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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Assalaamu alaikum Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ramadan Mubarak! Alhamdulillah we are now in the last 10 days of Ramadan, a very blessed time in the holiest of months. I hope this message finds you and your families in the best of Imaan (faith) and health and I pray that Allah Subhanahu Waa Ta'ala accepts our good deeds in this Ramadan and beyond.

Needless to say, this has been a very different Ramadan for all of us due to the COVID-19 restrictions which among other things have forced the closure of Masjids across Australia as well as many other countries around the globe. We would like to thank everyone for their support, cooperation and understanding while the masjid has been closed. Given the Federal and ACT Governments' recent announcements regarding the phased lifting of some of the COVID-19 restrictions in coming weeks and months we hope inshaa Allah to be able to return to our beloved masjid in full sooner than later. In the first instance, however, we opened the masjid on a limited basis on Monday, 11 May 2020. Further details can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Over the last couple of months, the EC has been managing a number of significant matters including:

- **Membership fees:** The EC has received considerable feedback regarding the recent decision to increase General Membership fees. First and foremost, we thank everyone who has taken the time to provide their feedback. Given the volume of feedback the EC has decided to review its decision and as such revised the General Membership wfee to \$40;
- **Temporary closure of the masjid:** In March the EC was faced with making the difficult yet necessary decision to close Gungahlin Masjid indefinitely following the Government's directives regarding the closure of places of worship to curb the spread of Coronavirus;
- **Construction:** With the COVID-19 restrictions also impacting on work arrangements and businesses operations around the country, there has understandably been some impact on the progress of construction of the washrooms and classrooms. The EC and Construction Sub-Committee have been working tirelessly to ensure construction activities have been able to continue as much as possible; and
- **Overflow carpark:** Recently some much needed maintenance work has been undertaken on the overflow carpark. The materials for this have come solely through donations while the work has been done by volunteers, may Allah reward those involved.
- **Transitioning educational activities to online platforms:** The following activities have been running online:
 1. Youth (15-30 years) gatherings every Sunday
 2. Six Quran classes for young children (across different levels) running weekly over two days
 3. Br Hatem's Quran class every Thursday (except during Ramadan).

May Allah Subhanahu Waa Ta'ala continue to bless us all for the remainder of the month of Ramadan and forgive us for our shortcomings. With the current lockdown in place, although it is unlikely at this stage, make dua that we can all congregate to pray Eid-Ul-Fitr together.

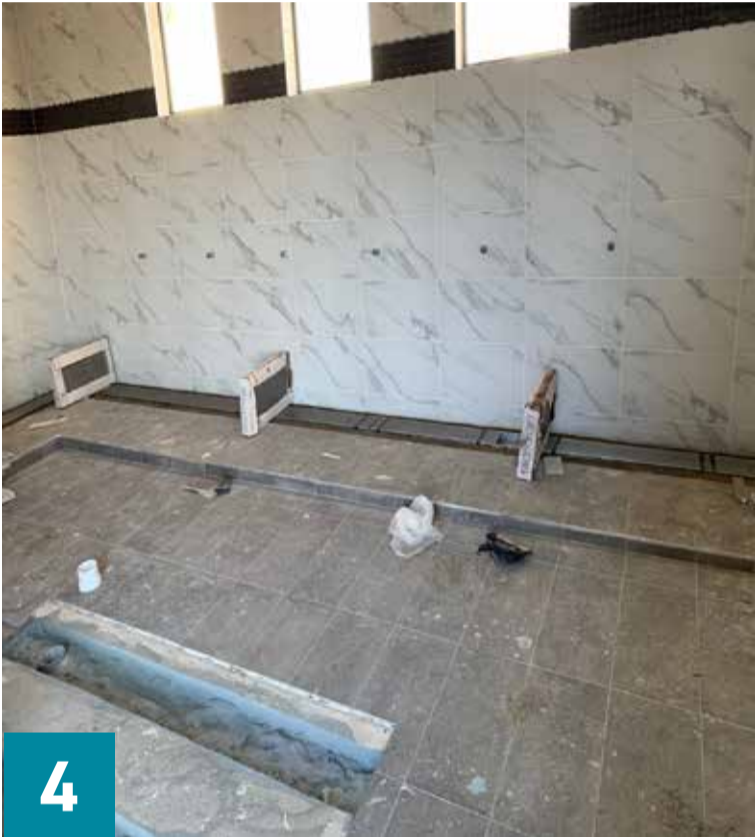
Kind Regards
Abdul Bari



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Construction Update

Update on contruction of washrooms and classrooms

Ablution Area and Classroom Construction Update

In the current reporting period a considerable amount of progress has been made under some very challenging circumstances, namely the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on work and businesses.

