



The Interfaith Network – City of Greater Dandenong
IFN Members Meeting
Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
10.00am – 11.45pm
Meeting Minutes
Chamber Room,
Level 1, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong

Item Number	Agenda Item	Discussion Lead	Decision Outcome
0 9.45am – 10.00am	Networking and Morning Tea Served		
0	Present and Introductions	Anita Davine Agnes Kean Gisela Rankin Venerable Bodhicitta Livia Carusi Paris Sard Lilian Poke Mehtap Williams Christos Kastaniotis Kanaha Sabapathy Rev Eseta Mineili Numan Seyit Pannasobhana Thero Venerable Then Sen Maree Walker Neville Walker	
0	Registered Apologies	Father Bruce Duncan Father Jean Mawal Rienzie Machado	Apologies received were noted
0	Welcome and Housekeeping	IFN Executive Officer, Liv Carusi	Housekeeping issues were noted
1.0	Acknowledgement of Country	IFN Executive Officer, Liv Carusi	Acknowledgement of Country was led
2.0	Opening Reflection	IFN Administration Officer, Lilian Poke	In addition to leading the Opening Reflection, Lilian encouraged Members to consider submitting a 'Message of Hope'. Each week IFN submits a Message of Hope to the Star Journal – Dandenong. The Message of Hope is also uploaded onto the IFN Website, in the section, 'About Us'. For further information, please contact Lilian Poke at administration@interfaithnetwork.org.au
3.0	Official Welcome	IFN President, Mehtap Williams	IFN President delivered the Official Welcome
4.0	IFN Members Meeting Minutes (Draft), December 5 th , 2024	IFN Executive Officer, Liv Carusi	The draft meeting minutes dated Wednesday, May 7 th , 2025, were tabled reviewed and discussed. The draft meeting minutes were approved by Members.

			Moved: IFN President Mehtap Williams. Second: IFN Member Agnes Kean Motion Carried
5.0	IFN Values Renewal Group Activity	IFN Executive Officer, Liv Carusi • Values Renewal Project Updated • Final 2 Values – Education and Integrity Workshoped	Five values were identified and approved by members at the IFN members meeting on December 4th, 2024. These being: • Respect • Harmony • Diversity • Integrity • Education The first three values have been defined and described by members and approved by the IFN Executive Committee. The remaining two values were defined and described by the members for consideration by the IFN Executive Committee at their scheduled meeting on 10th, December 2025, On the completion of this project an IFN Values definition and description resource will be produced. Please see below the feedback captured from this workshop.
6.0	2026 IFN Members Meetings: Topics and Training Ideas	Liv Carusi, IFN Executive Officer	Ideas included: • Homelessness, including accessing services • Presentations on the various Faiths, Spiritual communities within the City of Greater Dandenong

			• Presentations on the multicultural organizations, programs within the City of Greater Dandenong • Ways in which we can better support and assist people seeking asylum, including service referral, access, creating and promoting belonging, inclusivity locally • Social media, understanding impact
7.0	Other Business	Pannasobhana Thero, IFN Executive Committee, Ordinary Member	Article shared: https://www.theaustralian.com.au/inquirer/what-on-earth-happened-to-customer-service-in-australia/news-story/21c090f8cd39b2a57e539e2ed8271115
9.0	IFN Members Meeting – Closed	Liv Carusi, IFN Executive Officer	Members thanked for their continued support and encouraged to visit the IFN website for regular updates including upcoming events, photo postings from events, and encouraged to subscribe to the monthly IFN E-News

Next IFN Members Meeting, May 13th, 2026

Further details will be shared in the new year.

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- Actively seeks to cultivate public confidence
- Treating communal funds responsibly.
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Education Value

- Acknowledgement of Country
- School Gathering event representing each of the faith traditions.
- Each leader to share their faith tradition with students & Members Meetings.

Expressions of Education

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- Visiting Places of worship & listening/learning to faith leaders.
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Education

- Influence
 - Lack of leads to ignorance/hatred
 - Listening and the relationship between educator and educated
 - More than academic
 - Easily accessible
 - Engaging and enjoyable
 - Sharing a message
 - Dialogue – Breaking barriers and misconceptions
 - Consolidating
 - Growth (mindset)
 - “process” “basis”
 - Freeing
 - Foundation for understanding
 - Light of empowerment
 - The process of positively influencing, engaging and empowering a society bringing them to a universal level of understanding, consolidating and teaching/guiding
 - Continuous
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