as other Interfaith Networks.
- Signature to key community campaigns including the 'Back Your Neighbour Campaign'.
- In consultation with the IFN Membership base a review and renewal of our organisational values in support of our vision
- Constitutional change at our Annual General Meeting in September 2024, which paved the way to secure Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. In May 2025, IFN was advised by the Australian Taxation Office, that our application for DGR status had been approved. This achievement is a significant milestone for IFN, and much thanks is expressed to the team at Sparke Helmore Lawyers (Sydney) for their unwavering support, commitment and pro bono services provided.
- In collaboration with the IFN staffing group, actively participated and contributed to the City of Greater Dandenong's funding review in late 2024, early 2025.

IFN Operations

The Interfaith Network is staffed by a highly committed and professional team working closely in collaboration with the IFN Executive Committee to deliver the organisation strategic plan.

Operations highlights for the 2024-2025 financial year included:

- Reset of the extraordinarily successful IFN Places of Worship Tours initiative including the introduction of an 'end to end' on-line booking system making for a much more accessible, information and user-friendly system. During the 2024-2025 period, participants, in total, visited 51 Places of Worship communities.
- Re-introduction of regular IFN Members meetings which provided an opportunity for Members to connect with one another, engage with the IFN Executive Committee and Staffing Group as well as engage in training and development.
- Mirroring our IFN Membership Application Form, the creation of the IFN Membership and Volunteers Database enabling IFN to streamline our communication with Members and Volunteers as well as maintain current and accurate Membership and Volunteer information.
- The offering of an annual calendar of events which are open to both Members and Non-Members, including our Harmony Week event, the Annual Signing of the Common Statement. Whilst the annual Interfaith Schools Gathering is not open to the public, over 400 students, teachers, Faith Leaders, IFN members, volunteers and staff participated in this phenomenally successful event, filled with music, singing, artwork, and much laughter.
- Continued coordination and offering of the weekly Messages of Hope. Our weekly Messages of Hope will continue to be published in the Star Journal Dandenong, and be made available on our website in 2026. Continued coordination the fortnightly prayer lead and shared by a Faith Leader at the City of Greater Dandenong Council meetings.
- The last 12 months has also delivered a fully integrated IT system for the staffing group including the procurement of an external provider to support the team.
- Furthering our connection with IFN Members and the broader City of Greater Dandenong community, the IFN staffing group established and has operationalised a number of external public facing social media platforms, including LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and the IFN website.
- The IFN staffing group made several funding applications throughout the 2024-2025 period to support and grow the reach of the organisation across the City of Greater Dandenong.

Community Education Initiatives and Services



Paris Sard - Community Education Officer

The past year has been both full and rewarding, with many opportunities to engage schools, organisations, and the wider community in interfaith learning and connection. Through events, tours, and online platforms, the Interfaith Network has continued to provide spaces for dialogue, understanding, and the sharing of traditions. The Community Education portfolio has focused strongly on coordinating the Annual Interfaith School Gathering, overseeing the Places of Worship Tours, and strengthening IFN's social media presence to ensure the message of "Many Faiths, One People" continues to reach and inspire.

Annual Interfaith School Gathering

In October 2024, the Gathering brought together more than 400 students, teachers, Faith Leaders, and community members. Each school shared a faith tradition alongside their Faith Leader under the theme "Sharing the Load." The event was vibrant with creativity, music, and interfaith learning, and received wonderful feedback from all involved. Planning is already underway to build on this success in 2025 with fresh ideas to make the Gathering even more engaging and inclusive.

Places of Worship Tours

The Places of Worship Tours remain one of the most significant ways of connecting with the community. Over the past year, we have seen over 2000 participants join our places of worship tours across Greater Dandenong. These tours opened doors for dialogue, built respect across traditions, and provided thousands of participants with meaningful experiences. A highlight was the introduction of the new online booking system, which has made the tours more accessible and easier to manage.

