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Brisbane's Loss is Swaziland's Gain

The *nikah* of **Haseena** and **Shakir** took place at Algester *Masjid* yesterday (Saturday 19 February). Haseena is the only daughter of **Suliman** and the late **Hanifa Sabdia** of Brisbane and Shakir is the only son of **Goolam** and **Khatija Mohamed** of Mbabane, Swaziland. The reception was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel attended by some 300 guests.

In heading for the 'Switzerland of Africa', Haseena will be leaving behind many of her friends and family and she will be sorely missed by all of them. CCN offers the newly weds our best wishes and for them to *hambakahle* and *salakahle*.



Spread a Bit of Joy – Donate a Toy!

One of our sponsors, **Babyhood**, is offering to collect toys on behalf of the Sri Lankan Tsunami relief team. If you have some decent toys that you have no use for anymore you can drop them off at their showroom at 3 Durbell Street, Acacia Ridge. They are also accepting clothes that are clean and neatly packed.

BEHIND THE VEIL-*underneath we all the same* **(A Message from IWAQ)**

The Islamic Women's Association of Queensland (IWAQ) would like all interested stall holders and volunteers to contact event coordinator, Naseera Ally, as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made for this upcoming harmony day event. There are only four weeks before our event! Time is of the essence, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be apart the harmony day festivities. This is great opportunity to further promote yourself or business to the wider community. So show your support by becoming in involved in this event, as the event aims at trying to erase the misconceptions that the outer community has about Women in Islam and Islam in general.

We do hope you will all join us in celebrating HARMONY DAY this year, the event will be taking place on the 19 March 2005 at the Kyabra Community Centre, Kyabra Street (off Compton rd), Runcorn, and is scheduled to start at 10am-4pm. There will be a booklet launch with guest speakers at 12:00 noon-12:30. The booklet highlights older Muslim women's contribution to Queensland, the launch aims at reinforcing the purpose for holding this event.

It will be a family fun day for all with demonstrations of martial arts, entertainment such as jumping castle, fairy floss, sno-cones and soccer with the cops for the kids; and a variety of craft, food and retail stalls.

This event is free and open to the general public (Muslim and non Muslim) so please bring along family and friends as all are welcome! Look out for our flyers, tune in to the radio station 4BH on Saturday the 26th of Feb 8pm-9pm, and keep an eye out for our newspaper write ups in the local and community papers and keep abreast with our progress and lead up to our event.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, stall holders and volunteers who are currently involved. We appreciate your support and willingness to be apart of this event, without your involvement and enthusiasm this event would not be possible. If anyone is interested in becoming involved either as stall holders, volunteers, sponsors or donators please don't hesitate to contact the Event Coordinator Naseera Ally on 3272 8071 as soon as possible.

*Stall holders have until Friday 25th Feb to get in touch with the event coordinator.



Congratulations to Crescents of Brisbane's team member, **Abrar Peer**, on graduating this week with a B.Sc. in Information Technology from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Abrar is the oldest son of proud parents **Imam** and **Ayesha Peer**.



The Janet Jackson Wardrobe Malfunction Award of 2005 has got to go to

....*Missabitatiti*.....the name of the rowing boat entered by the Breast Cancer Association of Queensland in last Sunday's open rowing competition on the Brisbane River at Southbank. With a name like that it was little wonder that it veered off course and into a fellow competitor just in front of the finish line.

As some wag suggested on the day that their coxswain must have failed to compensate for the slight leaning of the balance towards starboard. 🤔

The entire event looked like a whole lot of fun with teams of 20 rowers (many of whom only very recently introduced to the sport) racing over a 250 meter stretch. Our CresFit4Life-ers who were going about their usual Sunday morning business stopped dead in their tracks at around the 4km mark to observe the proceedings. Looking at the motley bunch that actually took part decked in their team shirts and life jackets there were many amongst us who wished we had also fielded a team. So watch this space for a call to join the *Crescents Crewsers* and the *Crescents Moonlighters* in the 2006 event.

de Bono Debunks de Myths

Janette Hashemi wrote:

On 19th January 2005 I listened to a brilliant talk given by **Dr. Edward De Bono** at the National Press Club, Telstra Address, on ABC TV. He spoke on "Thinking" - creative thinking, lateral thinking, problem solving etc. With a room full of journalists, one of whom asked the question how the Christian West should deal with Islam. Dr. De Bono's answer was superb. He told the story of a seminar he gave in Saudi Arabia on "thinking", where one Muslim man stood up and said we don't have to think we only need to do what the Quran says. To this, Dr. De Bono corrected him with three *hadith* from Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) on the importance of thinking and knowledge. Dr. De Bono then told the journalists at the National Press Club that the "essence of Islam is very constructive" while he illuminated the audience with the true Islamic concept of Jihad and that suicide is strictly forbidden giving quotes for both from the Quran. He went on to say that the "the Quran states these things explicitly". He told the journalists that Muslims and Christians need to sit down and talk to each other. *Alhamdulillah*, sometimes it is those not known as Muslims, who do the greatest good for Islam.

