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As Salaam Alaikum

Some of the planned works are progressing well. The new security fence is being installed and should be finished soon and then the installation of new poles for fence lighting and for security camera will commence. These works are expected to be completed by June 2020.

We have applied for two further grants and their results will not be known till April and June respectively. The April grant is for further addition to our security upgrade that will allow registered people to access mosque at their convenience. The grant will also allow us to monitor security breaches at all the times.

A presentation by Mr Brice Hamack of ACT Legal Aid on the rights of employees was held on March 7 at CIC. It was an informative session where access to legal counselling and rights of individuals were detailed. Legal Aid counselling, the first stage for legal actions is free to all citizen irrespective of their income.

CIC Toastmaster Club has been running for nearly two months but we have not got enough members as yet to charter our own club. Toastmasters is a training ground for public speaking and effective communication for people in leadership position whether at work or at leisure. It is based on presentations and peer assessment it also provides a mentor to train one in building up confidence, preparing speeches and speaking on topics without prior preparation. Saad Shamsi 0431 704 700 is responsible for the club at CIC.

Fund Raising Dinner is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to raise funds for upgrade of kitchen, dining area and the toilets in the community hall area. Upgrades for CIC are its member's responsibility and no external funding is available nor do we qualify for government grants for work of this nature. Tickets are being sold by the EC members and are also available on Eventbrite. Further details are in this newsletter.

Women Health Classes have been going on for nearly two years at CIC conducted by Ms Linda Berjaoui. There is no charge for attending but one must be committed to attend most of the time.

There are some members who are raising funds for CIC by selling food cooked on the premises on Friday. If you are interested in giving us a helping hand on Friday morning please contact Ms Zahara Sanusi – an executive committee member of CIC.

Ramadan begins next month in April. Communities interested in hosting Iftar on Saturdays during Ramadan must book their date with Mr Ali Akbar. Allocation is on first come first serve basis. CIC is enforcing a no-single-use plastic and all plastic must be recyclable policy from now on and the communities must abide with this policy to avail the concessional rates of hiring.

## Verse of the month

Al-Quran Surah 7. Al-A'raf, Ayah 199

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

**Abdullah Yusuf Ali translation:** Hold to forgiveness; command what is right; but turn away from the ignorant.

**Abdullah Yusuf Ali commentary:** Allah comforts the Prophet and directs his mind to three precepts: (1) to forgive injuries, insults, and persecution; (2) to continue to declare the faith that was in him, and not only to declare it, but to act up to it in all his dealings with friends and foes; (3) to pay no attention to ignorant fools, who raised doubts or difficulties, hurled taunts or reproaches, or devised plots to defeat the truth: they were to be ignored and passed by, not to be engaged in fights and fruitless controversies, or conciliated by compromises.

**Muhammad Asad translation:** Make due allowance for man's nature, and enjoin the doing of what is right; and leave alone all those who choose to remain ignorant.

**Muhammad Asad Commentary:** Lit., "accept what is easily forthcoming [from man's nature]". According to Zamakhshari, khudh al-'afw means: "Accept what comes easily to thee [or "what is willingly accorded to thee"] of the doings and the nature of men, and make things easy [for them], without causing them undue hardship (kulfah); and do not demand of them efforts that may be too difficult for them." This interpretation - which has been adopted by many other classical commentators as well - is based on the identical explanation of the phrase khudh al-'afw by 'Abd Allah ibn az-Zubayr and his brother 'Urwah (Bukhari), as well as by 'A'ishah and, in the next generation, by Hisham ibn 'Urwah and Mujahid (see Tabari, Baghawi and Ibn Kathir). Thus, in accordance with the Qur'anic statements that "man has been created weak" 4:28 and that "God does not burden any human being with more than he is well able to bear" (2:286, 6:152, 7:42, 23:62), the believer is admonished to make due allowance for human nature and not to be too harsh with those who err. This admonition is the more remarkable as it follows immediately upon a discourse on the most unforgivable of all sins - the ascribing of divine powers or qualities to anyone or anything but God. Lit., "the ignorant ones" - i.e., those who wilfully remain deaf to moral truths, and not those who are simply unaware of them.

## A Verse from Al Qur'an:

"Say: If you love God, follow me: God will love you and forgive you your sins." Al Quran 3:31

## Saying attributed to Prophet Jesus:

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9, New Testament – New Living Translation

## March Prayer Services at CIC Sabah Al-Ahmad Masjid

Friday prayers are held with Khutbah from 1:00 pm followed by prayers all year round. The daily congregation times ie the jamaat are as follow:

Prayer	March 1 to 15 March	March 16 to 31 March
Fajr	6:15 AM	6:30 AM
Duhar	1:20 PM	1:15 PM
Asr	5:00 PM	4:45 PM
Canberra Sunset	19:39 PM to 19:20 PM	19:19 PM to 18:58 PM
Maghrib	Changes daily 10 minutes after sunset	
Ishaa	9:15 PM	9:00 PM

## 2020 Fund Raising Dinner:

The Canberra Islamic Centre will hold a dinner on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020** to raise funds for repair and renovation of the kitchen, dining room, foyer and corridors and upgrade of toilets.

