



# JANETH DEEN

*a life well lived*

Compiled by Mustafa Ally  
2018

*“Janeth has worked hard to foster multi-faith initiatives to promote understanding and peace between non-Muslims and Muslims.*

*She is an exceptional and inspiring role model for the whole community.”*

# Past and Present Official Memberships

- **Queensland Forum of Jews Christians, Jews and Muslims**
- **Believing Women for a Culture of Peace**
- **Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)**
- **Queensland Multicultural Council**
- **Queensland Muslim Historical Society**
- **Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF)**
- **Lions Club of Kuraby**
- **Refugee Association of Logan**
- **Queensland Faith Communities Council (representing ICQ)**
- **Mt Gravatt Historical Society**
- **Royal Historical Society of QLD**
- **History QLD**
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# 2005

## Now here's a really good reason to clean out those cupboards....

CCN is urging all its readers to take some time off during Ramadhan to dig out those unwanted educational and novel reading books, clothing, blankets, doonas and toys and drop them off with **Janeth Deen**.



Janeth is collecting these items on behalf of **SAACID** (pronounced saa-ceed) a non-government organization that helps Somali women, children and the poor achieve their full human potential. Their vision is a world in which all women, children and the poor have full equality and full access to the resources necessary to fulfill their human potential.



The container of collected items is scheduled to leave Brisbane for Mogadishu in December.

You can contact Janeth on 3344 5330 or 0434 923 597 to arrange the drop-off or simply head over to 24 Janice Street, Sunnybank and leave them on her porch (neatly, if you don't mind).

# CCN Letter to the Editor: 2005

Dear Editor

Assalaamuilakum

I would like, through your newsletter, to convey my sincerest gratitude to the young people of the Islamic Females Association who organized the Somalian collection drive on the Saturday. I was overwhelmed by the response of the community and particularly the manner in which the young men and women went about organizing the collection on the day. I was most impressed by the extent of their commitment and dedication - something I have not seen in the youth here in a long while.

There is enough for a container load and more. It would be such a pleasure to see the look on the faces of the people in Somalia when they receive the clothes, books and toys, especially when they see the quality of many of the items that were donated.

I will be leaving for my first Haj shortly and I will make a special dua for these young men and women. If they are an example of the next generation of leaders to come then we can rest safe in the knowledge that our community will be in excellent hands, inshaAllah.

Salaams

**Janeth Deen**

# The Editor's response....

**[Editor]** We can't let your letter pass without recognizing the hard work and dedication that you have put into this cause over the years.

Stories abound of the meticulous care you take in preparing and packing all the items before shipping them off and how you ensure that clothes and books that are in need of repair get the benefit of your many skills before they leave your house.

It is this hard work and enthusiasm that we are sure has been the source of inspiration for many.

We wish you Hajj mabruk, that all your duas be accepted, inshAllah, and that you make a safe and inspiring journey. Our thoughts are with you.

# Queensland Muslim Historical Society (2008)



The Queensland Muslims Historical Society Committee  
(left to right) Wilma Bothwell, Shafiq Allahwala, Faisal Hatia, Malik Issadeen, Sadeq Mustapha, Shummis Rane, Janeth Deen, Fathima Adat and (at the other end of the camera) Mustafa Ally

The Queensland Muslims Historical Society (QMHS), the first such society in Australia, was formally constituted yesterday (Saturday) afternoon at the Kuraby Community Hall.

**Ms Janeth Deen** accepted the role of interim President, **Mr. Shafiq Allahwala**, Vice President, **Ms Wilma Bothwell**, Treasurer and **Ms Fathima Adat**, Secretary.

The first of the projects to be embarked on by QMHS is to set up a display for Eidfest in October this year.

# Queensland Muslim Welfare Association of Queensland Inc 2009

- A welfare op-shop, collecting clothes and other goods from the Muslim community and selling or donating them to members of the local community of all faiths and cultural backgrounds.





# QMWA Opening Ceremony



The QMWA committee  
(left to right) Wilma Bothwell, Janeth Deen, Rodney Smith, Karima Smith,  
Imam Yusuf Peer, Hussin Goss and Osman Rane



Supporters and well-wishers at the opening

# QMWA Opening Ceremony



A prayer for peace and prosperity



No party's complete without a slice of cake to finish it off.  
Doing the honours are  
Osman Rane, Janeth Deen, AK Surtie and Sultan Deen



# Car donated to Welfare Assoc.



(left to right) **Mohammed Afzal, Matthew Swift, Janeth Deen and Osman Rane** at the handing over ceremony

# 2009

Janeth Deen's plan to build a tough-love work for the dole scheme has been taken to the Federal Government after the idea won backing from a panel of local leaders and many others.

In support of this winning idea several compelling arguments were made.

