



Lyn Cash
Diocese of Toowoomba

Lyn is the Coordinator of Ecumenical Pastoral Care for the Toowoomba and Darling Downs health service district, and also the Bishop's representative for Catholic Pastoral Care within the Diocese.

A long and committed involvement in Hospital Pastoral Care began for Lyn in 1994 when she was part of the newly-formed Toowoomba Pastoral Care Service, a partnership between the Toowoomba Hospital and local heads of churches. She was part of an advisory group that was given the task of establishing an Ecumenical Pastoral Care Service.

Among Lyn's achievements are:

- development of an Ecumenical pastoral care service that reaches out to the western edges of the region
- establishment of regular education and nurturing sessions for all pastoral carers in the region
- building up a large team of volunteer health care pastoral carers, working in both general and mental health facilities
- provision of counselling support for members of the service
- establishment of a beautiful, peaceful prayer/reflection space at Toowoomba Hospital, available to all staff, patients and visitors
- Provision of appropriate services to recognize significant events within the life of the community, especially the hospital community.

Lyn is an inspirational leader, a compassionate carer and a wonderful organiser. Not only does she deliver personal care to patients and grieving families, but she has been largely responsible for the development of a service that is now the blue print for pastoral care services within Queensland Health. Lyn's approach to the pastoral care service is rooted in a deep faith and a personal commitment to meeting people at their most vulnerable moments, sharing in their pain and, in whatever way possible, bringing comfort.

