

Religions build relationships

A STRONG crowd packed into the City Hall on Sunday to take part in the inter-faith forum Project Abraham - Reaching Out to Country.

The free community event featured a conversation between Christians, Muslims and Jews on the theme of "Building a Bridge of Relationships - faith and community".

The afternoon included presentations from members of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths, followed by afternoon tea and the opening of an exhibition of religious artefacts at Studio One.

Three religious leaders talked about the many similarities between the represented faiths, and how harmony could be achieved through greater understanding and dialogue.

Speakers included Islamic College of South Australia Islamic and Arabic studies instructor, and Imam of the Adelaide Mosque, Imam Khalid Yousuf, and Mount Scopus Memorial College teacher and East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Chief Minister, Rabbi Shamir Caplan.

Third speaker was Mount Gambier Minister's Association president and Presbyterian Church Pastor Gary Ware.

Project Abraham - Reaching Out to Country was supported by the Australian Government's Living in Harmony Program.

The program promotes mutual respect, participation in the Australian way of life, Australian values and a sense of belonging for everyone.



□ Forum guest speakers Imam Khalid Yousuf (left), Pastor Gary Ware and Rabbi Shamir Caplan.



□ Sunday's inter-faith forum at City Hall attracted a good crowd.