

# 2022-2023

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) REPORT

### SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2024 AL SALAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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We acknowledge the land that we stand on today as the traditional lands of the Kaurna people (past and present), and we respect their spiritual relations with the country.

#### **Marion Mosque**

Masjid Omar Ibn Al Khattab Al- Salam Community centre 658 Marion Road, Park Holme, SA 5043

#### Wandana Mosque

Masjid Abu Bakr As-Sidique Al Salam Wandana Centre 52 Wandana Avenue, Gilles Plain, SA 5086

#### Whyalla Mosque

Masjid Ali-Bin Abi Taleb 5 Morris Crescent, Whyalla Norrie, SA 5608

#### **Murray Bridge Mosque**

85 Old Swanport Road, Murray Bridge, SA 5253

#### **Mount Gambier Mosque**

Masjid Maryam 9A Cedar Street, Mount Gambier, SA, 5290

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Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park SA 5043 Australian Islamic College, 22 A Cedar Ave, West Croydon SA 5008 Pinnacle College, 52-56 Wandana Ave, Gilles Plains SA 5086 TAFE SA Salisbury, 16 Wiltshire St, Salisbury SA 5108

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## ISSA's Goals

# Vision

To empower, unify and integrate the Muslim community to achieve a more inclusive and productive Australia.

# Mission

- To encourage and create inclusive and educated communities.
- To establish and foster intercultural relationships.
- To engage and mentor young Muslims to become community leaders.
- To provide community with social, educational and spiritual services.

# Governance ISSA's Board 2023 - 2027



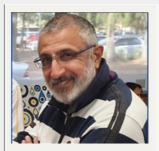
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Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy



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Silma Ihram



Khaled Abazly

### **Imams and Staffs**



Imam Riad El-rifai



Imam Abdulsalam Alim



Filzah Rahmat



Nurhayati Mohd Rahim



Zouheir Mawlawi



Kathryn Jones



Fatah Latifi





# **President's Report**

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in South Australia,

Alhamdulillah, 2023 has been a challenging year for the Islamic Society of SA (ISSA). It was one of the most complex and unique years I have experienced during my commitment to ISSA. While we celebrated the election of the new committee in February 2023 and assembled a full team of enthusiastic men and women for the first time, we were filled with energy and enthusiasm to begin our new projects, plans, programs, activities, and services for the year.

In March 2023, we launched the Al-Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF) to serve as our first tax-deductible organisation, working alongside with ISSA and serving as the financial arm to provide financial assistance to the community. Alhamdulillah, AHF has undertaken numerous projects and provided support to many needy Islamic families in South Australia.

In the same month, we welcomed Ramadan and were fully prepared for it, Alhamdulillah. The atmosphere was filled with peacefulness and faith as we organised several activities, including Quran competitions and daily Iftar gatherings at both mosques. Additionally, we rented a praying hall for the Northern Muslim community to practice their faith during this holy month.

In **April**, we bought our **first funeral van** for the community. The community was grateful to have such a service for the first time in South Australia, providing funeral services run by Muslims for the Muslim community.

In **July**, the first time our beloved staff has run a very interesting project along with the Baptist care is "Haircut for Homeless", This project received strong approval and it granted support from the wider community as well as volunteer barbers.

In **August and September**, we organised several activities for our sisters and youth, including visual addiction for youth & parents along with sports festival in Salisbury.

Additionally, we opened a new branch for the Al Salam Academy of Adelaide (AAA) in Salisbury.

Alhamdulillah, AAA performed very well last year. Our three branches, along with the new branch, had almost 400 students who learned Arabic Language, Quran, and Islamic Studies. Additionally, the Quran Halaqa in Marion Mosque had more than 100 students, MashAllah.

In **August 2023**, we appointed Sister Kathryn Jones as the **Muslim Outreach and Guidance Facilitator.** Sister Kathryn's primary objective is to address the existing barriers faced by new Muslim converts in South Australia in their journey to understand Islam. She is offering guidance and unwavering support to new converts, fostering a strong connection with the Muslim community and providing assistance in areas where they may currently require support. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sister Kathryn for her outstanding efforts to ease the journey of new converts.