Social Media and Communications

2024–2025 also marked significant growth in digital engagement. Through Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, IFN shared Messages of Hope, promoted events, and showcased Interfaith's work to a much wider audience. These platforms have become an important part of how the Network connects with the community and invites new audiences into the interfaith story.

This year has been a strong reminder of the importance of creating spaces where people can learn, share, and connect across faiths. From large gatherings of students to smaller tours and online storytelling, each initiative contributes to the vision of "Many Faiths, One People." Gratitude is extended to Faith Leaders, members, volunteers, and staff who supported these efforts, ensuring the continued growth of interfaith understanding in Greater Dandenong.

Membership Services



Lilian Poke - Administration Officer

Over the 2024-2025 period, IFN has undertaken a review of a number of key operating areas that support the service and work of our dedicated members.

This review has resulted in revised and newly established systems that will further the objectives and actions contained within our 2025-2027 strategic plan.

Weekly Messages of Hope

The Weekly Messages of Hope encourages IFN members and non-members to share words of encouragement and inspiration and hope week after week is truly a wonderful community effort. For the 2024-2025, 45 Messages of Hope were published in the Dandenong Star Journal. The 'messages' are also updated onto the IFN and the Interfaith Network website. Much thanks is given to all those who prepared and shared a 'Message of Hope' and to the Star Journal for their ongoing commitment and support.

City of Greater Dandenong Council Council Prayers

A long-standing tradition to our elected members of Council is the weekly prayers, reflections offered by our IFN members. At the commencement of each City of Greater Dandenong Council Meeting a Faith Leader or Representative within our community offer their blessings on the Councillors, their deliberations and our community.

IFN Membership and Volunteers Database

A major development and achievement for IFN in the 2024-2025 reporting period was the creation of the IFN Membership and Volunteers Database. Mirroring the respective application forms, the database ensures currency and accuracy of member and volunteer information.

IFN E-News

The IFN staffing group is highly committed to ensuring impactful and regular communication with members, partners and the wider City of Greater Dandenong community. The introduction of the monthly IFN E-News in early 2025 further supports our commitment. Subscription is free, and is growing, and we welcome new subscribers!

IFN Events

Supporting the various events throughout the year has been a joy and welcoming new faces to our events.

Strategic Directions 2025 -2027

In June 2025, the City of Greater Dandenong announced a 4-year funding agreement with the Interfaith Network (July 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2029). With this decision, the IFN Executive Committee and Staffing Group embarked upon a review of our organisational strategic plan and a renewed 2 year strategic plan for the 2025-2027 reporting period was established. Each objective is accompanied by several actions and deliverables.

The 5 objectives of our 2025-2027 strategic plan are:



Objective 1: Good Governance:

Carrying out the Governance role, ensuring the best interests of the Interfaith Network and complying with all legal responsibilities and duties.



Objective 2: Invest in People and Community:

Enabling an environment for creativity and innovation for the IFN to deliver its Strategic Objectives in action.



Objective 3: Invest in Collaborative Community Leadership and Impactful Social Justice:

Inspiring today's leaders, empowering tomorrow's leaders in the pursuit of Social Justice.



Objective 4: Use of Technology, Promote and Connect with Community:

