



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM SPORTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Website: www.nzmsa.co.nz

Affiliated to Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand

In Association with Fiji Muslim FANCA SPORTS FEDRATION (Fiji-Australia-New Zealand-Canada-America)

Monthly

Newsletter

June 2015

Ramadan Kareem To All

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and this is the month in which the Quran was revealed, when Archangel Gabriel (Jibreel in Arab) appeared to the Prophet Muhammad and began revealing the verses of the Quran and continued to do so for 23 years.



least once in a lifetime). Fasting in Ramadan is not only abstaining from food, but from evil actions, thoughts, and words. Ramadan is also a time for spiritual reflection and devoting themselves to worship and pray to Allah. Welcome the month of Ramadan with the heart

During this period of time, fasting is very important, and constitutes one of the five pillars of Islam (which include declaring there is no god except God, praying five times a day, giving to the poor and needy, and pilgrimage to Mecca at

filled with peace, harmony and joy. May the divine blessings of Allah protect and guide you. May this Ramadan be as bright as ever.

On this month of Ramadan, we are wishing you 4 weeks of blessings, 30 days of clemency, and 720 hours of enlightenment. Happy Ramadan!



During the month of Ramadan, Muslims observe a strict fast and participate in pious activities such as charitable giving and peace-making. It is a time of intense spiritual renewal for those who observe it. At the end of Ramadan, Muslims throughout the world observe a joyous three-day celebration called Eid al-Fitr (the Festival of Fast-Breaking).

family and friends, give gifts (especially to children), and make phone calls to distant relatives to give well-wishes for the holiday. These activities traditionally continue for three days. In most Muslim countries, the entire 3-day period is an official government/school holiday.

Eid al-Fitr falls on the first day of Shawwal, the month which follows Ramadan in the Islamic calendar.

It is a time to give in charity to those in need, and celebrate with family and friends the completion of a month of blessings and joy.

Before the day of Eid, during the last few days of Ramadan, each Muslim family gives a determined amount as a donation to the poor to ensure that the needy can have a festive meal and participate in the celebration. This donation is known as sadaqah al-fitr (charity of fast-breaking).

On the day of Eid, Muslims gather early in the morning in outdoor locations or mosques to perform the Eid prayer. This consists of a sermon followed by a short congregational prayer. After the Eid prayer, Muslims usually scatter to visit various



In New Zealand this year if the new moon is sighted sighting on Friday 17th July than the Eid al-Fitr will be celebrated on Saturday !8th July otherwise it will be celebrated on Sunday 19th July.

2015 ANNUAL General Meeting

Mid Term Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association was held last month. The affiliates of the association were very pleased with the activities of 2014 which included the madrasah kids sports and lunch.

Activity Report 2014

With grace and mercy of Allah subhan o ta'ala New Zealand Muslim Sports Association completed 20 year anniversary in 2014. Over the two decades the Association has been nurtured and grown to be one of the strongest ethnic organisation of New Zealand.

Annual General Meeting 2014

The annual general meeting was held at Masjid Al – Mustafa on 30th March 2014 at 2.00 pm. Br. Sheikh Israr was elected to lead the organisation. Over the year, most of the elected members still remain and office while few have resigned. In some instances, the Association has co-opted new members. Following members are part of the executive committee:

Br. Sheikh Israr Ahmed -	President - em: president@nzmsa.co.nz
Br. Iqbal Hussein -	General Secretary - em: secretary@nzmsa.co.nz
Br. Aiyaz Akhtar -	General Treasurer - em: treasurer@nzmsa.co.nz
Br. Mohammed Faruk -	Vice President
Br. Izaz Hussein -	Vice President
Br. Shamil Jalil -	Vice President
Br. Abdul Haroon -	Vice President
Br. Naushad Ali -	Assist. Secretary
Br. Abdul Bobby -	Committee Member
Br. Abdul Saiyad-	Committee Member
Br. Haji Zahed Tahir -	Committee Member
Br. Sheraz Dean -	Committee Member
Br. Abdul Sahid -	Committee Member
Br. Shaheem Rahmani -	Committee Member
Br. Amir Ali -	Committee Member