*"The idea is that....registered community groups could contact Centrelink and access the skills of people who are unemployed," Ms Deen said.*

*"Because with these community groups if they're volunteers and they can't do everything themselves they should be able to get people to paint, mow the grass and help out without cost."*

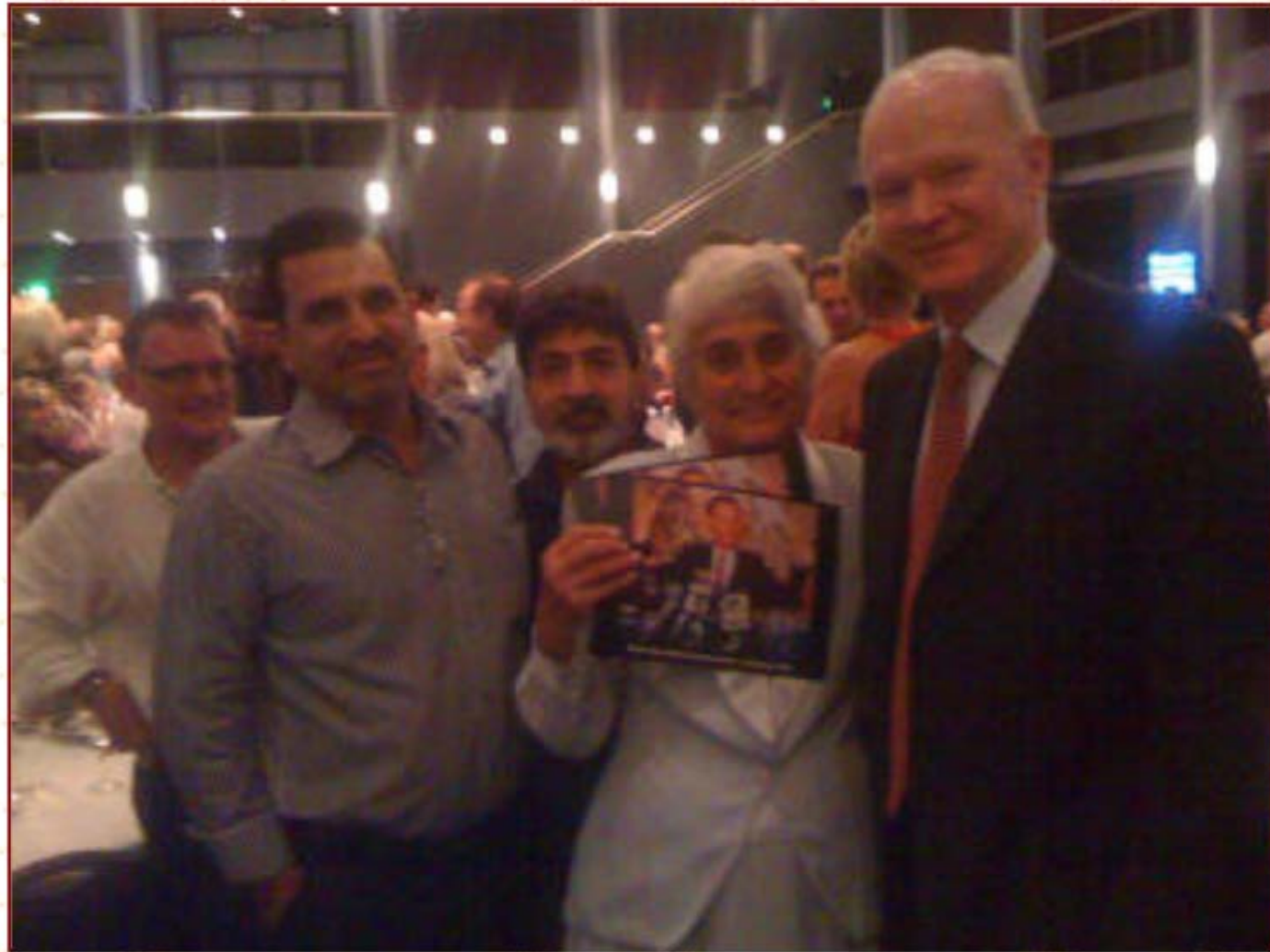
Ms Deen said volunteering should be compulsory for dole recipients.

She said the program could reduce crime, teach unemployed people new skills and help groups with their day-to-day activities. The idea, raised and finessed by several people including Janeth Deen who runs the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association OP shop, and Hetty Johnstone from Brave Hearts, was meant to get people working while they are receiving benefits.



Janeth Deen and Matthew Swift, just before presenting their idea to Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard

# With Wayne Goss (2009)



(foreground left to right)  
**Yousuf Meer, Farouk Adam, Janeth Deen and Wayne Goss**

# The 2009 Crescents of Brisbane / Haji Ebrahim Patel Annual Award



Mustafa Ally presents Ms Janeth Deen with her Special Achievement Award

Brisbane Indian Times Annual Multicultural Awards (2009): **Queensland Muslim Welfare Association** (Best Non-Profit Community Organization)



(left to right) Janeth Deen and Wilma Bothwell  
of the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association



# Free toys this Christmas

FIVE days before Christmas the presents will flow early in Woodridge.