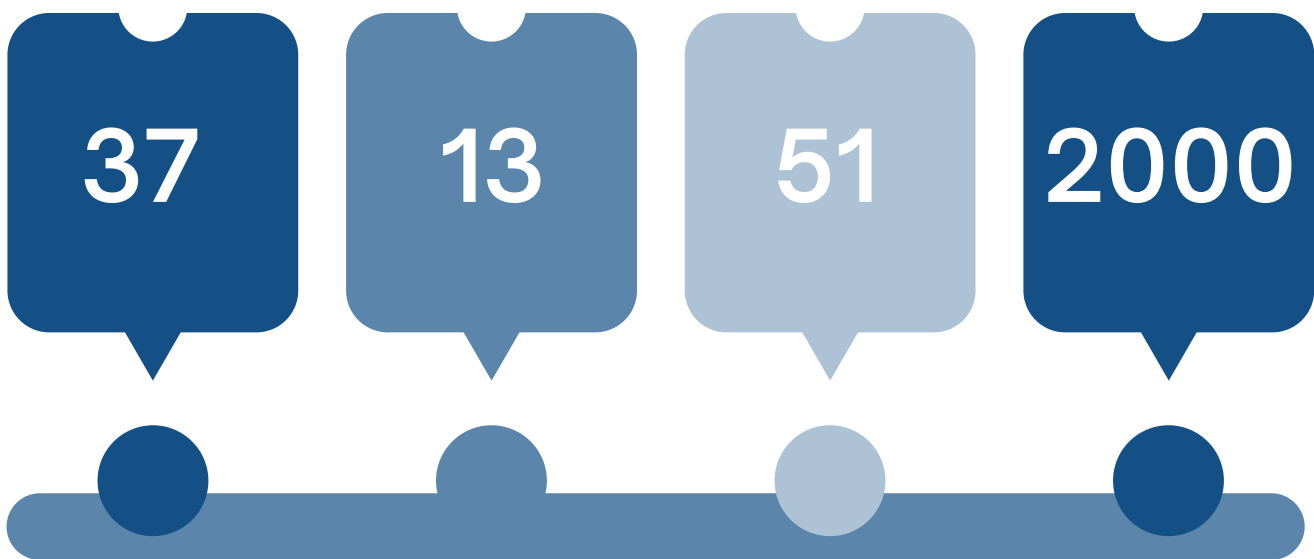
Giving voice to the service and work of IFN and its members through technology.



Objective 5: Financial Independence:

Income Growth, Diversification and Sustainability.

Our Impact



Years of Service

Celebrating 37 years of fostering Interfaith understanding and community connection.

Diverse Faiths

Representing 13 diverse faiths and religions in the City of Greater Dandenong.

Places of Worship Visited

Visited 51 Places of Worship during 2024–2025

Participants engaged in IFN activities 2024-2025

In 2024–2025, IFN engaged participants in activities promoting interfaith understanding and connection.



Kathy Kaplan and Mehtap Williams - Annual General Meeting 2024

Programs and Highlights



Annual Interfaith School Gathering 2024

The Annual Interfaith School Gathering, which began in 2002 and continues today, brings together students, teachers, Faith Leaders, and community members to celebrate interfaith understanding and cultural diversity in Greater Dandenong. Held on 22 October 2024 at Springvale City Hall, the event embraced the UN theme “Sharing the Load,” highlighting unity and collective responsibility.

Students from nine schools represented ten faiths: Baha’i faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Taoism, the Sathya Sai Organisation, and Brahma Kumaris. The schools presenting creative performances in drama, music, art, and choirs, guided by teachers and local Faith Leaders. Special contributions from Uncle Dave Dryden, Deputy Mayor Richard Lim OAM, and other community leaders enriched the gathering.

With over 370 students participating alongside Faith Leaders, staff, and volunteers, the event fostered dialogue, respect, and understanding across cultures. Plans for 2025 include deeper student involvement, more interaction with Faith Leaders, and initiatives to celebrate cultural diversity even further.

The 2024 Gathering was also an important learning opportunity, offering students the chance to experience faith traditions outside of their own and to reflect on the values of cooperation and mutual respect. Feedback from schools highlighted the positive impact on students’ perspectives, with many continuing discussions on inclusivity and harmony in their classrooms. The event further strengthened the relationship between schools, community leaders, and the Interfaith Network, underscoring the role of young people in shaping a more connected and compassionate future.



MC Lincoln Bowen



Performance by Uncle Dave Dryden

Places of Worship Tours 2024 - 2025

The Interfaith Network's Places of Worship Tours, established in 1991, continue to provide opportunities for dialogue, learning, and connection across Greater Dandenong. In 2024–2025, more than 1,300 people participated in the tours, reflecting its ongoing relevance and impact.

