

PROJECT ABRAHAM VISITS KATHERINE N.T. JULY 2007

The exhibition and meetings were held at the Katherine Civic Centre on Katherine Terrace at the northern end of town. Reverend Jeremy Greaves gave a formal welcome and Aboriginal acknowledgement. A brief overview of Project Abraham was given and Fay Miller MLA formally opened the exhibition at 2.00 pm Sunday 29th July. The Casuarina St. Primary School choir entertained visitors with a number of songs with actions. Afternoon tea of fresh and dried fruits was supplied. There were about sixty adults plus many children present for the opening however a number left to attend other functions in Katherine before the seminar.



Imam Adama Konda, Bishop Greg Thompson
Rabbi Shoshona Kiminsky & Rev Vikki Waller
in the Civic Centre, Katherine.

The guest speakers were Rabbi Shoshona Kiminsky, Rabbi at Beit Shalom Synagogue, Adelaide, Imam Adama Konda, Imam for Darwin and Bishop Gregory Thompson, for the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory. Each speaker was invited to talk on their life journey and their individual religions for about 15 minutes and then to address the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" There were thoughtful questions from the floor concerning differences in the three faiths, coming to terms with those who will not even discuss faith differences, the usefulness of a one off seminar, how people in remote areas may have any influence throughout the world and the place of the environment in each religion.

The Mayor of Katherine, Anne Shepherd was present on Monday to talk to the presenters and view the exhibition. On Monday and Tuesday Rabbi Kiminsky, Imam Konda, Bishop Thompson and Rev Vikki Waller (Project Abraham Committee) presented the schools programme to about 106 students from St. Joseph's Catholic School, Mataranka Junior School and Katherine High School. All the CD-ROMS and work books were distributed.



Mataranka School pupils and teacher (above) and
St. Joseph's Catholic School pupils (left) view the
exhibition in the Civic Centre, Katherine.



The programme received pre publicity in the Katherine Times and notices were placed in local church newsletters. Follow up publicity was an article, with photograph in the Katherine Times. Rev Jeremy Greaves received much positive feedback from the many people who viewed the exhibition in the ensuing two weeks.