Br. Anwar Ghani -	Patron
Br. Gul Zaman -	Vice Patron
Br. Sher Jawan -	Life member
Br. Nur Ahmed -	Life Member
Br. Hazrat Ali -	Life Member
Br. Mohammed Azeem -	Life Member
Br. Mohammed Ricky Kalam -	Life Member

Dawah Programme

NZMSA joined Al-Farooq Centre and Onehunga Centre in doing a programme on Seerat-un-Nabi program. The above program was held on the 9th of February 2014 at the Otara Pool and Leisure Centre. The program started at 11 am and concluded at 2 pm after lunch. About 200 men and 250 women and kids participated in the program. The main speaker was from England, however some local speakers also presented talks on life of our beloved Prophet (s.a.w). Many EC members participated in this programme and Br. Usman gave a speech on behalf of the Association.

The Association intends to participate in such activities in future.

Apna 990 Fundraising

During Apna 990's award night New Zealand Muslim Sports hired a stall to raise funds for the Association. This project was headed by Br. Shamil Jalil and the Association made substantial profit in one night.

FANCA 2014

New Zealand Muslim Association fully participated in this FANCA activity. The Association represented in all categories – Main, Over 35, Over 42. This project was headed by Br. Mohammed Faruk. Some new practices was implemented by the Association for the purpose of transparency and efficiency. Expressions of interest were invited giving a fair chance to all the members of the community to head a team. Strict guidelines were set to safeguard the integrity of the Association.

All teams did their level best in selecting and preparing players for the FANCA tournament. There was high level of collaboration between the three teams who demonstrated strength and unity of our nation.

Players and team officials were fantastic ambassadors of NZMSA and New Zealand. They displayed excellent level of discipline, good sportsmanship and most

importantly our Islamic values.

All our teams performed very well in the tournament. It was unfortunate that over 35 and 42 teams could not qualify for the finals. Our main team were the champions of FANCA 2014.

FIANZ Unity Cup 2014

This tournament was played over the Easter weekend at Bill McKinley Park, Mt. Wellington. The theme of the tournament was respect your parents and elders. Br. Shamil Jalil and Br. Mohammed Faruk headed this project. 14 teams participated who were grouped in 4 pools. It was very significant in this tournament that there is a strong interest of Muslim youth from different ethnic groups to participate in our tournaments.

Our youths displayed very high level of competitive soccer while building on their Islamic values. Mt. Wellington was the champion of Unity Cup 2014 and Avondale being the runners up.

FIANZ Eid Cup 2014

Br. Aiyaz Akhtar and Br. Abdul Haroon headed this project. This tournament was hosted at Centre Park, Mangere from 4th to 7th December, 2014. 13 teams participated who were grouped in 3 pools. Additionally, volleyball and madrasah children's soccer was introduced for the first time as a tournament activity.

The innovative approach taken by these two brothers has established a sound foundation for the Association to consider to have greater inclusiveness for much broader Muslim community of New Zealand.

This tournament attracted more crowd which added to its overall success. This was an incident free tournament where everyone displayed true Islamic spirit.

Ponsoby was declared winners and Botany as runners-up.

Partnership: FIANZ

Although there was no funding from FIANZ in 2014, NZMSA continued to sustain the relationship with them. They were invited in both of our tournaments and their representative was present to witness the tournament.

The funding issue was due to some changes in their procedures and protocols during the year. Delegates from the Association participated in FANCA Annual General Meeting and were able to convince them to continue all future funding.

The Association has also established a good professional relationship with Fianz Youth Coordinator – Br. Hazim Arafah. Based on Fianz's expectation on inclusiveness and Dawah, the Association will continue to meet these expectations to secure their funding. With the grace of Allah subhan o ta'ala, FIANZ gave their contribution for Unity Cup 2015. Inshallah, their funding will continue in future.

Local Madrasahs

Having activities like volleyball and under 12 kids soccer has helped us to establish the much needed relation with them. Kid's soccer was very popular and we had about 8 teams participating. Undoubtedly, this activity will grow in future. There were many strong suggestions to include other age categories in madrasah soccer. New Zealand Football

During Eid Cup, the Association was privileged to have Jamie Milne (Community Development Manager) as our guest. This provided us opportunity to establishing relationship with the main soccer organisation of the country – New Zealand Football. We are hopeful that this relationship will continue to develop in future while benefiting our members.