Please support us in our effort to maintain this building to a quality standard by attending the function, bidding at auction and pledging a donation. Please also encourage your family members and friends to participate in this event.

We ask our guests to be there by 5:15 PM for 5:30 PM start so we finish by 6:45 for Maghrib. We will start punctually so if you are running late please join us quietly when you can and be mindful of others and the proceedings.

### Tentative Programme for Fund Raising Dinner

The meeting will be conducted by the Secretary of CIC and chaired by the President.

5:30 PM: Opening Prayer

5:35 PM: Acknowledgement and welcoming address of the President

5:45 PM: Address by the Guest Speaker

6:15 PM: Details of the work to be financed by the fund raising

6:20 PM: Auction and pledges

6:45 PM: Maghrib prayers

7:15 PM: Dinner

Tickets are available from any executive committee member and also at Eventbrite by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cic-fundraising-dinner-tickets-95118575219>

## Employees Right in the Work Place in ACT

Brice Hamack of Legal Aid ACT presented and discussed issues on People's Rights in the Workplace at the CIC Community Hall, 221 Clive Steele Avenue, Monash ACT 2904 on Saturday 7 March 2020.

The presentation on employment rights included:

- Racial/religious discrimination and bullying
- Religious accommodation for prayers, dress, hajj, etc.
- National employment standards (minimum wage, parental leave, etc.)
- Protection against Unfair Dismissal and Adverse Action

A Questions and Answer session followed the presentation with some relevant questions about expected behaviour from visitors that do not fall under the employment rights.

Around 20 people attended the session.

## AIMA LifeStart 2020



The Australian Islamic Medical Association (AIMA) will hold a workshop comprising of overview of the programme, demonstration of techniques involved and a hands-on learning experience of three life-saving skills on Sunday March 15, 2020 at 2 p.m. There is room for 60 participants and should the numbers exceed then another course will be held in September. This workshop is free and is open to all people so please invite your friends and peers from your work place also.

The venue is CIC community hall at 221 Clive Steele Avenue, Monash ACT.

The AIMA LifeStart programme teaches three lifesaving skills:

1. CPR – Adult and Child
2. Recovery position
3. Management of choking – Adult and child

Join us to learn essential lifesaving skills by registering yourself at:

<https://bit.ly/38sAdZu>

For more details, visit AIMA official website at <http://aimamed.com.au>

## Rumi

You said, "Who's at the door?"  
I said, "Your slave."  
You said, "What do you want?"  
"To see you and bow."  
"How long will you wait?"  
"Until you call."

*translated by Coleman Barks and John Moyne*



### News from the library:

The Australian National Islamic Library is here for you to use where books are available for borrowing or reading in the Library. The library is staffed by volunteers. If you would like to be part of this group or have any questions about the Library, please email: [library@cic-anil.org.au](mailto:library@cic-anil.org.au)  
Check the Library web page for current opening hours: <https://library.cic-anil.org.au/>

New books are added to our collection bought and donated to the library from book lovers. If you have books about Muslims in your personal collection that have been read you can donate them to our library. Books will be retained if they are not in our collection. Duplicate books are donated to other charities.

### Financial Statement: Income and Expenditure of CIC for February 2020:

Financial statement for income and expenditure for February 2020 can now be downloaded on our website.

### Advertisement:

Members can publicise their private events through this newsletter and advertisement will also be accepted. Advertisement have a cost associated with them and they must comply with our policies regarding ethics. Contact the secretary at [secretary@cic-anil.org.au](mailto:secretary@cic-anil.org.au) or 0401678151 to discuss.

### Facebook:

We are also on Facebook CICANIL where events and matters related to CIC are posted regularly as they occur. So, follow us of Facebook to keep abreast of all events at CIC.

### Email

If you want to subscribe to our email service then ask the secretary to include you in our email list. We respect your privacy and do not pass your information to a third party nor do we advertise for others through our mailing list.

### Hardcopy:

If you want a paper copy of this newsletter or want it posted to another member of CIC who cannot access the electronic version a hard copy can be posted at the cost of \$12 for 12 issue. This amount covers only the postage cost. Contact the secretary.

### Membership:

Membership form can be downloaded from our website and posted/emailed to us with a copy of your photo identity – usually a driving license. The executive committee will consider your application in its next meeting and if approved the secretary will inform you to pay the membership fee through direct deposit. Life membership is \$20 for an individual 16 years or over and is paid only once in the lifetime. Members have the right to vote and stand for an executive position in the election of CIC executive committee.

### CIC Premises:

CIC premises (the community hall, library and the masjid) are private property of its collective membership and the executive committee on behalf of the membership reserves the right to refuse entry to an individual whose inappropriate behaviour transgresses on the rights of other individuals.