

HAWKE'S BAY INTERFAITH NETWORK
"STANDING TOGETHER"
AN INTERFAITH EVENT OF STANDING TOGETHER
WITH OUR MUSLIM SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Press Release:

The events of Friday 15 March 2019, was directed at two Mosques of the Muslim community. The senseless and tragic loss of innocent life, the injury and emotional stress caused on many others, and the desecration of places of worship has impacted the Muslim community, and throughout the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand. As fellow faith communities in Napier, we seek to stand in solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers. Such an impact on one faith community, and their places of worship, is an impact on all faith communities.

Over the last two or so years, a Hawke's Bay Interfaith Network has been established to foster relationships between and within our various faith communities. This builds on an annual event each October of an Interfaith Week of Prayer for World Peace, which is held both nationally and internationally.

The Interfaith Network therefore is organising an event on Saturday evening, in consultation with the Islamic leaders of Hawkes Bay. We wish to stand together in solidarity to affirm that love is a greater power than evil. As Bishop Desmond Tutu has observed, "The God who existed before any religion counts on you to make the oneness of the human family known and celebrated."

We extend an invitation to a gathering of people from across the faith communities, as well as inviting the wider Napier community, to join in solidarity with the Muslim community.

We thank the support of Napier City Council and many others who are helping make this event possible.

The event details are:

Event name:

STANDING TOGETHER – an act of standing together with our Muslim community

Organised by: Hawke's Bay Interfaith Network

When: Saturday 23 March, starting at 5:30pm

Where: Napier Soundshell, Marine Parade, Napier

ALL are welcome regardless of faith or none

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Chair

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