The Muslim Welfare Association will be giving away free toys to children in line with their Eidul Adha celebrations, which this year happens to coincide with Christmas.

Local families – whether Muslim or not – are invited to go the Parkland Plaza back car park and select some free second-hand toys on December 26.

Eidul Adha celebrates the moment when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac, but after Isaac was bound to an altar, the angel of God stopped Abraham at the last minute.

From this story, the Muslim tradition is to give presents to children during Eidul Adha.

This is the first giveaway of its kind the Muslim Welfare Association shop has done, since it opened its doors earlier this year.

It is the first Muslim welfare shop in Australia and was set-up to help anyone struggling and in need of items such as clothes.

"Muslim people want to play their role as well," Muslim Welfare Association president, Janeth Deen, said.

The items in the second-hand shop, including the toys, are donated from Muslim and non-Muslim people in the community.

■ The toy giveaway will be held at the back car park of Parkland Plaza, Ewing Road, Woodridge on December 26, from 2pm to 4pm.



**FREE TOYS:** Janeth Deen at the Muslim Welfare Association in Woodridge will be handing out all the toys she has received as donations since opening at the start of the year.

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**HOLIDAY HANDOUT:** Queensland Muslim Welfare Association president Janeth Deen with some of the toys for the giveaway. **Picture: Derrick Tonkin**

## Faith in acts of generosity

ONE of Logan's leading community organisations will open its huge toy cupboard on Sunday, giving away the contents to children from across the city in a special one-off event.

The handout being organised by the Woodridge-based Queensland Muslim Welfare Association is

running to coincide with the end of Eid Al-Adha, a holiday in the Muslim faith marked as a time of generosity.

Association president Janeth Deen said the toy giveaway was open to all residents and was part of the group's continuous work in the community.

"We are here to help the people of Logan, people of all religions, all races and all cultures," she said.

"We wanted to help all the families that are struggling so we thought we would give away all of the toys that have been donated this year as a celebration of Eid

Al-Adha, which coincides with the Christian celebration of Christmas."

The toy giveaway will be held at the carpark of the Parklands Shopping Centre, 96-101 Ewing Rd, from 2-4pm on Sunday. All children aged 12 and under can take home a toy as part of the event.

# Toys Galore at Giveaway



# Op-Shop Give-Aways (2009)



The hard working Op-Shop Team (left to right): Kim and Rodney Smith and Wilma Bothwell (foreground)

Yesterday morning (Saturday) the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association handed out hundreds of items to the local community to mark the end of Ramadan.

The items were made up of clothes, toys and food donated by Muslims to the Op-shop in Woodridge.

"It's to show that local Muslim people are doing their part to help those people in the community who need it," Janeth Deen, president of the organization, told the local Albert and Logan News earlier in the week.

The give-away ran from 8am-noon with hundreds of people attending throughout the morning.

# Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF)



**Back row (Left to Right):** Faisal Essof, Osman Rane (Vice President), Yusuf Khatree (President) Riyaad Ally, Ismail Bosthan, Hamza (Robbie) Maestracci, Javed Iqbal

**Front row (Left to Right):** Humza Pradhan, Sally Kuyateh, Janeth Deen (Treasurer), Fawzia Batty (Secretary), Fatima Gutta, Farouk Adam

## 2010

The most recent case to be completed by MCF involved an outstanding overseas student from earthquake ravaged Padang, Indonesia who came to study for a Masters Degree in journalism on a scholarship from Ausaid.

**Antoni Tsaputra** suffers from muscular dystrophy.

MCF ordered an electric wheelchair especially modified to cater for all Antoni's daily needs as a student and for his daily requirements. This has enabled him to have more independence and ease the pressure on his father who has had to be constantly by his side.



*(left to right)* Yusuf Khatree, Yousuf Meer, Osman Rane, Effendi Tsaputra, Mufti Zeeyad Ravat, Yusuf Cajee and Janeth Deen with Antoni Tsaputra who can hardly disguise his pleasure and gratitude.

*“I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone that has helped make what would have been a very difficult time so much easier for me and my family.*

*I have been overwhelmed by the level of help given and would especially like to thank Jenny (**Janeth Deen**) for all her help, as none of this would have happened without all her hard work.*

*Inshallah one day I will be given the chance to help someone else as much as I have been helped now.”*

# Robbie Williams Multicultural Citizen of the Year award for her charity work (2010)



The dedicated Queensland Muslim Welfare Association Team:  
(left to right) Wilma Bothwell, Janeth Deen, and Kym and Rodney Smith



Ms Deen is presented with her award from last year's recipient





*(left to right standing)* Muna Ibrahim, Mustafa Ally, Senator Evans, Dr Yunus Solwa, Imam Abdul Quddoos Al-Azhari, Apa Seelma Quddoos  
*(left to right seated)* Jamilah Solwa, Fatima Abdel-Karim and Janeth Deen  
Also in attendance were Mahomed Noor Osman, Farouk Adam and Adam Noormahomed

# Queensland Muslim Historical Society (2010)



Government House at Fernberg in Brisbane with Society patron, Governor of Queensland, Penelope Wensley AO (2010)



The Mayor of Brisbane, Campbell Newman (*pictured right with Janeth Deen*), launched the Muslim Roots documentary on behalf of the Mt Gravatt Community Centre and the Queensland Muslim Historical Society.

