



## Crescents Community News (CCN)

*Fostering a healthy Brisbane lifestyle through sport, entertainment, education and culture*

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*Assalaamu-alaikum*



### **Editorial**

Some of you might just be wondering how we go about gathering our news and information and how we succeed in maintaining such a high standard of journalistic quality and integrity (?) in the process. In addition to relying on you, dear reader, we also have on our payroll a team of gallant reporters (actually just one at the moment, who shall, for obvious reasons, remain anonymous). A newspaper is only as good as the investigative and analytical powers of its journalists – those brave men and women who comb the length and breadth of our community to bring you the latest happenings, risking life, limb, and high levels of cholesterol and blood pressure (not to mention personal reputations) in the single minded pursuit of bringing breaking news into your inbox. Embedded deep in the heart of the community they make their daily rounds at iftaars, masjids, and social gatherings, often going above and beyond the eight-rakaat call of duty in the quest to keep us all up to speed. So spare a thought for these intrepid men and women - for theirs is truly a noble (and oft too little appreciated) profession, and the next time somebody gives you the Spanish Inquisition type treatment don't turf the hapless bugger out – after all he's out there serving the cause!

### **Spot the Error**

Several readers pointed out an error in our last issue (Newsletter 0002) when we referred to CNN in one of our news bites when we actually meant the more worthy, more balanced and less parochial CCN. Some of you might consider this *faux pas* more indicative of a Freudian slip than a mere typographical glitch. You might well be right. But it does go to show that there are at least a few of you out there that actually read this stuff!

For being the quickest cab off the ranks to draw our attention to this slip up (our first of many to come, no doubt!) and keeping us honest in the process, Feisal Paruk will be sent one of our much sought after Crescents of Brisbane caps.

Please note that all future observations of this nature will also be gratefully accepted but don't hold your breath in anticipation of similar tokens of appreciation as the Crescents treasure trove is now decidedly bare.

### **JazakAllah Khair**

On behalf of everyone who has had the pleasure of listening to them, CCN wishes to take this opportunity to thank the *Huffaaz* in all of our Mosques and Universities in Brisbane and surrounds who have led us through our Taraweeh prayers during the month of Ramadaan. The dedication and effort they have put into their reading of the Qur'an has been both inspirational and humbling. We thank them for the sacrifices they have had to make on our behalf, and in particular the many young scholars and students who have had to cope with both *dhor* and schoolwork at the same time. May Allah (SWT) accept all their efforts and duas, *inshaAllah*.

### **Eid-gaah**

ICQ and the Islamic Societies are jointly hosting Eid-ul Fitr Salaah at the Islamic School of Brisbane, Compton Road, Karawatha. The programme begins with takbir at 6.45am, followed by an address by the ICQ President. Imaam Uzhair Akbar will perform the Eid Salaah and Khutbah commencing at 7.35am. There will also be provision for the collection of Zakaat and Fitrana (\$7 per person).

### **Testing Times Ahead**

It's the time of the year when our students at school, madressah, TAFE and University are buried deep in their books and studies. Many of them have had to do this while fasting as well. Our good wishes go out to them and we wish them every success for the hard work that they have put in, *inshaAllah*.

### **Thousands flock to 'beautiful' Qur'an reading**

Morocco - Casablanca's magnificent Hassan II Mosque has enjoyed remarkable mass attendance in this holy month of Ramadan thanks to a 30-year-old sheikh whose Qur'an readings have made him the hero of an enraptured public. As many as 50 000 crowd the mosque - second largest after that in Mecca - and the space in front of it to hear a man one listener called the most beautiful voice in Morocco. "I live on the other side of town," said one woman: "But I come here to Hassan II Mosque to listen to Sheikh Kazebri. When he recites from the Qur'an, the word of God reaches most deeply inside me. "Many are in tears when they hear him because there is so much emotion in his voice." Sheikh Omar Kazebri, educated in Saudi Arabia, says he would like to succeed in reconciling respect for religion with modern life, and wishes religious fanatics would find their way to becoming more moderate. (Source: [iol](#))

### **Supporting Local Enterprise**

Too busy to prepare those tasty Indian delights like the ones mother used to make? Well you don't have to pine for the good old days back home. Just call **Farhana Osman** on 3272 8774 or 0415 695 387 and order some of the best samoosas, rissoles, spring rolls, rotis, cakes, biscuits and mithais you will find this side of town. Mention to her that you found out about her catering services through CCN and she will throw in a couple of extra goodies with your first order.

If you know any person or any business needing a bit of community exposure and support then why not get them to email [crescents@nazimahansa.com](mailto:crescents@nazimahansa.com) with the details and we will be only too happy to oblige.

### **The Quotable (?) Quotes Corner**

*"I have upset a few people over the years by criticising the holier-than-thou who think that they can make a contribution to humanity by telling others how they should live their lives. If you are going to quote the Bible, the Koran, or any holy book, at people, you should make sure you practice what you preach. I have a great deal of respect for people like Mother Teresa, our own Bill Crewes from the Sydney City Mission and Yusef Islam (Cat Stevens) because they actually live by the principles they espouse: they set examples for others, rather than rules."*

Who said that? Answer in the next issue of CCN.

### **SAMAQ Function**

The Southern African Muslim Association of Queensland (SAMAQ) is hosting a speaker/finger supper function at the Kimberley Park Community Centre, The Lyndale Room, C/R Roselea & Lyndale Street, Shailer Park, on **Monday 6 December at 7 for 7.30pm**. The guest speaker is **Mr Maha Sanathamby** whose Springfield Total Urban Development is Queensland's largest planned community. Golfers amongst our readership will appreciate learning that Maha, together with Greg Norman, was responsible for establishing the very elegant Brookwater Golf course. Contact Yunie Omar on 0422-237-860 or Faisal Hatia on 0438-786-786 to purchase a ticket.

If you have a function or event that could be of interest to the Crescents Community then please send us in the details.



### **Crescents Run/Walk for Life**

At our sessions you won't need to come in your leotard or to have to bend, twist or gyrate (unless you really want to) to get the same, if not more, benefits from a brisk walk along Kangaroo Point and Southbank on a cool Sunday morning with a bunch of friends and family.

**Don't forget to diarize Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30am**

### **Getting Up Close and Personal**

Congratulations to **Sulaiman** and **Nadima Peer** on the birth of their third daughter. She came in at a healthy 3.5kg at the Royal Brisbane Hospital on November 4. Mother is doing fine and back at home and father is still over the moon.

Rumour has it that during the week someone on the CCN editorial board turned 27 (again). I suppose we are obliged to wish the old bugger all the best!

Got some personal news about someone that can be shared? Then send in the details by just clicking [here.....](#)

### **Letters to the Editor**

*Thank You for the excellent work you are doing in providing a much needed service in our community. My suggestion would be to include additional community news items eg. deaths, illnesses, assistance required by any members in the community. This could relate to day to day activities, advise on various topics etc. You could also have a noticeboard for topics for general discussion. (Ahmed Kadwa)*

Please feel free to email us on any matters. If you wish your publication to remain anonymous or under a *nom de plume* let us know in your email.

### **In the next issue**

Look out for

- [The Book Report](#) in which Mustafa Ally reviews *The Da Vinci Code*.
- Details about a highly-rated Bollywood film to be shown only in central Brisbane for the next 3 weeks
- and lots, lots more....

### **Contact CCN**

If you have any news that you think might be of benefit to the Crescents Community then please e-mail the team at [crescents@nazimahansa.com](mailto:crescents@nazimahansa.com).

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