Regarding the Smithfield cemetery, Alhamdulillah, the process of obtaining the land is nearly complete. We have begun developing the land, and by April-May 2024, we may be able to utilise the graveyard in the new land of the Islamic section.

Additionally, we have submitted an application to the council to obtain building approval for the mosque. We would like to congratulate the Muslim community on this significant achievement, and inshaAllah, we will realize our dream of completing the construction of the mosque in the near future. In addition, we are holding off on the Marion land project until we have a clear plan for the Smithfield cemetery. However, our main objective behind this plan remains to extend the current centre and build more facilities for the youth. Nonetheless, our approach may evolve based on the needs of the community and their priorities, Insha'Allah.

All the above services, activities, programs, and events went well until **October 2023** when the humanitarian situation in Gaza began to deteriorate after the attack on October 7. Our focus shifted entirely to what was happening in Gaza, and we began to witness the unfair treatment of our brothers and sisters there. It was disheartening to see the entire world, including the Australian government, turning a blind eye to their suffering.

Afterward, the majority of our thoughts, emotions, programs, activities, and events were directed towards Gaza. This became incredibly draining for all of us in terms of time, energy, social well-being, and finances. It significantly impacted our performance as a society.

We pray to Allah that our Gazan brothers and sisters regain their land, freedom, and dignity. These people have endured immense suffering due to the injustice of the entire world, including their Islamic countries neighbors, unfortunately. Israel has exposed them to unbearable conditions, and unfortunately, all the moral lectures from the international community have failed to bring about change. May Allah assist them and alleviate their suffering soon, Insha'Allah.

On another sad note, It is with deep regret that I must inform you that **Imam Riad** has decided to leave us and relocate to Sydney by the end of February 2024 Insha'Allah. MashAllah, Imam Riad has been serving the society and the community since 2011. Throughout his time, he has been instrumental Imam, Teacher, Brother and true leader within our community, demonstrating strong teamwork and dedication.

During his time with us, we have experienced moments of agreement and disagreement, yet the mutual respect we shared should serve as a model for every Islamic organisation and Imam in this country.

However, The Society has advertised the position, and Insha'Allah, the applications will close by March 11, 2024.

Following this deadline, we will shortlist the applicants based on the selection criteria we have outlined. Alhamdulillah, we have selected the assessment panel, which consists of members from the Imams Council of SA along with some of our committee members. We will then conduct interviews with the successful applicants.

As this is a very sensitive position for the community, we urge all community members to be patient and trust the panel to take the necessary time to select an Imam who meets the requirements and demands of the community, Insha'Allah.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the Muslim community of South Australia.

This gratitude extends to all volunteers, including men, women, and youth, as well as the Imams, staff and committee members who have supported the Islamic Society of SA.

Many have generously contributed their time and resources to strengthen the Society.

Your unwavering belief in ISSA has enabled us to accomplish significant achievements this year, Alhamdulillah.

Please continue to support ISSA as we strive to empower the Muslim community in South Australia.



#### Ahmed Zreika President of ISSA



## **Secretary's Report**

Assalaamualaikum everyone,

2023 was my first year as the Secretary at ISSA but it feels like I have been around with the society for a much longer time and yet time has flown by. Such is the acceptance and pace at ISSA.

Without much ado, let us take a look at the highlights of 2023.

### Committee selection and special resolution

Year 2023 was the first of the 4year term for our new Committee. A special resolution was motioned at our AGM in 2022 to increase the number of Committee members from 8 to 9. Right after the AGM, the following members were elected to the Committee.

- a. President Ahmed Zreika
- b. Vice President Adnan Abu Ajamieh

c. Secretary – Farheen Mushtaq d. Treasurer – Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy

#### **Executive members**

- e. Dr Omar Smadi
- f. Samar Fakhani
- g. Silma Ihram
- h. Khaled Abazly
- i. Norhoja Omarhoja

#### **Diverse Committee**

Unity is a great virtue and at ISSA unity transcends backgrounds and cultures. We have a community that reflects the of diversity. beauty Out committee, like our community, diversity of ethnicity, reflects cultural gender, and geographical backgrounds.