2010



# 2011 Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors

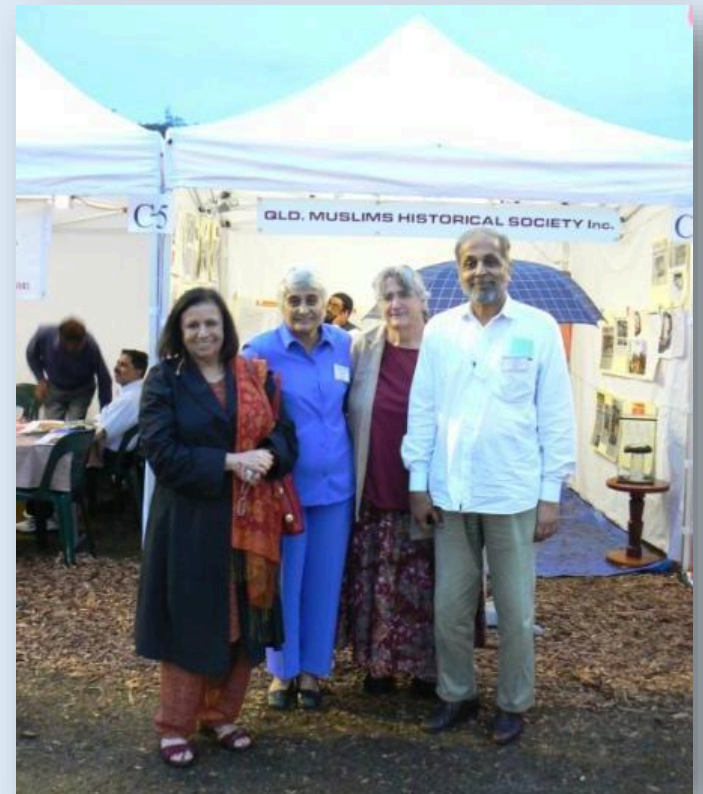


(left to right) **Premier Anna Bligh, Ms Janeth Deen and Ms Karen Struthers MP**

# Governor of QLD: Penelope Wensley (History Society Patron) at Government House (2011)



# Eidfest 2010/11



# Bosnian BBQ raises 5K (2011)



On Sunday, 13th November the Old Bridge Soccer Club held a series of soccer matches at the Acacia Ridge Splash Centre. A BBQ was held after the games, as a fund raising event for the eye gaze machine for Dzenan Nuhovic.

About 400 members of the Bosnian community and their friends attended and event which raised \$5,000 enabling the Dzenan Nuhovic fund to get up to the half way mark, with a balance of \$15,800.

This fund raiser was the second held for this cause, the first being the Women' s Glamour night.



**Mr. Dzenan Nuhovic and (left to right) Mr. Nedzad Nuhovic,  
Mrs. Mirsad Turkanovic Nuhovic,  
Ms Janeth Deen and Ms Sabrina Khan**



# Fund Raiser for Dzenan (2011)





# Supporting special needs pupil (2011)

## MFC to the rescue of Special School pupil



Jaden Dennis (*pictured left with Ms Janeth Deen*) is a young man who has spent his whole life in and out of hospital. He suffers from P36 syndrome which is a debilitating illness that affects his whole body. He often suffers from seizures. His mother Tanya is his full time carer.

This is just one student who attends the Holland Park Special School which also incorporates the Xavier school for students with major disabilities. There are about twenty three students in this centre.

The school is short of the special equipment it needs in its work with these children. The Government does not fund the equipment they so desperately need. The school's P & C raised some of the funds for a walking frame for the use of the children. They were short of some of the funds. The Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF) supplied the balance needed and the school is now in the process of ordering the frame.

Janeth Deen was given a tour of the facilities when she went to hand the cheque from MCF over to the school. She met the staff and children at the centre. The school has a beautiful environment with caring staff who are devoted to the children in their care. They are from all age groups and there are two Muslim children amongst their number.

It is not an easy task for the parents to have to take their children to the school. They need special equipment to move them in and out of the school as well as especially fitted vehicles. Disability equipment is highly priced and there is only limited funding from the government. The parents have to struggle to meet the costs.

MCF funds have helped several disability families who are struggling to supply every day necessities for their families as well as for the disabled member of their family.

# Queensland Floods (2011)



The 2011 Queensland Week celebrations that ran from 4 to 13 June were dedicated to recognising those in communities throughout the state who displayed initiative and bravery during the 2010-11 Queensland floods and Tropical Cyclone Yasi.