In recent months we were able to complete the layout of tiles in all wet areas, install joineries in the kitchenettes (5 in total), and commenced electrical fittings and bathroom fixtures. With the completion of painting in all

ceilings, classroom walls are scheduled to be under the paint brush next week.

Doors were ordered a number of weeks ago however delivery was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions but have recently been installed, alhamdu lillah.

In the next 4-6 weeks we are aiming to complete the installation of all bathroom fixtures, electrical fittings, doors, AC, Ducted Vacuum, Skylights, exhaust fans and Heat pumps.

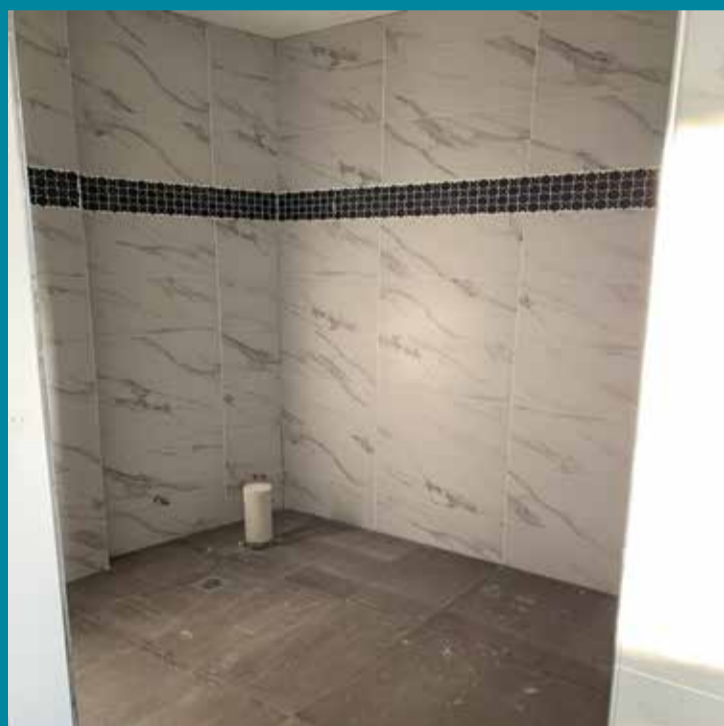
We are further planning to complete the concrete layout

and painting before booking final inspections with a view to commencing the partial occupancy certification process soon thereafter InShaa Allah.

We thank you all for your continued patience and ask for your sincere du'aa - especially during this blessed month of Ramadan - that this work is finalised as soon as possible.

- CMC EC.





Ramadan 2020

Activities happening in the holy month at Gungahlin Masjid

Re-opening of Masjid: 11 May

Following the Australian and ACT Governments' recent announcements regarding a phased easing of COVID-19 related restrictions, the masjid will be re-opening on a limited basis under the following conditions and arrangements:

1. No more than 10 people at a time will be allowed inside the masjid. Accordingly, the masjid door will be closed once capacity has been reached.
2. The masjid will be open for all prayers (including Jum'uah and taraaweeH) only and will not be open outside of these times.
3. Make wuduu (ablution) at home as the bathroom facilities will remain closed temporarily.
4. Please bring your own prayer mat to use while praying.
5. Maintain social distancing (1.5 metres) at all times, including while praying.
6. The elderly (over 60), sisters and children are not permitted until further notice.



Ramadan this year commenced on Friday 24 April, albeit under some very unusual circumstances for us all: The COVID-19 restrictions have understandably resulted in the temporary closure of masjids around the country, Gungahlin Masjid included. Even in places such as Saudi Arabia, masjids have been closed with taraaweeH prayers in the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah limited to a select few whilst social distancing measures have been maintained.

The masjid closures in Australia have in turn meant that we have been unable to gather for such precious and loved Ramadan activities as iftar and taraweeH and may also mean that we are unable to hold Eid ul-fitr prayers later this month.