There are three categories of tours; public tours held quarterly, school tours for both primary and secondary students, and specialised tours developed for organisations and groups with particular needs. Collectively, these tours provide access to more than 40 places of worship across ten faiths and religions represented in Greater Dandenong: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Taoism, Brahma Kumaris, Hinduism, the Bahá'í Faith, the Sathya Sai Organisation, and Sikhism.

This year, tours have been undertaken by a wide range of participants, including staff professional development days for teachers, members of Victoria Police and the Australian Federal Police, staff from the City of Greater Dandenong including the Chief Executive Officer and leadership team, as well as numerous schools and community organisations.

The program is delivered in close collaboration with local faith leaders, whose ongoing support ensures that participants experience authentic insights into diverse faith traditions. These tours continue to play a significant role in strengthening understanding and respect across the community.



Muazzam Abbas leading a talk on Islam during 2024 Places of Worship Tour at Keysborough Turkish Islamic & Cultural Centre

Harmony Week 2025

Harmony Week, celebrated nationally from 17–23 March, is a time to recognise Australia’s cultural diversity and to promote inclusiveness, respect, and belonging for all. The week also includes the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March.

The Interfaith Network marked this occasion with an annual Harmony event on 20 March 2025, bringing together over 40 participants from across the community. Attendees included elected officials from the City of Greater Dandenong, community service providers, other Interfaith Networks, representatives from the Australian Federal Police, IFN Faith Leaders, and members.

The program began with a Welcome to Country by Uncle Mark Brown, followed by an official welcome from Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan. Keynote speaker Jana Favero, Deputy CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, delivered an inspiring and optimistic address, encouraging communities to continue building connections and conversations that foster inclusion. A dynamic panel discussion followed, with speakers sharing their perspectives on advocacy, social justice, and the importance of communities working together to achieve positive social outcomes.

The event concluded with closing remarks from IFN President, Mehtap Williams, who expressed gratitude to all attendees for their support and ongoing commitment to making Greater Dandenong a welcoming and compassionate community.

Participants left with a renewed sense of hope and determination to keep championing diversity in their daily lives. The Interfaith Network looks forward to continuing these conversations and building on the momentum of Harmony Week throughout the year.



Keynote Speaker - Jana Favero, Deputy CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre



Cr Rhonda Garad (Cleeland Ward) Shares Her Perspective



Interfaith Network Harmony Week –
Group Photo of Attendees

Calendar of Events & Highlights



Annual Signing of The Common Statement 2024

Tuesday 20 August 2024

The 2024 Annual Signing of the Common Statement brought together faith leaders, members, The City of Greater Dandenong and the community to reaffirm their purpose and intent of The Common Statement.



Annual General Meeting 2024

Wednesday 25 September 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting provided a forum for members to review achievements, discuss plans, and strengthen the Interfaith Network community.



Annual Interfaith School Gathering 2024

Tuesday 22 October 2024

The 2024 Annual Interfaith School Gathering united students from diverse faiths to celebrate understanding, creativity, and interfaith dialogue.



Harmony Week 2025

Thursday 20 March 2025

Harmony Week 2025 celebrated diversity and promoted respect, inclusion, and connection across the community.

Shared Testimonials



Tour Participant

Victoria Police Academy

"The Interfaith Tour was absolutely fantastic! It was such an insightful experience, learning directly from faith leaders was eye-opening and inspiring. I came away with a much deeper understanding and appreciation for our diverse community."



Anita Davine

Tour Guide

"Nine years ago, I joined a Places of Worship Tour and was inspired by the chance to learn about different faiths. These tours bring 'Many Faiths, One People' to life, promoting respect, diversity, and harmony, and I encourage everyone to experience the insights our faith leaders share."



Agnes Kean

Tour Guide

"Serving as a Tour Guide on IFN tours has been rewarding, offering educational and enjoyable experiences for participants while fostering understanding of diverse faiths and building community connections."



Muazzam Abbas

Faith Leader

"At Keysborough Mosque, a member of the Interfaith Network group, we are extremely happy to contribute to the community. By promoting Islam in the best possible way and raising exemplary generations, we are always ready to do our utmost to ensure the continuation of peace and harmony in Australia."