In 2023, we made history. Since the inception of ISSA in 1955, it was for the first time we invited and elected women on our board who now make up for one committee third of our members. With our new committee, we have endeavoured to approach our community better, understand them better and serve the better.

#### **Committee meetings**

Committee Our members convene at regular intervals to discuss existing projects and to the for future plan to accommodate the needs of our growing community. We have (7) Committee had seven meetings from Feb 2023 till date

#### Sub-Committees

Our Committee members devote their time not only for the Committee meetings but have successfully stepped up to be part of various sub committees like Youth Sub-Committee, Dawah Sub Committee, Media Sub-Committee to name a few.

Our Sub-Committees have been running successfully and some new projects have already been launched in 2023 like Muslim Outreach Program. The subcommittees convene at regular intervals as befits their area of work.

### Staying in touch with our community

We have a robust database and are able to update our community members not only through facebook, Instagram and website but through emails and sms too. We are also in the revamping process of our website with added features which will make navigation easy for community members who are looking for information on our website

We have also experimented with community voting this year to get feedback on some matters this year. We will endeavour to engage with the community, as need arises, and would like to see active participation from the community. Last but not at all the least, we will continue to extend and channelise our support for our beloved Palestine. Palestine has found victory even when its oppression continues. I see its victory in uniting, not only the Muslims but the whole world for one common cause like nothing I have witnessed before. This to me is a victory before a victory.

May Allah guide us and grant us the strength and wisdom to always stand by what is right.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and I look forward for another year of shared accomplishments.

Farheen Mushtaq Secretary of ISSA





# **Finance Update**

I would like to thank our Muslim community for their ongoing support and donations to the Islamic Society of SA throughout 2022-2023.

Alhamdulilah, with your trust and generosity, ISSA is able continue in its pursuit to deliver our commitments.

However, in the last financial year, ISSA experienced a decline in its income - almost 55% lower than the previous year.

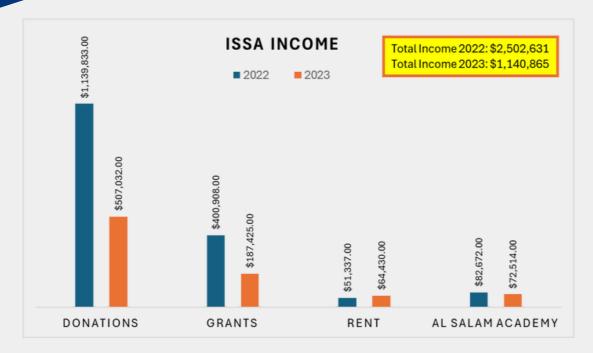
The decrease resulted from these contributing factors:

- Crisis currently affecting the Ummah i.e Gaza crisis
- Multiple Charities
- Multiple essential projects
- Wages growth
- Limitations of Grants and Donations streams
- Volunteers
- Increased inflation and utilities rate etc

ISSA's incomes are acquired in various modes; and these are the 4 main streams:

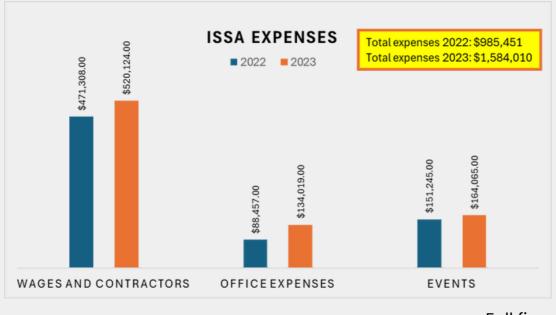
- 1. Community donations
- 2. Governments' Grants
- 3. Rental income
- 4. Al Salam Academy of Adelaide





The community's population has grown exponentially over the years. Higher cost of living and inflation rate also contributed in the significant increase of ISSA's expenses. Almost 60% increase compared to 2021–2022 expenditures.

Despite these challenges, ISSA continues to deliver both social and religious programs, activities and events to the community.