Meetings

Over 2014, the Association called for several working committee and few Council meetings. Meetings are called as per the need. All meetings had adequate quorum and members arrived at the meeting on time.

Most members had shown strong understanding of the constitution and the bylaws which helped them to make meaningful contributions in the meetings.

Publicity/Information

The Association continues to run a website and a Facebook page. Our website has an average of 1000 visits per month and Facebook page has about 660 members following our page. These are the first source of information for our members and other people who have interest in our Association.

Conclusion

2014 was a highly successful year for the Association. Members were always conscious about achieving the aims and objectives of the Association. Some strong foundations have been laid which will be strengthened in future.

This was only possible with the support and corporation of all affiliates and the hard work of the members.



Memo

To: Secretary - Local Associations, Trusts and IWCNZ
From: Secretary, FIANZ
CC: President, FIANZ
Date: 25 May 2015
Subj : ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVES AT FIANZ AGM 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Assalaam Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatoh

We pray that by the Grace of Almighty Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala, this note reaches all of you in the very best of health and highest of Islamic sprits.

We are pleased to inform that at the recently concluded 37th AGM of FIANZ held in Wellington on 23-24 May 2015, a new team of officials was elected to the Executive Committee to manage the affairs of the Federation. The new team comprises:

President	:	Hazim Arafah	president@fianz.co.nz
First Vice President	:	Asif Koya	vice-president@fianz.co.nz
Second Vice President	:	Steve Ali Akbar	-
Secretary	:	Ibrar Sheikh	secretary@fianz.co.nz
Treasurer	:	Mohammed Faiaz	treasurer@fianz.co.nz
Assistant Secretary	:	Abdi Rizak	-
Assistant Treasurer	:	Mohd Afey Jama	-

In accepting the post, Br Hazim assured all members of the community of his dedication and commitment towards seeing the unity and progress of the New Zealand Muslim community. Br Hazim's desire is to strive for excellence in building a united and more dynamic community which will always play a positive role in maintaining New Zealand as a strong, healthy, peaceful, progressive and vibrant country.

Jazak Allahu Khairan and Wasalaam


PP **IBRAR SHEIKH**
SECRETARY

A United and Progressive Community

7-11 Queens Drive, Lyall Bay, Wellington
PO Box 14-155, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6241 • New Zealand

Telephone +64 4 387 8023 • Facsimile +64 4 387 8024
Email fianz@vodafone.co.nz • Web www.fianz.org

The New Al Farooq Masjid – By Haji Mohammed Azeem

Alhamdulillah, the construction of new Al Farooq masjid at 34 Portage Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand commenced during the month of Ramadhan with the demolition of part of the existing building.

The two story structure built of pre-cast concrete will comprise of prayer hall, classrooms, office, library, ablution and kitchen facilities with totally separate amenities for sisters.

This is a community based project and with the help of Allah SWT and through the support of our brothers and sisters we will Insha-Allah be able to complete this masjid.

This is a unique opportunity for the Muslim Ummah to New Zealand to become a founding member of a new masjid and earn Sadaqah Jaariyah by donating generously towards this worthy cause. Mosques are most sacred places on earth and the reward for building a mosque is huge.

When Rasulallah (SAW) migrated to Madinah one of the very first things he did



Existing



Under construction



Proposed

was to build a Mosque.

Rasulullah (saw) said who so ever builds a mosque for Allah; Allah will build likewise for him in paradise. "مَنْ بَنَى لِي مَسْجِدًا بَنَى لِي مَسْجِدًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ" (Bukhari/Muslim)

You can donate by:

1. visiting us personally;
2. putting the money in the account shown below;
3. Online banking;
4. Automatic payments.

Account details for your mosque donations are:

Name: Al Farooq Cultural &

Development Trust

Bank: ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited,

Hunters Corner Branch,

Address: Great South Road, Hunters

Corner, Auckland, NZ

Swift code: ANZBNZ22 (needed if transferring from overseas)

Account No: 06-0583-0556720-01

Ramadhan Mubarak to all

THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

F
A
I
T
H

S
A
L
A
T

Z
A
K
A
T

F
A
S
T
I
N
G

H
A
J
J

الْإِسْلَامُ
الْمَسْجِدُ