Places of Worship and Recognition of Collaborating Organisations and Schools

Places of Worship

- Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple
- Melbourne Mahaprabhu Mandir (Hare Krishna)
- Brahma Kumaris Retreat Centre
- Bright Moon Buddhist Society
- Dhamma Sarana Buddhist Temple
- Wat Budharangi Buddhist Temple
- Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple
- Yun Yang Buddhist Temple
- Shakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara
- Chua Quan Thanh Temple
- Gurdwara Sri Guru Granth Sahib
- Keysborough Turkish Islamic & Cultural Centre
- Emir Sultan Mosque
- Bosnia & Herzegovina Islamic Mosque
- Afghan Islamic Centre & Omar Farooq Mosque
- Islamic Society of Melbourne Eastern Region ISOMER
- Pillars of Guidance Community Centre PGCC
- Albanian Sakie Islamic Society of Dandenong
- Dandenong Regional Uniting Church
- Divine Mercy Shrine
- Church of Our Ladies Dormition
- Resurrection Catholic Church
- St Anthony's Catholic Church
- St Aidan's Anglican Church
- St Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church
- St. Columba's Uniting Church
- St James Anglican Church
- St Joseph's Catholic Church
- St Mary's Catholic Church
- St Mina & St Marina Coptic Orthodox Church
- St Panteleimon Greek Orthodox
- St Paul's Antiochian Orthodox Church
- St Stephen the Archdeacon Orthodox Church
- St John's German Lutheran Church
- St Kilda Hebrew Congregation

Collective Efforts and Partnerships

- City of Greater Dandenong Council
- Living and Learning Libraries of Greater Dandenong
- Star Journal Dandenong
- Back Your Neighbour Campaign
- Monash Interfaith Group
- South East Palliative Care
- Monash Legal Services
- ASRC - Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Australian Federal Police
- Victoria Police
- Minister Lee Tarlamis, MP for the South East region

Collaborating Schools

- Noble Park English Language School
- Emerson School
- Springvale Rise
- Wallarano Primary School
- Resurrection School
- Killester College
- St Mary's Primary School
- St Joseph's Springvale

Meet our Executive Committee and Staffing Team

IFN Executive Committee



Mehtap Williams
President



Anita Davine
Vice President



Vivek Shah
Treasurer



Rev Fr Jean Mawal
Executive Member



**Venerable
Pannasobhana Thero**
Executive Member



Imran Furkan
Executive Member



Jasbir Singh Suropada
Executive Member

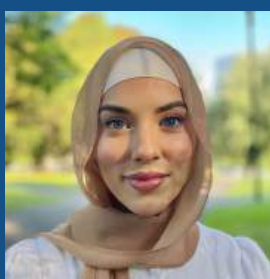


Venerable Bodhicitta
Executive Member

Staffing Team



Livia Carusi
Executive Officer



Paris Sard
Community
Education Officer



Lilian Poke
Administration
Officer

Financial Report

Interfaith Network of The City of Greater Dandenong Inc
For the year ended June 30, 2025



Prepared by

The Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong

Prepared on

28 August 2025

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Statement to the Members of the Committee

Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong Inc

ABN: 98 860 737 620 Statement by the Members of the Committee


For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

In the opinion of the Committee of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong Inc:

1. The accompanying financial statements and notes present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025 and its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the financial statements.
2. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in the notes and are appropriate for the purposes of the Association as a non-reporting entity.
3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
4. No significant changes in the state of affairs of the Association occurred during the financial year.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed on behalf of the Committee by:

