



Society's Report

Submitted to the Annual general Meeting on 26 June 2011

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 members.
- **A highlight for the Society was to have Sheikh Wahdan el Morsheddy join us for the holy month of Ramadan. Amongst the many activities the Sheikh led were as follows:**
 - Taraweeh prayers together with our own Sheikh Ahmad Talaat.
 - Dars/talks at Arkana, Friday Jumma prayers and after Taraweeh prayers
 - Ramadan Iftar dinner was a huge success as numbers far exceeded expectation with the Sheikh leading a very highly contested Islamic quiz
 - The Sheikh also represented Al Azhar and the society on QK Radio as keynote guest on Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed's afternoon program, Discussions with the Ulamaa"
- The Society organised a very successful Ramadan calendar and continued these efforts with a successful Eid Breakfast event at the Arkana School Hall. This was followed with an extremely successful Eid picnic returning to the home of society picnic locations at Auburn botanical gardens.
- Fortnightly gathering's commenced and have attracted good attendance with guest speakers including Sheikh Tag, Sheikh Zaky Ragab, Cooking classes or instructions on how to cook were also given in classes by Gamal Hassanen.
- After approval of the proposal to create our own space on the premises of Arkana College as a result of the vote from the preceding AGM, the society and members now enjoy access to the new school hall (outside of school hours and functions). In addition, phase 2 and 3 construction is taking place and should be completed in August, preferably in time for Ramadan. This will allow the Society and members use of an exclusive office and public library.
- The Society organised several functions, picnics and harbour cruises with success. Attendance for several of these events were well above expectation and I note this improved positively in comparison to attendance noted in last year's report.
- The Society has commissioned a new website and domain name, almost ready for release which will allow a multitude of new services, information and membership administration as well as connecting with social media sites and most importantly our youth.
- In another milestone, the Society has created a new youth group who will become the future leaders of our community. The group is in early stages however have already earmarked projects such as increasing community awareness of the situation in Egypt and assisting with social causes, the new website development and ongoing material contributions, Islamic learning of youth, camps, activities specifically for youth.



- The Society was active in several meetings during the Egyptian revolution together with the Egyptian consulate and other Egyptian organisations.
- The Society organised an interview by 3 University of New South Wales journalism students who were writing a paper on the recent revolution in Egypt.
- 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 a Girls youth camp which proved to be a great success. The camp was attended by Sheihk Tag and Dr Nahla. Sister Assmaah 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 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.
- In addition to the previous point and more specifically, the society conducts the chaplaincy service through specific visits to the sick and/or hospitalised. These visits are completed by Hag Mohamed El Shafey, Hag El Said Kandil and Hag Mohammed Helmy.
- The Society assisted and supported worthy Muslim welfare and community matters, doing so 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 & JMA (Just Media Advocacy).
- The funeral assistance account has been active in collections and assisting in funeral expenses. The money in the Funeral assistance fund has increased however more funds are needed to assist in emergencies. Few cases needed the Society's involvement to make sure burials were promptly completed.

The executive committee notes an increase in support and attendance to society activities. We also note the positive developments with the youth group hopefully leading to a greater number of activities and services the Society can provide for our community. The constitution, annual and financial reports can be downloaded from our website www.IslamicEgyptians.com.au

Finally, being an election year, I hereby announce the resignation of the current executive committee and wish all those who seek re-election best of luck. I wish the future committee every success and believe the society is in good hands if the youth group is nurtured and developed to service the needs of the Islamic Egyptian society of NSW inshaaAllah.

Wasslamu Alaikum
The Executive Committee