Full financial report: http://islamicsocietysa.org.au/letters/FINANCIAL-REPORT-2023\_ISSA.pdf

### Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF)

- Established September 2021
- Launched Ramadan 2023
- Deductable Gift Recipient (DGR) registered

With the launch of Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF), this initiative will be an extended arm of ISSA in empowering and providing assistance to those in need within South Australia.

### Financial year 2022 (end 30/6/2023) income - \$261,250 Financial year 2023 income (to date) - \$235,187

Zakat Maal Collected \$86,136 Disbursed \$32,000 Balance \$54,136 Humanitarian Fundraising Campaign

**Earthquakes** Turkiye - Syria \$23,543 Morocco - Libya \$18,282

Zakat Fitra \$31,000 (fully disbursed)

Qurban \$6,250 (fully disbursed)

Sadaqa and donations Collected \$273,099 Disbursed \$58,754

Balance \$214,345

<u>Full financial report:</u> <u>http://islamicsocietysa.org.au/letters/</u> <u>FINANCIAL-REPORT-2023\_AHF.pdf</u>

Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy Treasurer of ISSA Humanitarian Aid Gaza - \$94,592



### Imams' Update with Imam Abdulsalam and Imam Riad

Praise be to Allah who blessed us with a greatest blessing of Islam, I bear witness that there is no divinity other than God, the True Manifest King, I bear witness that our master Mohammad is the servant of God and His final Messenger, the one who is true to his covenant and trustworthy. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his entire household, companions, and all those who follow his teachings until the Day of Judgement.

It is a well-established fact for many that the Imam's responsibility is to lead daily prayers, deliver Friday and Eid sermons etc. In fact, the Imam's role is not restricted to that rather it goes far more beyond that.

As Imams, our purpose are to advance the cause of Islam and serve Islam and the Muslims in general and especially the Muslims of South Australia.

Within our mosques, we follow the Islamic doctrines and beliefs

according to the Sunni's school of thoughts. We serve a diverse community which has been growing rapidly during the last decade. Jumu'ah and Eid prayers are attended by approximately 1,000 Muslims.

Al Salam Centres provide community spaces to gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes.

We provide funeral, also matrimonial, and divorce counselling services. In addition, we also conduct youth focused activities, as well as working with the Islamic Society to prevent any basis discrimination on including (but not limited to) school of thought. In addition to the above.

Furthermore, we are registered marriage celebrant and serve the Muslim community in that capacity as well. As the founding member of the Council of Imams of SA, we take huge pride in serving the community to spread the knowledge and goodness of Islam to everyone regardless of gender, ages and background. As part of the continuous effort to advance the cause of Islam, we organise programs in the masjid such as:

1. Interfaith dialogues / visits

- 2. Lectures / talks
- 3. Quran reading
- 4. Weekly Islamic classes for both adults and youths
- 5. Prayers (Eid, Taraweeh etc)



التقرير السنوى للشيخ رياض الرفاعي للعام 2023

الحمدلله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على عبد الله ورسوله محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين. لقد دأبنا خلال العام الماضي بفضل الله تعالى على متابعة مهامنا وواجباتنا الموكلة إلينا والتي تنوعت وتعددت فمنها الدعوي والتوجيهي الذي كان من خلال الخطب والدروس الوعظية الأسبوعية في المسجد وخارجه ومنها حلقات التحفيظ والإقراء لكتاب الله تعالى بالإجازة بالسند المتصل لسيدنا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، ثم كان لنا دور مع المسلمين الجدد والرد عل تساؤلاتهم والحمدلله لله أن اعتنقوا الإسلام سائلين الله لنا ولهم الثبات وحسن الختام.