Ms Janeth Deen received an award on behalf of the people who contributed through the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association Inc., the Australian Muslim Youth Network (AMYN) and the Queensland Muslim Volunteers (QMV).

# 2011



(left to right) **Mr. Yusuf Khatree, Mr. Haytham Younes, Mr. Jaaved Khatree, Ms Mariam Essof, Ms Farina Abawi, Mr. Peter Kelly and Ms Janeth Deen**

# QLD GOVT Multicultural Awards: Volunteer of the Year Award (2011)



The volunteer award recognized Ms Deen's efforts in championing the values of multiculturalism and promoting community harmony and positive community relations through her volunteer efforts and dedication.

# Qurbani meat distribution in Logan (2011)

Zac's Halal Meats in Woodridge worked in overdrive to process and pack, ready for distribution, in excess of 800kg of meat donated by Muslim Aid Malaysia. Imam Ghazaleh was contacted by Muslim Aid Malaysia to oversee the delivery of the Qurbani meat and further organise the distribution through a Muslim organisation in Logan city.

With the assistance of Janeth Deen who shortlisted recipients from databases kept at the Welfare Shop and MCF in the Logan area, the distribution was achieved. Logan city is a low socio-economic area with over one hundred and eighty-six different Ethnic Groups. It settles a great proportion of Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers. It also houses many single parents and unemployed members of our community.

Janeth contacted Access Services who are responsible for settling many of the migrants and refugees, Multilink who also work with refugees. These organisations cooperated and jointly arranged for the recipients to collect their 5kg meat parcel from Zac's Halal Meats.

It was heart-warming to see the gratitude on the faces of the recipients, many of them had not been able to afford meat for many months, due to the high cost of living.

The Australian Halal Food Services kindly covered all costs involved in the distribution of this meat including transportation and processing charges. Special mention must be made of Nolan Meats for the slaughter and initial meat processing.



Ms Emma Ali Khan with family and friends



(left to right) Abdulrahman Abulkodaah, Galila Abdelsalam, Janeth Deen, Nazurah Salleh, Hamdi Aden, Fahad A;rasjed and Uemmu Tjoe.

2011 Asia Pacific Cities Summit Volunteer



# QMWA closed its doors (2012)



(l to r) Janeth Deen, Kim Marx, Freya Ostapovitch and Heather Robinson

On Monday 30th April, the first and only Muslim welfare shop finally closed its doors.

Founder of the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association, Ms Janeth Deen, was pleasantly surprised by the arrival of the LNP newly elected state MP and Brisbane City Council Councillor for Stretton who arrived at the shop to help with the clean up and transport of the remaining goods.

Ms Freya Ostapovitch MP and her husband Don, Councillor Kim Marx and her husband Derrick, her team member Ms Heather Robinson, her campaign manager Ms Heidi Randall helped out during the day

Ms Deen told CCN she was very appreciate of their help: "These people have only just ended a long period of campaigning for their positions. They have not had time to recover from their hard work, yet they turned up in their team shirts and worked cheerfully to help a welfare shop which was not even in the boundaries of the Brisbane City Council, nor in their electorate."

The Welfare shop has ceased operating and the stock from the shop has been sent to the people of Fiji in two containers that have left from the Kuraby Mosque.

The QMWA Committee thanked everyone who supported the shop during the three years it operated.

Ms Janeth Deen will work with the Muslim Charitable Foundation while Ms Wilma Bothwell, who has suffered health problems, will retire.

# Fiji Food Appeal (2012)



(l to r) Ms Janeth Deen, Mr Umesh Chandra and Mr Mark

The container for Fiji has now arrived and will be available for anyone who wishes to send goods to Fiji. Kitchenware, clean linen or non perishable food items will be welcome.

The container is situated at 39 Portal St, Darra and will be there until 16th April. It will leave the shipping terminal for Fiji on 21st April and InshAllah, will arrive in Lautoka on 30th April.

Ms Janeth Deen will be filling the container over the long week end with goods from the welfare shop. Muslims who have donated goods to the shop in the past can be well assured that they have helped the needy.

Nothing has been wasted, especially when there has been so many natural disasters, both at home and abroad.



Packing the container (l to r)  
Ms Usha Chandra and Ms Janeth Deen

MCF has worked also through Janeth Deen who helped GOPIO fill a container over the Easter weekend with goods from the welfare shop, for instant dispatch to Lautoka.

The Fiji Government will distribute these goods through the Red Cross, not the other charities they are sent to.

Janeth Deen personally rang the Prime Minister's department to ensure this is what is happening at the other end.



The Kuraby Mosque was a hive of activity yesterday (Saturday) as food, clothes and other goods arrived to be loaded onto the container bound in the next few days for the victims of the Fiji flood.

Mr Farouk Adam told CCN that he wished to thank the local community and Mosque-goers for their generosity in responding so magnanimously and so swiftly to the call that was put out at such short notice to fill the containers

A similar initiative is being undertaken with a second container being loaded at the Gold Coast Mosque.

