

The COB 2015 Special Achievement Award.

The Crescents of Brisbane *Hajee Ebrahim Patel Special Achievement Award*, is an annual award, presented at Creswalk, in recognition of individuals who have gone above and beyond to serve our Community.

The award recognizes members of our community who who are quietly doing fantastic work behind the scenes and often go unnoticed.

The award is named in honour of the late Haji Ebrahim Bhai, who was one of the elders in our community. He was not only involved in Islamic education, *but* was also a passionate participant in and supporter of all our Crescents of Brisbane activities.

This year we also remember his wife Rukkyah bhen who passed away after Ramadan. May Allah SWT grant them both Jannah and reward them for their contribution to our community.

Each year our team goes into lockdown to scrutinize our nominees and then vote by an online secret ballot, for the recipient of this award. Once again the decision was unanimous.

I've had the opportunity to work closely with our 2015 recipient for the past 12 years, and I very soon realized that no task was too difficult and nothing will deter him from rolling up his sleeves, to get the job done.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you, our recipient of the the 2015 award, Abdel Kader Surtie.

He is ever ready and to be called upon and carries his overall, fluoro vest and his pair of boots in his ute 24/7.

AK has been on several committees including the Kuraby Masjid, the Kuraby Madressa, volunteered his time for fundraisers for many of the Musajid, assisted with the annual Ijtima, is on the executive of Brisbane Muslim Burial Services and Muslim Funeral Services, and in fact he would get involved in any work at any time, with passion and enthusiasm second to none.

Those of us who work with him especially at Muslim Funeral Services, have become accustomed to being called after fajr, to plan and make arrangements if we have a funeral, irrespective of whether Fajr is at 4am or 6am. So remember that before to give him your number 😊.

In all the work he does AK likes to get on with the job at hand in his unassuming way and often says he doesn't do anything for *name or fame*. I know he will be embarrassed for being recognized today.

The Crescents of Brisbane Team is proud to be award the 2015 Special Achievement Award to Abdel Kader Surtie