President

Signature: 
Date: 04 / 09 / 2025

Treasurer

Signature: 
Date: 04 / 09 / 2025

Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

		Jul. 2024 - Jun. 2025	Jul. 2023 - Jun. 2024
INCOME			
Grants		83,629	61,524
Tours		8,970	15,507
Grants - not acquitted			(152)
Total Income		92,598	76,878
GROSS INCOME			76,878
OTHER INCOME			
Interest income		0	342
Total Other Income		0	342
EXPENSES			
Accounting and bookkeeping		726	695
Advertising and marketing		433	1,945
Assets < \$20,000 (2025)		9,414	462
Bank charges and fees		88	67
Bank charges - Divipay			0
Computer Expenses			47
Depreciation			0
Gifts and donations		409	534
Insurance		3,823	4,796
Library - Books and Publications			25
IT Support		8,351	
Meeting Expenses		17,031	9,207
Office Expenses		1,960	1,577
Rent		332	320
Repairs and maintenance		620	0
Salary and wages - staff		111,400	61,201
Superannuation		12,811	6,531
Staff amenities		363	347
Staff Recruitment		400	51
Subscriptions		594	495
Telephone & internet expenses		834	2,555
Tour Expenses		5,241	5,131
Training		195	713
Travel - Volunteers		173	350
Workcover expenses		837	0
Web Expenses		6,973	140
Total Expenses		183,006	97,187
SURPLUS (+) / DEFICIT (-)		(90,408)	(19,967)

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Note: This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors Report

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2025

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Accounts receivable			
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	1	0	0
Total Accounts receivable		0	0
CBA xx 8039	2	123,391	206,791
ING Business Optimiser			0
Divipay Account		0	1,144
Supplier Deposits		1,500	4,364
Total Current Assets		124,891	212,298
Total Assets		124,891	212,298
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable			
Accounts Payable (A/P)	3	0	586
Total Accounts payable		0	586
ATO Activity Statement		4,570	6,425
Superannuation payable		3,778	(2,772)
Payroll clearing		0	0
Total current liabilities		8,348	4,238
Members equity:			
Adjustment for prior period		(1,109)	
Current Years Income		(90,408)	(19,967)
Members' equity at start of year		208,060	228,028
Members' equity at end of year		116,543	208,060
Total liabilities and equity		124,891	212,299

Note: This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors Report.

Notes To The Financial Statements

Interfaith Network of The City of Greater Dandenong Inc

For the year ended June 30, 2025

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared for the Executive Committee of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong Inc. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity, as there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Committee and comply with the recognition and measurement requirements of applicable Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs), to the extent described in this note. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost, except where otherwise stated. They do not reflect changes in the general purchasing power of money or current valuations of non-current assets.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include:

- Commonwealth Bank Account (CBA xx8039)
- Divipay Account
- Supplier Deposits

These are held at call with financial institutions and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash. As at 30 June 2025, total cash and cash equivalents amounted to **\$127,418** (2024: **\$212,298**).

3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at 30 June 2025 and 2024 were **\$0**, indicating no outstanding trade or other receivables.

4. Liabilities

Current liabilities as at 30 June 2025 include:

- **ATO Activity Statement Payable:** \$9,701
- **Superannuation Payable:** \$1,007
- **Accounts Payable:** \$0
- **Payroll Clearing:** \$0

Total current liabilities: **\$10,708** (2024: **\$4,238**)

5. Members' Equity

Movements in members' equity during the year include:

- **Adjustment for Prior Period:** (\$941)
- **Deficit for the Year:** (\$90,408)
- **Opening Balance:** \$208,060
- **Closing Balance:** \$116,711

6. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly, no provision for income tax has been made.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong (Non-Reporting)

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong as at 30 June 2025 in conjunction with the Notes and the Member's declaration.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements, and to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

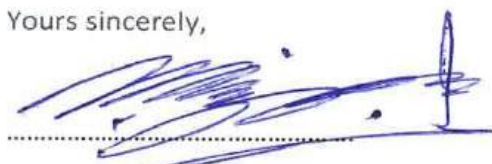
In my opinion the financial report of the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong is in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and the Australian Accounting Standards, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria).

