



## Society's Report

Submitted to the Annual general Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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

- TIES financial standing is sound. Documentation is under control and fulfilling auditing requirements as shown in the financial report.
- Joint representatives from TIES and YouthIES committees have participated in several workshops to update our Strategy. Key outcomes of this process are:
  1. Defining our Vision and Mission **“To serve the community through Islamic, Welfare and Social initiatives”**
  2. Re-branding to attract increased members, volunteers and participation
  3. Streamlining of goals, initiatives and activities.
- Ramadan was once again the focal point of major activities. Taraweeh prayers led by a collection of young local brothers coordinated by Ahmad Talaat and Ahmad Oouf to promote our young brothers and to save on transport and lodging costs for a Sheikh. This was not ideal as the young brothers have other commitments and could not always attend on-time, therefore we will request a Sheikh for the coming Ramadan inshallah.
- **TIES Ramadan Iftar dinner was again a popular event with several hundred participants however the YouthIES Iftar was a huge success financially as well as spiritually with 200 guests, \$4,500 in sponsorship and \$11,500 of donations raised in aid of Syria.**
- TIES and YouthIES organised an engaging Ramadan calendar with a well attended Eid breakfast event at Arkana College followed by the Eid picnic at Auburn botanical gardens.
- Fortnightly gathering's continued with several key talks, information sessions and ongoing voting or constitutional updates taking place, however attendance was inconsistent and some gathering's were cancelled. To revive attendance TIES purchased 2 table tennis and 1 pool table.
- TIES and members now have access to an office and private meeting room, in addition to the hall which has been available to TIES and members for several years.
- TIES continued its active role in events taking place in Egypt together with the Egyptian consulate and other Egyptian organisations.
- TIES continued to receive donations from the Supreme Islamic Council for Halal Meat of Australia (SICHMA). TIES is represented by Dr Mohamed Helmy who was alhamdulillah re-appointed as SICHMA secretary for another term in the AGM. SICHMA is also very supportive of TIES projects and Arkana College activities.
- TIES invested \$60,000 into the Crescent Wealth fund to support a very worthy Islamic cause and to create an additional Halal revenue stream. As the fund was very new the current performance is modest however as Crescent wealth increases funds under management we expect performance to improve. This investment must be seen as a long-term exercise and will allow access to Halal funds in the future inshallah.



- The Executive committee continued its responsibility in supporting our members in 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 Shafei, Hag El Sayed 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 muslim welfare organisations such as Islamic Relief, NSW public schools scripture program, JMA (Just Media Advocacy) and Mission of Hope's Villawood Detention centre Iftar and Eid gift drive (in conjunction with Arkana college). TIES raised \$2,030 for the Iftar, enough to feed 82 fellow muslims with excess \$550 going towards purchase of Ramadan food packs.
- 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 TIES involvement to make sure burials were promptly completed.
- We have renewed the public liability insurance which is important for the continuation of the Society's activities and members.
- The Society's new website and domain name and ability to connect with social media sites has been a strong driver in attracting our youth.

The executive committee notes an increase in support and attendance to society activities. We also note positive developments with the youth group leading to a greater number of activities and services the Society can provide for the community. Finally, I like to acknowledge the close co-operation between TIES and Arkana College and trust this will continue into the future ensuring both organizations remain valid, viable and successful in servicing the Islamic community in NSW. The constitution, annual and financial reports can be downloaded from our website [www.IslamicEgyptians.com.au](http://www.IslamicEgyptians.com.au)

Wasslamu Alaikum  
The Executive Committee