# The Commonwealth Bank & Brisbane Indian Times Multicultural Business & Community Awards

## Community Volunteer Award 2012



Winner of the Community Volunteer Award, Ms Janeth Deen (right) receiving her award from the Honorary Consul of India Ms Archana Singh (left)

# 2012: More than one doctor in the house



*(left to right)*

**Ms Janeth Deen, Dr Kristyn Deen and Dr. Vincent Deen**

The graduation of the 4th cohort of medical students from Bond University took place during the week.

Amongst the seventy graduates were Kristyn Sharee Deen, Yusuf Eqbal, Mohammed Kafilhussain Kafil, M. Masood Sidiqi and Farah Diba Zaman.

Kristyn Deen is the grand-daughter of Janeth Deen and the daughter of cardiologist, Dr. Vincent Deen.

The Deen and Ramah families now have two doctors within their midst and two more grand-daughters of Janeth, Jessica Radvan and Jacqui Deen, have successfully completed their second year of their medical degrees at James Cook University.

# 2012 MCF Annual Report

The efforts of the MCF has been recognized by the Logan City Council and we were nominated for a community award .I am proud to advise that the MCF won the Award in the category of Non Profit Organizations at the Multicultural Business and Community Awards. Janeth Deen won the Volunteer of the Year Award at the same function.

Over 250 people attended the International Women's Day celebrations, cultural entertainment and high tea put on by the Queensland Multicultural Council at the MacGregor Primary school hall.

An important part of the event was to raise funds for the trust fund set up for [Dzenan Nuhovic](#) (pictured left with his parents and supporters) to purchase a \$30000 Eyegaze machine for him.

The \$8000 raised from tickets and donations together with a \$3560 pledge from the Islamic Medical Association of Qld (IMAQ) will help purchase the machine that will help communicate with others after eleven years of silence. He will also be able to employ the services of a speech pathologist to help him utilize the device.



**Janeth Deen co-ordinated the event 2012**





2012



(left to right) Mr David Forde, Dr Yunus Solwa, Mr Farouk Adam, Mr Wayne Bennett and Ms Janeth Deen at the dinner

A dinner with Wayne Bennett was held at the Calamvale Hotel on Wednesday and over \$20000 was raised on the night to help towards the cause.

Channel Seven news reporter and producer Sally Eeles was the master of ceremonies and there was entertainment, raffles and auctions through the evening.

# QMC helps Typhoon victims (2013)

Between the hours of 9 -12am on 23rd November the Queensland Multi-cultural Council (QMC) raised \$23,568.80 for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

Ms Janeth Deen, the secretary of QMC and Ms Fenti Forsyth, the Treasurer helped organize the appeal at the Inala Plaza setting up donation tins on tables.

Most of the donations and entertainment came from the local Vietnamese community and shoppers.

Amongst the speakers was a Philippine Australian, Letty Descola, who lost nine members of her family in the typhoon.

Ms Deen sent Islamic dress clothes to Ms Descola to help fill her containers, on behalf of those who donated to the Queensland Muslim Welfare Ass. Inc.

In two of the cities devastated by the typhoon, Mindanao and Zamboango, the Muslim population comprises over 70% of the inhabitants.

# 2013

The Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF) responded to this disabled person with the help of donated funds from the Muslim community. They had the pleasure of seeing the expression of gratitude and joy on the face of this young lady. We hope our readers can also share this gratitude expressed by this young lady to the Muslims who donate to MCF.

She has been given the independence of movement and will now be able to attend English classes for two hours daily on week days. She has had Arabic classes in her home country, but has never had an formal education to prepare her for any type of work.



*(standing left to right)* **Ms Janeth Deen and Mr Ismail Cajee  
of the Muslim Charitable Foundation**

# Australian Muslim Achievement Award: Volunteer of the Year (2013)

Janeth was the founder and president of the Muslim Welfare Association, co-founder and president of the QLD Muslim Historical Society and diligently collects and records QLD Muslim history. She served as the secretary of the QLD Multicultural Council and a member of the Ethnic Community Council, The Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin, Multicultural Development Association and the Kuraby Lions Club. Amongst these awards, Janeth also received the Australia Day award from the Brisbane City Council and the Federal Electorate of Moreton. She is a mother of five and grandmother of twelve.



# Meeting with the US Consul General (2013)



At the Griffith Multi-Faith Centre

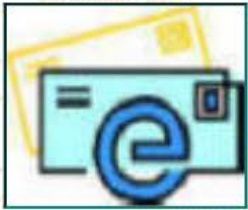
*From left to right:* Dr Mustafa Ally, Haji Sultan Deen, Head of the Queensland Jewish Community Services Mr. Ari Heber, Dr Aafreedi of the Gautam Buddha University in India, Mr Brian Adams, director of the Griffith Multi-Faith Centre, US Consul General, Mr Niels Marquardt, Mr Farouk Adam and Ms Janeth Deen.

