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### **Editorial**

In an earlier editorial we called for a co-ordinated effort to raise funds for the victims of the Tsunami disaster that would bring together the various stakeholders, organisations, institutions, cultural groups and religious and ideological affiliations under a single Brisbane Muslim Community banner. It is heartening to see that the call did not fall entirely on deaf ears as the first steps towards such a move were taken when IWAQ, ICQ, QMT and FAMSU came together to stage an Eid lunch at the RNA Showground. The proceeds have been earmarked for the orphans and the people who lost their means of livelihood as a result of this tragedy. Add your CoB to this alphabet soup of organisations and you have the beginnings of a formidable force in our region. There are now suggestions to build and formalize this structure on a more permanent basis so that we can react to events of this nature more readily and swiftly, while also establishing the infrastructure needed to support local families in our own midst who might also be in need of financial and social help. We would expect more organisations and groups to affiliate with this combined group in the near future as has your Crescents of Brisbane which has also thrown its weight behind these projects. All funds raised from Crescents **Kids4Kids** will be channelled towards this joint initiative, *inshaAllah*.

### **Crescents Kids4Kids Update**

The Lord Mayor, **Campbell Newman**, and his wife, **Lisa** and their two daughters, **Rebecca** and **Sarah** will be present at the starters' line to kick off proceedings. We discovered that the Mayor was himself a keen runner when we saw him finish the Bridge to Brisbane 12km run in around 50 minutes last year. While our Circuit-thon might not be anywhere as demanding we hope to also get him to take up the challenge.

Festive Fiesta has kindly donated Sunbeam Facial Therapeutics to be given out on the day (some of our lucky participants are not going to have to worry about what to get for Mum this Mother's Day it would seem).

**There are going to be food stalls and specialist stalls at the Park. If you would like to set up a stall of your own and raise funds for the cause as well please email your [team@crescentsofbrisbane.org](mailto:team@crescentsofbrisbane.org) with the details. It's free, but you might need to arrange for your own table and shade.**

## Eidghaar in Brisbane

.....a picture is worth a thousand words....



.....and an audio is worth even more....

**Qari Mehboob Ul Haq**, of Holland Park *Masjid*, led the *Eid Salaat* and *Khutba*. If you would like to hear a part of his recitation please click [here](#).

Our *Man-on-the-Mussallah* apologises in advance for the less than perfect sound quality in parts. It was recorded from the very last *Saaf* using a \$99 MP3 player/voice recorder embedded deep inside the recesses of his *Khurtar* pocket.

Note: You might have to wait for the whole file to download before it will play. Dial-up users may wish to go out and cook their dinner while this is happening. Their broadband cousins could consider starting up their coffee percolators. But it's worth it!



### Islamic School Gets off Ground

More than 300 people joined in the opening celebrations of the Brisbane Islamic School in Durack last Sunday. Guest speakers, Brisbane Mayor, **Campbell Newman** and Liberal Federal Minister **Gary Hardgrave**

sang the praises of those involved in the establishment of the new institution. Both pledged council and government support for the on-going running and maintenance of the school. The Minister of Education called on students of the school to become ambassadors to our neighbouring Islamic countries and help build the bridges between our nations

Parents of prospective students and well-wishers were allowed to tour the facilities and to speak to teachers. Everyone was treated to a traditional Aussie-style barbie afterwards.

When the proposed final structures come into fruition there will be a modern, state-of-the-art campus in Brisbane that will not only cater to the needs of the local community but to international students as well.

CCN congratulates Imam Quddoos and his team for the splendid effort they have put into making this noble endeavour the success that is going to be, *inshaAllah*.





### **You Can't Put a Good Man Down!**

**Solly Solwa** was a fanatical and boisterous squash player and a man who literally could not sit for more than five minutes at any one time. One day, while tending his supermarket in Durban, a gunman fired off a shot during an armed robbery that went through his abdomen and lodged itself in his spine.

As a result of this Solly ended up confined to a wheelchair, the bottom half of his body paralysed from the waist down. A lesser man would have resigned himself to his fate and succumbed to despair and despondency, but not Solly. Intensive daily physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, biokinetics and acupuncture and the dedication of his wife, **Sara** and son, **Aboobaker**, saw him make a remarkable improvement, to the extent that he was now able to drive himself around in a modified vehicle, return to a full day at the supermarket and work out daily at the local gym.

That was 34 months ago. Today, Solly has already been for Umrah, travelled to Melbourne and Sydney and is now visiting family and friends in Brisbane. A remarkable achievement for a man who spent a whole year in bed unable to move a muscle.

Our *Man-on-the-Mussallah* played squash (and mostly lost) against him in the rebel non-racial Durban and Districts Squash League in the days when sport used to be divided on racial grounds. Still, our *Man-on-the-Mussallah* does not rate his chances highly even if they were to meet in the court today.



### **(A very crowded) Brisbane Arrival Lounge**

**Faisal** and **Fatima Koya** and their children **Yaseera** (20), **Mohammed** (18), **Ameera** (17) and **Waseela** (12) of Durban have come to settle here in Brisbane. Fatima is the sister of Sulaiman Peer (Imam Peer's nephew).

Also, here to settle are **Imraan Hussein** (brother-in-law of Imam elect of Gold Coast *Masjid*, Imraan Hussein) and his wife **Amina** with their children **Bibihajra** (14), **Mohammed Ebrahim** (13), **Mohammed Ayob** (10) and **Mahmood** (8).

**Malik** and **Zaini Issadeen** have abandoned Francistown, Botswana for the bright lights of Brisbane with **Luqman** (21), **Omar** (18), and **Mariam** (14). Originally from Sri Lanka, Malik adds his talents to the Bi-Rite chain of stores, and their e-mail address that starts with *issainoz* is a sign that they are now here for the long haul.

**Dr Abdul Gaffar Abdulrahman** and **Fatima** have come from Cape Town on an extended (one year) LSD (look-see-decide) trip to Brisbane with **Masood** (9), **Imthiaz** (8), and **Salman** (6). Abdul Gaffar is at the Redcliffe Hospital and Fatima is waiting impatiently for her container to resume her profession as a slimming consultant. After the indulgences of Eid day, we suspect that she could well be one very busy lady during the course of the next few weeks.

CCN welcomes all of these families to Brisbane, and just as importantly, into the Crescents Community. We trust that they will enjoy their stay here and would like to suggest that they can count on the help and support of everyone in our community if they ever need it.

### **Eid BBQ**

The Islamic Society of Holland Park, the Darul Uloom and the Brisbane Muslim School are hosting a free Eid BBQ on **Sunday 30 January** and everyone is invited. It will be held in the new campus of the Brisbane Muslim School in Durack starting at 11am. Contact Imaam Peer on 0415-710-613 for more information.

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