Inspite of these ongoing challenges, a number of activities are being held during Ramadan including:

- **Live Islamic lectures by Imam Hamza and other guest lecturers;**
- **Br Hatem's Quran recitation daily on Facebook**
- **Children's Quran competitions: Reading and memorisation. See: <http://gungahlinmosque.org.au/Quran-Competition>**
- **Drive-thru iftar packs: Sunday 10 May and 17 May.**

For the latest details of other Ramadan activities please check the Gungahlin Masjid website or Facebook page. Announcements about Eid prayer - namely whether they can proceed - will be made on Facebook.



Sisters Corner

Update on activities for and by the sisters

Sisters Book of the Month

This edition's book



In last month sisters' lecture, Sr Nejat shared with us gems of wisdom "Loss caused by Sins", which was an extract from a book by scholar Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah called "Zaad al Ma'ad", or "Provisions of the Hereafter". The book is based on the Seerah of the Prophet (pbuh), available in most Islamic bookstores.

Sisters learning

Weekly



Imam Hamza posts lectures every week on facebook, sisters are encouraged to listen in.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1285948721613052&id=148686632005939

Recipes

This edition's recipe



This edition's recipe is the ever-popular butter chicken. Link below: <http://gungahlinmosque.org.au/sites/default/files/cookbook/iCookBook%20Recipe%2010%20-%20Butter%20chicken>.

Sisters Support

Our community support during COVID-19 is still running. If you are in need of any kind of support please call us: 0403 046 865

Other support services

• ACT Mental Health Support
<https://www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/mental-health/support-and-counselling-services>

• Early Parenting Counselling

Call Central Health Intake (CHI) on (02) 6207 9977 between 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
<https://www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/women-youth-and-children/pregnancy-and-birth/early-parenting-counselling>

• Domestic Violence Support

<https://dvcs.org.au/>

Phone: 02 6280 0900

Sisters Online Resources

Here are some websites we have collected which may help with preparing for healthy Ramadan, please note these links are not affiliates, just some useful information our sisters can look at, minus all the searching.

• Muslim mum's pregnancy resources
<https://drshahira.com/pregnancy-resources-for-muslim-moms-free-printable/>

• Recipes by a sister on suhoor food ideas
<https://myhalalkitchen.com/category/food/all-recipes/seasonal/ramadan/suhoor-ramadan/>

• Healthy bake and steam recipes
<https://afreenskitchen.wordpress.com/2018/05/08/steamed-and-baked-ifar-recipes-ramadan-recipes-with-less-oil/>

• Productive muslim's advice on incorporating exercise in Ramadan
<https://productivemuslim.com/ramadan-series-how-you-can-incorporate-exercise-into-your-ramadan-routine/>

• Lectures by Counsellor and Islamic Dae'e sister Dunya Shoaib on mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.youtube.com/user/duniashuaib/videos>

• Lectures by Australian Islamic Scholar Umm Jamal ud-deen

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3MQK8XYzjlwglHBF7xBRXg>

Online Islamic Resources for kids

Since our sisters are at home with kids, we thought it would be useful to list some online resources for Ramadan. Please note these are not affiliated links, just the best of what we found online!

- One for Kids production has many kid videos by subscription and some free ones too: <https://www.one4kids.tv/browse>
- Australia based online book store where you can buy books/ dvds and much for for kids: <https://dsbooks.com.au/collections/cartoons-dvd>
- Noor Kids online Islamic resources for free: <https://noorkids.com/blogs/ramadan-for-kids/eight-fun-ramadan-activities-for-children-to-do-on-their-own>
- 49 ways to get kids involved in Ramadan: <http://modestmunchies.com/49-ways-to-get-kids-involved-in-ramadan/>
- Lots of free Islamic activity books for kids: <https://letslearnmama.home.blog/2019/04/28/top-10-ramadan-resources-and-activity-books-for-children-aged-6-and-above/>
- A Muslim mum's homeschooling blog with lots of free printable: <https://salamhomeschooling.com/category/resources/>
- Salam Sisters free colour in story books in Arabic and Indonesia: <https://salamisters.com/storybooks>.

Recent activities at Gungahlin Masjid

Clean up Australia Day 2020

The Gungahlin Masjid community was proud to participate in Clean Up Australian Day 2020 on Sunday 1 March. A group of brothers and kids were among those who joined in by cleaning the areas close to Gungahlin Masjid and throughout Gungahlin.