“Music: A Question of Faith or Da’wah”

Yusuf Islam has recently come under a great deal of flack from certain quarters of the Muslim community for releasing some of his old recordings. You can read his rationale for doing so by clicking [here](#).



The Brisbane Departure Lounge

This week sees the loss to Australia of yet another Solwa. This time it was the turn of Mohammed and Naadia Solwa to head back to the delights of Durban, South Africa together with baby Zakirah.

We trust that as they laze on the beaches of Umhlanga, Snake Park, Addington and Ballito or eat out at Talk-of-the-Town, Jolly Grubber, 2Go, Bombay to Beirut, Wimpy, and Wrap-It-Up that they will spare the occasional thought for those they have left behind to contend with Broadbeach, Surfers Paradise, Noosa and Nandos. On behalf of the Crescents Community CCN wishes them all the best as they cope with the trauma of not having to wash any more dirty dishes, clear up their tables after each meal, iron their own clothes, vacuum their carpets, take out the garbage or ever have to get out of their car to fill petrol at the service station again!

ps. A little birdie tells us that Naadia took more than just a little bit of Australia when she went past customs at Brisbane Airport – word has it that she is six months pregnant.



The Brisbane Arrival Lounge

The Crescents Community welcome new arrivals, the **Mahomedy** family, to our shores. **Nazira** and her husband, Shameem (who is due to land here in March) hail from Durban, South Africa and have two children **Ahmed** (11) and **Ayesha** (9). Nazira is a qualified Alima and has taken on the job of Muallimah at the Kuraby Madressah. Shaheen is a Quantity Surveyor.

Come Alive in 2005!

You don't *have* to be crazy to join
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but it helps just a little 😊

See you and the family at Kangaroo Point on Sundays at 7.30 am!



Never a Dal Moment in Brisbane

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* gets the Bollywood treatment

Showing at the AMC and Birch, Carol & Coyle this week is *Bride and Prejudice*. Our very own *Mumbai Madame* who keeps CCN abreast with all things Bollywood saw the film on Valentine's Day and said that while Julia Roberts is on record as saying that [Aishwarya Rai](#) (top left) is the most beautiful woman in the world, she (*Mumbai Madame*, that is) was of the opinion that the Will Darcy character, New Zealander [Martin Henderson](#), (bottom left) was "also very easy on the eyes".



"Singing Superstar Live in Concert"

Sonu Nigam (of Kal Ho Na Ho and Main Hoon Na fame) will be performing at the Chandler Theatre at the Sleeman Centre together with Agam Kumar, Neekita Nigam and Sowmya Raoh on Sunday 13th March. Tickets are available at Global Convenience who, along with Flamin' Grill and Dr Abdul A. Azam, Dental Surgeon and others, is sponsoring the show.



Futsal Tournament to Kick Off

Queensland Muslim Times (QMT) and the Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth (FAMSU) are organizing an indoor Futsal tournament, dubbed the **QMT Unity Cup**, on 13th March. Several teams from Brisbane, the Gold Coast and surrounding areas have already signed up for the tournament but entries are still being accepted on a first come first serve basis. So why not get a bunch of guys together (all it takes is 5 players to make up a team) and join in the fun, even if you can't bend it like that fellow from Real Madrid.

Date: Sunday, 13th March (kick-off is at 9.30am)
Venue: Acacia Ridge Sports Centre, 1391 Beaudesart Road, Acacia Ridge (opp. Acacia Ridge Hotel)
Team Entry: \$70 (which includes meals for the teams)

Food will also be available for sale from Flaming Grill who will be catering on the day.

If you are not wanting to take part why not come on the day and shout for your favourite team.

For more information go to <http://www.queenslandmuslimtimes.org> where you will find everything you want to know about the rules of the game and as well as entry forms and other details.

[Editor] Our *Man-on-the-Mussallaah* has offered to field a team (named the *Men-on-the-Mussallaahs* of course) of decrepit oldies who last kicked anything resembling a ball when Pele captained Brazil, on the proviso that the necessary handicap rules are stacked heavily in his team's favour.



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