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Member's financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and the Australian Accounting Standards. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Yours sincerely,

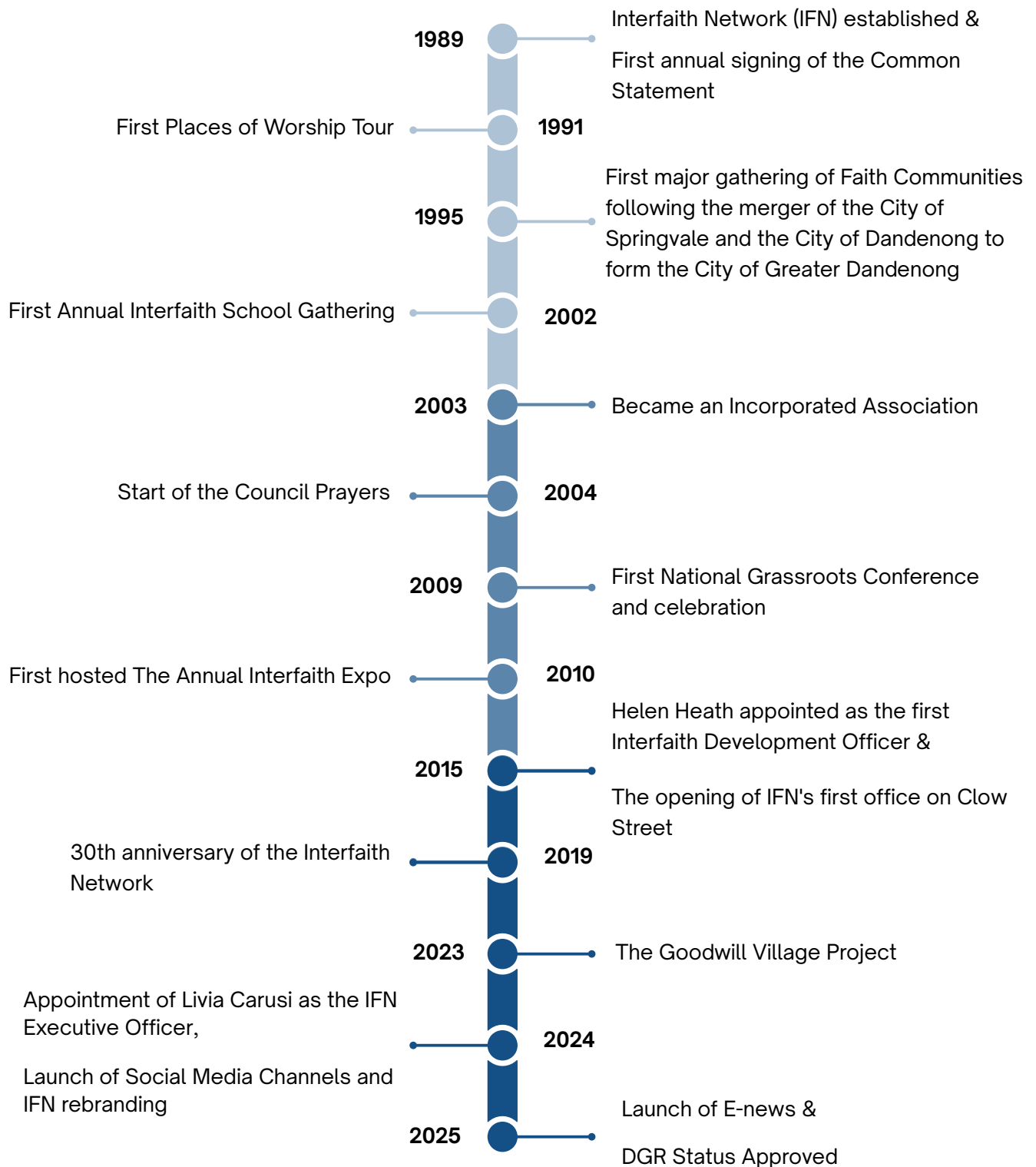


MOHAMMED TAIYAB, F.I.P.A., C.T.A

Public Accountant

DATED. 04 / 09 / 2025

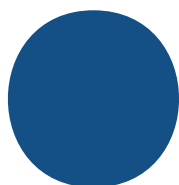
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