



April 2020

Facebook CICANIL

Website:
www.cic-anil.org.au

Postal Address:
P. O. Box 7175
Greenway ACT 2900

Email:
info@cic-anil.org.au

Site:
221 Clive Steel Avenue
Monash ACT 2904

ABN 47 299 363 767

2019-2020
Office Bearers

President: Suhail Khan
0405763173

Vice President: Shamsul
Huda
0434674176

Secretary: Azhar Javed
0401678151
secretary@cic-anil.org.au

Treasurer: Ali Akbar
0435010155

Editor/Publisher:
CIC EC

Membership Application
Forms on webpage

Donations are welcomed

St. George Bank Account
for direct deposits

BSB: 112 908
Account No.: 419 498 004

As Salaam Alaikum

Ramadan Kareem.

It is almost two years since the Sabah Al Ahmad Masjid and Islamic Education Centre was inaugurated. We are indeed very proud of this beautiful facility which has been built by the generous contribution of members and friends of CIC and, of course, by the donation from His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait.

Our heartfelt thanks and debt of gratitude go to everyone who contributed either financially, by labour and time or by professional service to this noble cause. We are also grateful to the Ministry of Auqaf, State of Kuwait for their generous ongoing support. May Allah reward you with the 'ajr' you deserve.

The Sabah Al Ahmad Masjid is a testament to the dedication and support of the staff of the Embassy of Kuwait, in particular, H.E. Mr Khaled Al-Shaibani for supporting our initial request for donation, H.E. Najeeb Al-Badr for assisting us to complete the project and H.E. Monther Al-Eissa in the continued support for the maintenance and upkeep of the masjid. We are indeed very grateful to all of them.

We wish you all the blessings of Allah (SWT) in this holy month of Ramadan.

Suhail Khan (president)
on behalf of the Executive Committee
and members of the Canberra Islamic Centre

Covid-19 Notice:

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 maintain and secure these buildings in the safety of its members and public.

Until further notice the premises will remain in complete lockdown due to the danger of Covid-19. However, we are prepared to open the Centre on the same day as soon as the situation improves and the government eases restrictions.

Verse of the month:

Al-Quran Al Hujarat 49:13 (part)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

Abdullah Yusuf Ali translation: Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).

Abdullah Yusuf Ali commentary: This is addressed to all mankind and not only to the Muslim brotherhood, though it is understood that in a perfected world the two would be synonymous. As it is, mankind is descended from one pair of parents. Their tribes, races, and nations are convenient labels by which we may know certain differing characteristics. Before Allah they are all one, and the individual gets most honour who is most righteous.

Muhammad Asad: Verily, the noblest of you in the sight of God is the one who is most deeply conscious of Him. Behold, God is all-knowing, all-aware.

Another Verse from Al Qur'an:

Say ye: "We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us; and what was revealed to Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaq (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob) and their descendants, and that which was given to Musa (Moses), Isa (Jesus) and other Prophets from their Rabb. We do not discriminate any of them, and to Allah we have surrendered ourselves (in Islam)." *Chapter 2 Verse 136 Translation of Malik*

Saying attributed to Prophet Mohammed (pbuh):

Speaking of people's boasting of their national or tribal past, the Prophet said: "Behold, God has removed from you the arrogance of pagan ignorance (jahiliyyah) with its boast of ancestral glories. Man is but a God-conscious believer or an unfortunate sinner. All people are children of Adam, and Adam was created out of dust." *(Part of a hadith quoted by Tirmidhi and Abu Da'ud, on the authority of Abu Hurayrah.)*

May Prayer Times at CIC Sabah Al-Ahmad Masjid

No prayers will be conducted at our mosque because of the lockdown due to Covid-19. The following are the commencement times for each prayer.

Prayer	May 1 to May 14	May 15 to May 31
Fajr	5:15 AM to 5:25 AM	5:25 PM to 5:34AM
Duhar	12:01 PM to 12:00 PM	12:00 PM to 12:02 PM
Asr	2:58 PM to 2:48 PM	2:48 PM to 2:41 PM
Canberra Sunset	5:20 PM to 5:07 PM	5:06 PM to 4:59 PM
Maghrib	5:21 PM to 5:08 PM	5:08 PM to 5:00 PM
Ishaa	6:42 PM to 6:32 PM	6:30 PM to 6:25 PM

CIC Community Halls and Sabah Al Ahmad Masjid

CIC Community Halls and Sabah Al Ahmad Masjid halls are available for hire. Hirers have to agree to conform and abide by the rules of hiring for members and non-members for holding private functions. CIC encourages Muslims [members and non-members] to use the masjid for holding of religious ceremonies. For these functions there is no charge. Please note that food cannot be served in the masjid.

