

## Focus Groups

The Tenison Woods Education Centre (TWEC) has two sub-committees that seek to respond to current issues and promote justice by providing faith formation opportunities that explore issues through the lens of Christian faith.

### Environment

As the environment continues to be an issue in our world the group seeks to provide opportunities to assist people to explore the issue from a Christian perspective. It aims to raise awareness of environmental issues from the theological and spiritual viewpoints as well as the practical.

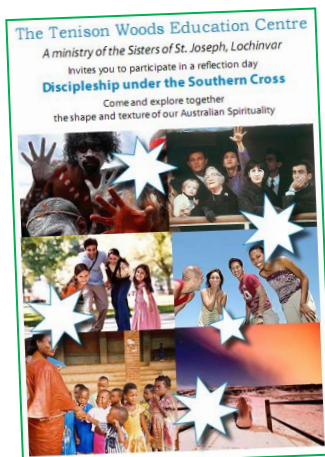
Examples of the group's activities:

- An information evening on solar electricity - *Get Switched On*
- A public lecture, *A Green Valley? What would a sustainable Hunter Valley look like?*
- A Tour of the CSIRO Energy Centre in Newcastle

More activities are planned for 2011.

### Disciples under the Southern Cross

The focus of this group is Australian Spirituality. It aims are to assist people to -



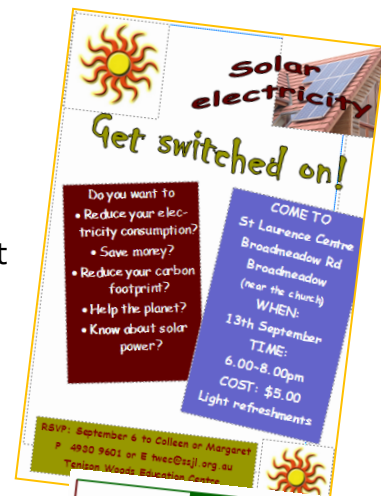
become more conscious of our identity as Australians and as disciples of Jesus

explore what it means to be a disciples of Jesus in Australian society today

attract others to a greater understanding of this identity

This year the group will focus on promoting a greater appreciation and understanding of the Indigenous peoples of this land.

A tour of the Sacred Sites of the Lower Hunter is planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



Last year the focus was on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Three pilgrimages were organised to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. The pilgrimages also included visits to the grave of Fr Julian Tenison Woods – both examples of discipleship under the Southern Cross. There were also presentations on the life of St Mary MacKillop and her relevance for people today.



**Watch this space for other Focus Group activities**