# "One G\_D Many Voices" concert (2013)



*l to r* Catering by Ari Heber, Sultan Deen and  
Janeth Deen

# 2014



Dear CCN Readers

All the containers that we have been helping to fill for overseas destinations have now been filled.

Please do not leave goods at Janeth Deen's home as we have not received any more requests for clothing at present.

Household goods for refugees will be requested as the need arises.

Salaams

**Qld Muslim Welfare Association Inc.**

# QMHS donates primary documents to QLD State Library



The collection of documents



Ms Janeth Deen, president of the QMHSoc, hands the material related to Mohedeen Howsan to Ms Lynn Meyers, Original Materials Librarian at the QLD State Library

The Queensland Muslim Historical Society received a donation of primary source material from the family of the late Mohedeen (Bob) Howsan after the death of his sister Ayesha Muriel Howsan.

Included in these documents were papers relating to his airforce career, correspondence advising his parents of his heroic death, personal effects, final pay details, his will, burial details and articles written about his career and sacrifice.





(from l to r) Jamal Rane (MCF), Janeth Deen (MCF), Madenia Abdurahman (MAA), Ismail Cajee (MCF), Farouk Adam (MCF), Sheikh Hassan El Elsetohy (MAA), Yusuf Khatree (MCF), Muhammad Quadan (MAA), Riyaad Ally (MAA)

# 2014

## Help stock up the container for Syria

A container to be sent to Syria has been organized by Ms Janeth Deen.

Donations of the following have been requested:

- \*Toys in good condition
- \*Winter clothing - children, men and women
- \*Baby clothing: 0-1 year
- \*Children's clothing: 5-10 years
- \*Teenage clothing: 12+
- \*Ladies abayas

**2015**

The Queensland Muslim Historical Society (QMHS) was amongst 32 history societies invited to showcase their work at the Brisbane City Hall this week.

The QMHS received praise and encouragement from a number of visitors and exhibitors:

*"It is so important that you are here, in light of all the negative comments Muslims are receiving at the moment, this display shows that you are an important part of our society."*

*"It is great to see you here, it is necessary to show the public how much a part of our history the Muslim community is and the great role you have played in Australian history"*



# 2015 "Peace & Dialogue" Iftar Dinner and Queensland Intercultural Society Awards



At the recent "Peace & Dialogue" Iftar Dinner and Queensland Intercultural Society Awards held at Parliament House on 16 July, Ms Janet Deen and Ms Gail Ker were acknowledged with awards for their ongoing service to the community.

This ifthaar was co-hosted by Queensland Intercultural Society and the Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (ALP) and Mrs Tarnya Smith MP, Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (LNP).

## MCF bags Christmas packs

# 2015



The Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF) wrapped some 100 Christmas toiletry packs for adults with a disability in residential care in response to a call out made by David Forde for 120 such packs.

Other Muslim families contributed the balance, all within the space of hours.



Janeth Deen, Fawzia Batty, Faisal Essof, Osman Rane and Yusuf Khatree



Fawzia Batty, Janeth Deen, Farouk Adam, Yusuf Khatree, Osman Rane and David Forde

# 2016: Bringing Christmas cheer to those in need



*(l to r)* Janeth Deen (Muslim Charitable Foundation),  
Nikki Cheslin (On The Edge Founder) and Saalihah  
Seedat (Share The Dignity Shero)

# 'Wheel of Wellbeing' Workshop (2016)



Saalihah Seedat, Fathima Gutta, Janeth Deen

**Janeth Deen** who is synonymous with a large number of charities, captivated the audience when she shared her vision, experience and selfless commitment to the causes she supports. Of particular interest was her involvement with the Queensland Muslim Historical Society and her vision to see a mini museum being built at the Holland Park Mosque showcasing Muslim heritage, and for this to be part of the heritage trail. Aunty Janeth emphasised the fact that volunteering fills a void in her life, she doesn't feel lonely anymore as she is surrounded by people and through her voluntary roles she has made lifelong friendships both locally and internationally. When asked how one should start volunteering, she answered "Start now." Every little helps. Even if you only help one person. It is significant.

2016







**Gayatri Choudhury**  
**Fundraising Officer**  
**Mater Foundation**

The wonderful team from Muslim Charitable Foundation (MCF) came by this week to present Mater Mothers' Hospital Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Maree Reynolds, with 100 jars of cookies for the hardworking staff at Mater Mothers' Hospital Brisbane as token of appreciation. MCF aims to offer help wherever they see need —and wanted to show their appreciation for the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support the community. Thank you so much for your generosity, MCF!



On Thursday 10 March members of the Muslim community attended a luncheon for Graham Perrett MP at Michael's Oriental with special guest the Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs.