Applicants need to download the form from our website [<https://cic-anil.org.au>] and email or hand-in after filling it. The charges are given on the form for each area required for hire and a cleaning fee is charged. Security deposit may also be required. The halls will be available for hire as soon as the restrictions on gathering are lifted.

Funerals under Covid-19 Restrictions

The following is the directive (in italics) from the Pastoral Care Section of the Public Hospitals (Royal Canberra & Calvary) about handling, washing and burials during the

current restrictions and these are in line with the directive issued by the Australian National Imam Council published in our last newsletter.

COVID19 and prep of Muslim body for burial
Mr Abdul Rahman Hashim and Mr Muhammad Waseem of the Islamic Society of the ACT have consulted with Imam Mohammed Swaiti and other 30 male and female key members of the Australian Muslim community, from various parts of Australia through a video conference, including Muslim medical staff, regarding the practice of Muslim body washing during the COVID19 pandemic.

Our joint recommendation is that no Muslim ritual washings be held in ACT Public Hospitals for the foreseeable future. This decision is consistent with practices being adopted around Australia, see <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-01/coronavirus-cremations-and-muslim-jewish-death-rites/12105842>

It is proposed that the following occur instead:

The deceased person's body is cleaned as much as possible on the ward

The deceased person is loosely wrapped, if possible, in a kafan (3 pieces of cut material plain white cloth that the Islamic Society will provide to the Pastoral Care Department at Calvary Hospital and the Spiritual Support Services Department at The Canberra Hospital, who will then liaise with clinical staff).

The body is then put in a treated and sealed plastic bag and transferred to the Mortuary. A nominated funeral director will put the plastic bag with the body into a second sanitised plastic bag, place it in a coffin box and transfer the body directly to the chosen cemetery at a designated time for burial with the coffin box.

While the ritual washing component will be temporarily ceased, the members of the ritual washing team will continue to assist families with prayers and arrangements for burial and, if requested, prayer at the burial site.

Hospital viewings have also been temporarily suspended.

*Thank you,
Marian Luke*

*Director of Pastoral Care
Public Hospital Bruce
Cnr Belconnen Way & Haydon Drive Bruce ACT 2617
PO Box 254 Jamison Centre ACT 2614
P: 02 6201 6215
E: marian.luke@calvary-act.com.au
www.calvary-act.com.au
17 April 2020*

New Policies:

CIC executive committee is considering its Risk Management and Health & Safety Policy in their May meeting and upon approved will be available on our website under the 'Governance' section.

Other policies in that section that were approved recently are:

1. Financial Management (Policies and Procedure)
2. Inappropriate behaviour (including bullying & harassment)

Members and regular visitors to the Centre including masjid are advised to read these policies that govern us - the EC in dealing with our own affairs and with members and non-members.

Security Update:

The fencing project is now complete and we have received and reviewed the completion certificate. It has now been approved by the treasurer and an independent (of the executive committee) witness.

We will be starting on the next phase of installing additional perimeter lighting and security camera this month. These upgrades are funded by the grant from the Federal Government under its Safer Communities allocation.

Planting:

Following completion of fencing CIC has also completed planting of 130 native plants along the fence. The species selected for planting are all bushes Callistemon (different varieties), Grevillea and Acacia with a height of 2 to 3 metre and up to 2 metres wide.

These are draught and frost resistant varieties. About 60 bushes have also been planted around the carpark. Visitors are requested to park within the designated parking bays and avoid damage to young saplings.

Renovation Work at CIC

The foyer, corridors and the office have been repainted and painting will start on the dining room and pantry as soon as the carpentry work is finished near the kitchen.

Rumi

At the time of night prayer when the sun has set
as the senses close, the way to the unseen opens.
The angel of sleep, like a shepherd, drives the spirits
to the placeless, to the spiritual meadows of a thousand marvels.
As sleep erases the impressions of this world
what cities, what gardens the spirit behold there!
Remembering no more the burdens
and the weight on this earth
the heart is free from all the cares of this world.

Translated by Maryam Mafi & Anita Kolin



Change of Details:

If any of your contact details (postal address, email, landline phone, mobile or email) have changed since you became a member of CIC please let us know of changes by filling out the form available at our website under Governance. We need at least one valid address (preferably the email one). We are in process of updating our membership list and as this list is used for notifying you of our activities including AGM and election where the members can vote, it is important that this remain up to date. If your email address is correct you will receive this form in your email from CIC soon.

Financial Statement: Income and Expenditure of CIC for April 2020:

Financial statement for income and expenditure for April 2020 can now be downloaded from 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 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 on 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 (secretary@cic-anil.org.au) 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. They are also required to abide by the constitution of CIC that is available on our website.

Complete Lockdown of 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.

Until further notice the premises remain in complete lockdown due to the danger of Covid-19. When the situation improves and the government eases restrictions the Centre will be opened. We are ready to open it the same day when the restrictions are removed.