Gungahlin Mosque Overflow Parking work

In late March some maintenance work was undertaken on the overflow carpark area, namely the laying and levelling of 320 tons of gravel. This work will inshaa Allah make it easier for around 130 vehicles to use the overflow carparks. The materials used for this work came entirely by way of generous donations while the physical work itself was undertaken on a volunteer basis, May Allah reward all of those involved. There were no costs to CMC.



Professional carpet cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation

On 26 March 2020, brother Hassan undertook professional carpet cleaning and disinfection work at the masjid, may Allah reward him for his efforts. Furthermore, some brothers from Canberra Sterilisation came to the Masjid on 28 March to sterilise the inside and outside of our Gungahlin Masjid. This included all the doors, windows and handles, glass, chairs, kitchenet, bathrooms, stairways and ladies prayer areas. This work was undertaken free of charge to CMC, may Allah reward them for their kind donation.



☎ **0434 544 474**
✉ can.sterilisation@gmail.com



*Some of the
Gungahlin Masjid
Volunteers during
Clean Up Australia
Day 2020.*



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Du'a when breaking the fast
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي لَكَ صُمْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ رَزَقْتُ افْطَرْتُ
O Allah! I fasted for you and I believe in you
and I break my fast with your sustenance.

سحری کی دعا

Du'a when beginning the fast
وَبِصُومِ غَدٍ تَوَيْتُ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ
I intend to keep the fast for tomorrow in the
month of Ramadhan.

Du'a for Laylat Al-Qadr

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تَجِبُ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي
Allahumma Innaka afu-wun tuhibul afwa
fa afu anni!
Oh Allah, You are pardoning and You love to
pardon, so pardon me.

Hijri Day Ramadhan	Day	Apr/May Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib Sunset	Isha
01*	Fri	24	5:09	6:31	12:02	15:04	17:32	18:49
02	Sat	25	5:10	6:31	12:02	15:03	17:31	18:48
03	Sun	26	5:11	6:32	12:01	15:02	17:30	18:47
04	Mon	27	5:11	6:33	12:01	15:01	17:29	18:46
05	Tue	28	5:12	6:34	12:01	15:01	17:28	18:45
06	Wed	29	5:13	6:35	12:01	15:00	17:27	18:44
07	Thu	30	5:14	6:35	12:01	14:59	17:26	18:43
08	Fri	01	5:14	6:36	12:01	14:58	17:25	18:42
09	Sat	02	5:15	6:37	12:01	14:57	17:24	18:41
10	Sun	03	5:16	6:38	12:00	14:56	17:23	18:40
11	Mon	04	5:16	6:38	12:00	14:56	17:22	18:39
12	Tue	05	5:17	6:39	12:00	14:55	17:21	18:38
13	Wed	06	5:18	6:40	12:00	14:54	17:20	18:37
14	Thu	07	5:18	6:41	12:00	14:53	17:19	18:37
15	Fri	08	5:19	6:42	12:00	14:53	17:18	18:36
16	Sat	09	5:20	6:42	12:00	14:52	17:17	18:35
17	Sun	10	5:20	6:43	12:00	14:51	17:16	18:34
18	Mon	11	5:21	6:44	12:00	14:50	17:15	18:34
19	Tue	12	5:22	6:45	12:00	14:50	17:15	18:33
20	Wed	13	5:22	6:46	12:00	14:49	17:14	18:32
21	Thu	14	5:23	6:46	12:00	14:48	17:13	18:32
22	Fri	15	5:24	6:47	12:00	14:48	17:12	18:31
23	Sat	16	5:24	6:48	12:00	14:47	17:12	18:30
24	Sun	17	5:25	6:49	12:00	14:47	17:11	18:30
25	Mon	18	5:25	6:49	12:00	14:46	17:10	18:29
26	Tue	19	5:26	6:50	12:00	14:46	17:10	18:29
27	Wed	20	5:27	6:51	12:00	14:45	17:09	18:28
28	Thu	21	5:27	6:52	12:00	14:45	17:08	18:28
29	Fri	22	5:28	6:52	12:00	14:44	17:08	18:27
30	Sat	23	5:28	6:53	12:00	14:44	17:07	18:27

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