# 2016 Australia Day Awards



Flanked by Janeth Deen and Sgt Jim Bellos are the Moreton Australia Day Awardees (l to r) , Faisal Essof, Yousuf Meer, Riyaad Ally and Yasmin Khan

# Sunnybank recognition by Peter Russo MP 2016



(l to r) **Dr Mustafa Ally OAM** (*Crescents of Brisbane and Crescents Community News (CCN)*), **Ms Janeth Deen** (*Queensland Muslim Historical Society*) and **Mr Ismail Cajee** (*Islamic Council of QLD*) were "recognized for their contribution to advancing multicultural values in the Sunnybank community" by State Member for Sunnybank, Mr Peter Russo MP.

# QPS Recognition Award (2016)



# Lions Club of Kuraby (2016)



# Community Iftar Dinner at Holland Park Mosque (2016)



*“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Imam Uzair Akbar and Ali Kadri for their work and also want to shout out to all the people who helped us in organising and volunteering on the night especially Javed Ahmed and Janeth Deen and family.”*

*“Janeth Deen gave THE BEST Australia Day speech I have ever heard.”*  
(2017)



Ms Janeth Deen with Mr Graham Perrett at the SunPac venue in Sunnybank where, according to one member of the audience, she "gave THE BEST Australia Day speech I have ever heard."



# Moreton Australia Day Award 2017



At the annual Moreton Australia Day Awards, Ms Janeth Deen was presented by Lady (Benise) Killen with the Sir James Killen Award for Outstanding Community Service. The Award is named after the former Member for Moreton, Sir James Killen.

Janeth volunteers with the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association, Queensland Muslim Historical Society Inc., Muslim Charitable Foundation, Queensland Multicultural Council Inc., Mt Gravatt Historical Society, the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Believing Women for a Cultural Peace and the Brisbane Kuraby Lions.

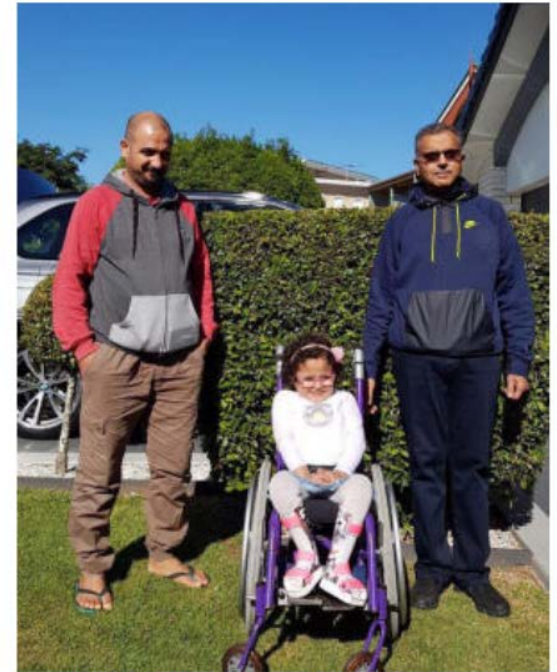
"She has a heart of gold and has run a welfare shop and packed containers full of goods for victims of war and natural disasters. Janeth regularly feeds the homeless and is also involved in many local multicultural events. We're grateful for Janeth's overwhelming contribution to our community," Federal Member for Moreton, Mr Graham Perrett, said of Ms Deen.

# Fatimah's Story

Fatimah was born in war-torn Iraq with Spina Bifida eight years ago. She is paralysed from the waist down and only has half a kidney situated in her naval area. She is eight years of age but only the size of a three year old



Haseena Osman (left) with Fatimah and family



Ferhaad Osman (right) with Fatimah and her father

The Osman family took charge of fund raising and Janeth Deen, on behalf of MCF, took charge of applications for visas, tickets and ensuring they could return to Australia as they are still classed as refugees. The family had to go to Sydney to be interviewed for the visa to Turkey as they do not have passports, just travel documents. The Visa application had to be processed in Turkey as they do not have passports. All thanks goes to Janeth Deen and the Turkish Consul General for facilitating the visa.

# Janeth get flags flying permanently at the Holland Park Mosque (2017)



These three flags will be a permanent feature at the front of the Holland Park Mosque



*Islamic Society of Holland Park Inc.*

**CERTIFICATE OF  
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Awarded to

**JANETH DEEN**

for the work and support of our Mosque



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# Historical Society at Expos



# The Mosque Next Door: SBS series (2017)



The Mosque Next Door - Starts Wednesday 8 November,...



Step inside The Mosque Next Door in new SBS documentary series  
Three-part series premieres Wednesday 8 November, 8.30pm on SBS



Janeth Deen was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) Medal in Queen's Birthday 2018 Honours List for her services to the multicultural community of Queensland.



to r) Ms Gail Kerr OAM and recipient of the 2018 Queensland Greats award, Ms Janeth Deen OAM, historian Ms Beryl Roberts and  
- Adelaide OAM former president of the Queensland State High School

*“We can’t tell you of the hundreds of other good deeds that Jenny has done over the years and of the people and organizations she has helped out, partly because the list is almost never-ending and partly because we simply do not know of them because so much of what she has done for others in her life has been done with little or no fanfare and very privately.”*