



Society's Report

Submitted to the Annual general Meeting on 26 June 2010

The Executive committee presents this report as a summary of the activities carried out during the last year:

- The Society's financial standing is sound and the documentation is under control and fulfilling the auditing requirements as shown in the financial report. The auditors noted in their management letter that there are "no matters that require immediate attention".
- We have renewed the public liability insurance which is important for the continuation of the Society's activities and its members.
- The Society continued to receive donations from the Supreme Islamic Council for Halal Meat of Australia (SICHMA). It should be noted that our direct involvement in the council through Brother Mohamed Helmy's representation in SICHMA's management is an important factor in continuing to receive such moneys. Jazaa Allah kheir Brother Mohamed Helmy.
- The Society organised several functions and picnics with some success. Attendance was acceptable however should be noted attendance must increase.
- The Society organised a Girls youth camp which proved to be a great success. The camp was attended by Sheikh Tag and Dr Nahla. Sister Asmaah Helal was the lead organiser and supervisor of the camp, Jazahaa Allah Kheir. Plans are in place to organise future camps for both females and males.
- The Society sponsored three Egyptian soccer teams (2 males and 1 female) to compete in a Mini World Cup tournament held at Golden Goal soccer field, Strathfield in May. The day was a great success with many loud Egyptian supporters cheering on one of our men's team to the semi-final where they lost a tightly fought match 2-1, to the French team.
- The Society assisted and supported worthy Muslim welfare and community matters. Achieved through donations to recognised local and international welfare and muslim community organisations such as Al Quran Al Kareem radio, AIM (Aust. Islamic Mission), NSW public schools scripture program.
- The funeral assistance account has been active in collections and assisting in funeral expenses. The money in the Funeral assistance fund has increased and more money is needed to be able to assist in emergencies. Few cases needed the Society's involvement to make sure that burial was done promptly.
- Monthly meetings at Blakehurst public school and the hall at Georges Hall continue with good attendance.



- **Again this year, the Society's most critical matter of business was locating a permanent centre.** After careful assessment of options, the committee submits two proposals for vote at the 2010 AGM. The proposals both include construction of a large office/reception space, for exclusive use by the society and its members at Arkana College due for completion by mid 2011. Further, the society will have access to the new school hall (outside of school hours and functions) negating the monthly rental of Blakehurst school and Georges Hall, and the library. Proposal 1 calls for an initial lease agreement of 10 years at \$10,000 per annum with unlimited extension options. Proposal 2 calls for a 99 year lease agreement at \$250,000 lump sum payment. The committee decided it best for the society to be debt free and without need of bank loans (subjecting the society to “Riba” interest) therefore ruled out the purchase of a centre.
- The Executive committee continued its responsibility in supporting our members in their time of difficulties and needs by providing physical and moral support as well as the social participations in accordance with the Islamic manners and obligations among Muslim brothers and sisters.
- The Executive committee agreed unanimously to sponsor the Arkana fund-raising dinner by committing to pay all costs of the function centre.

The executive committee urges the members to be more responsive to functions and meetings organised by the executive committee, **in particular to extend invitations to their siblings and younger generations in order to increase participation from 2nd and 3rd generation Egyptian Australians in the community.** Consequences for lack of proactive approach to the previous point could be grave for the identity of the Muslim Egyptian community in NSW.

The constitution and the financial reports can be downloaded from www.IslamicEgyptians.com.au

Wasslamu Alaikum
The Executive Committee