



# MINARET

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CALENDER OF EVENTS September - Dec 2008

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#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2008/2009

<b>President:</b>	Aqa Tokhi
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Assalamu Allaikum and Greetings

We are in the final phase of the holy month of Ramadan and it is time for us to collectively unite and worship Allah (SWT) both individually and as a community.

The participation of membership in the regular events so far is encouraging and makes our efforts worthwhile. We are very fortunate, alhamdulillah, to have a dedicated and enthusiastic USMAA committee and community members who give their time and effort to make the events a success.

USMAA members and friends have had the opportunity of gathering together for two ifthar functions. It was encouraging to see a big turn out and everyone enjoyed the evening's program and the delicious food prepared by two very enthusiastic groups. The functions were well organized and coordinated. I seek every member's guidance and assistance to organize future events with similar enthusiasm. We hope you will all join us in the upcoming events as well, insha allah.

In the meantime, I urge all members to contribute to the success of our religious, cultural and social events by promptly paying the annual membership subscriptions and events fees. We need your financial support to organize and provide you with the activities expected from USMAA.

As promised, we have set up a new web page for USMAA enabling the Management Committee to communicate with the members on a regular and ongoing basis. Please visit the website (<http://www.usmaa.org.au>) for all current notices, calendar of events, contact details of the committee, copies of USMAA newsletters and some useful links. Members are encouraged to utilize the tool to update yourself with the activities of the organization and to keep in touch with your committee.

Eid Mubarak! Wassalam.

Aqa Tokhi

- ❖ **27<sup>th</sup> Night - Lailatul Kadr** - Fri 26 September 2008 (In Doncaster)
- ❖ **Eid Prayers** - 1<sup>st</sup> October (please confirm), Monash University
- ❖ **Eid-ul-Fitr Celebrations** - Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30 pm
- ❖ **Eid Haj Prayers** - To be advised
- ❖ **Eid ul Adha Celebrations** - Sat 13 December

The venue for all events unless otherwise specified will be the Mulgrave Community Centre, 355, Wellington Road, Mulgrave

#### Note from the Editor

In this Holy month of Ramadan may Allah accept our fasting, accept our Dua, forgive our sins and show us the right path.

Remember the verse: 'Praise be to Allah, who has guided us to this (felicity), never could we have found guidance, had it not been for the guidance of Allah' (*Qur'an*: 7:43)

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish you all a very Happy and joyous *Eid ul Fitr*.

*Salaams*

Fahmi Haniffa.

### KEY CONTACTS

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### SUB COMMITTEES

#### Janaza Committee:

Eddie Dole  
Fahmi Haniffa  
Mohamed Najeeb

#### Education Committee:

Ziada Tokhi  
Mohamed Mohideen  
Ahamed Amirudeen  
Segu Zuhair  
Rezana Shimal

#### Grants Committee:

Mohamed F Mohideen  
Fahmi Haniffa  
Imtiaz Mohamed

#### Building Fund Committee:

Imtiaz Mohamed  
Haneef Mohinudeen (Chota)  
Naufal Sharifdeen  
Ziada Tokhi  
Nazli Farouque

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder to all members to pay your subscriptions. It is very important that members pay their subs & function fees as it helps with carrying out various activities of the organisation.

The **membership fees** are as follows:

**\$50.00** - Associate and Family members only. Children below 18 will fall into the family category.  
**\$30.00** - Singles

**\$15.00** - Pensioners (singles)  
**\$25.00** - Pensioners (family)  
**\$25.00** - Fulltime Students

The **function fees** are as follows:  
**\$75:** Family & Associate Members  
**\$40:** Singles  
**\$15:** Single Pensioners  
**\$25:** Family Pensioners  
**\$25:** Full Time Students

Kindly forward your subscriptions to the treasurer or deposit the subscriptions into the USMAA current account with the Commonwealth Bank, Clayton.

**A/c Name: USMAA**  
**A/c No: 063 121 1018 5803**

Please forward the counterfoil or copy to the Treasurer who will then send you an official receipt.

### APPEAL - MOSQUE FUNDS

The Islamic Education & Welfare Association of Dandenong (IEWAD) has commenced construction of the Masjid in located at 131-137 Belgrave Hallam road, Narre Warren North. The development is on over 2 acres of land. The success of this project depends on your generosity. All donations to IEWAD are tax deductible.

IEWAD is a Sunni Muslim organization formed approx 18 years ago by the Muslims of the South Eastern suburbs. IEWAD provides services in the area of Islamic Education (Sunday school), dawah, welfare, Muslim JP & marriage celebrant, Janaza, etc.

Membership to IEWAD is open to all Sunni Muslims living in the South Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne. Any one who is interested in becoming a member of IEWAD, please contact Nuhaime Amirdeen on 0400029668 / 87904480.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Night - Lailatul Qadr

Prayers will take place on Friday 26 September 2008 at 10:15 PM in Doncaster. See attachment for full details of venue and program.

### EID UL FITR

#### Eid Prayers

Eid Prayers will be held at the Monash University Grounds. Date has been tentatively fixed for the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2008. Await announcement by the Board of Imaams. Thakbir will commence at 8.15 am to pray at **8.30 am**. Inshallah in keeping with the sunnah, prayers will be conducted outside in the oval at Monash University. Please check the USMAA website close to the date for further details and time. The Imaam will be either Sheik Abu Omar or Brother Fadhil. Breakfast will be provided but members are requested to bring a plate to share and their prayer mats. All children will be given an Eid gift bag. Ample car parking since that week will be the semester break.

Qurban is priced at AUD 90.00

#### Eid Celebrations dinner

Will be held on Saturday 11 October 2008 at 7:30 pm at Mulgrave Community Centre. The dinner will be hosted by USMAA with the function fee contributions made by members. Please contact the treasurer to pay your subs and function fees in time. Non financial members and Guests will be charged at **\$15.00 per head**. Could you please inform Aqa if you plan to bring any guests as it would help with the catering.

### JANAZA FUND - SIX A SIDE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

In order to raise income for the Janaza fund, the above tournament will be held in February 2009. Look out for further announcements shortly. Practice your batting, bowling and fielding. For further details please contact any member of the Janaza Committee.

### Education Sub Committee

An information session will be organised for VCE students re course selection etc. Please register your interest via the USMAA website so that a venue and date could be organised to host the event.