ومنها العمل الإجتماعي بشقيه :

التواصل مع أبناء المجتمع في أدليد لتوطيد العلاقات وتوثيقها وربطهم بالمسجد والجمعية لبناء جسم سليم متكامل مبني على أساس من قول الله تعالى:( وتعاونوا على البر والتقوى)، وزرع المحبة والود ونزع بذور الحقد والضغينة وبناء نفوس طيبة سليمة كريمة متعاونة وبفضل الله تعالى وكرمه لقد أمضينا أثنا عشر عاماً وأكثر بالتعاون مع الإخوة الكرام في الجمعية الذين ما علمنا عنهم إلا الإخلاص والجهد الطيب وهذا ظننا ولا نزكي على الله أحداً وأيضاً بالتعاون مع إخوة غيورين على العمل من أبناء مجتمعنا العظيم في أدليد الذين لم يبخلوا بجهد ولا بمال ليكونوا خير سند لبناء صرح الأخوة العظيم، حتى حققنا الكثير من الإنجازات والمكاسب التي سوف تبقى شاهدة على ذلك بإذن الله تعالى سائلين المولى القبول.

وأما الشق الثاني فهو متابعة قضايا مجتمنا الأسرية والشبابية والنفسية، سواءً الزواج والطلاق أو الخلافات والمشاكل بين الإخوة وأبناء المجتمع وسعينا لحل هذه المشاكل بالقدر الذي وفقنا الله إليه وكنا نخرج بنتائج مرضية والحمدلله منهجنا في ذلك (ولا تنسوا الفضل بينكم)، (والله يهدي من يشاء إلى صراط مستقيم)، وقد كنا نواجه بعض القضايا المستعصية ولكن ما لمسته من طيب نفس وحسن عشرة ومن حب وود يعجز اللسان عن وصفه والله من رجالها ونسائها وشبابها وفتياتها من أهلنا وإخواننا في أدليد كنا نتوصل إلى الحلول التي كانت تناسب الجميع وتحل تلك المشاكل على أهون الأسباب وألطفها ، وإني أوصي أسرنا والقيمين على بيوتنا من آباء وأمهات أجلاء أن يحقظوا أمانة الله التي بين أيديهم إنها الأسرة إنهم الأبناء خاصة ونحن في بلد من السهل جداً خسرانهم بطريقة أو بأخرى خاصة وأن هناك من يتربص بنا لسلب هويتنا وتضييع معالم حضارتنا العظيمة.

وسعينا لمد جسور التواصل مع المؤسسات الحكومية ورموزها لما فيه مصلحة العباد والبلاد واضعين نصب أعيينا في المقام الأول تقوى الله سبحانه وتعالى وابتغاء مرضاته. وسعينا أيضاً لمد جسور التواصل مع أبناء المجتمع الأسترالي بكافة أطيافه وانتماآته في هذا البلد وزياراتهم في مناسبات عديدة بغية التعارف والتعريف بهذا الدين العظيم دليلنا وشعارنا (أدع إلى سبيل ربك بالحكمة والموعظة الحسنة).

إثنا عشر عاماً ونيف كنا معكم لنؤكد أن وحدة الصف والكلمة والتفاهم والتعاون هم سبيل نجاح العمل وهذا ما اوصي به إخواني من بعدي أن لا يدعوا مجالاً لتضييع الجهود بما لا يجدي ولا ينفع من خلافات هي من زرع شياطين الجن والإنس ورعايتهم وتربصهم. وصيتي لكم وحدتكم ثم وحدتكم ثم وحدتكم الشيخ رياض الرفاعي

> إمام مسجد عمر ابن الخطاب− ماريون الجمعية الإسلامية في جنوب أستراليا

## Al Salam Academy of Adelaide (AAA)

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear brothers and sisters

Alhamdulillah, AAA is in its 7th year and has achieved its academic goals as per academic calendar. Programs such as Hifz, Alim and SACE programs covering Ouran, Islamic and Arabic studies were part of the curriculum in all its 3 campuses i.e. Marion (HMT), Croydon (WCR) West and Wandana (WAN).

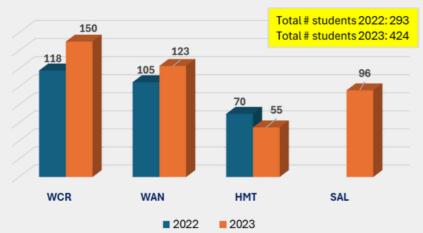
As AAA progresses into the 21st century, the teachers are equipped with proper training to adapt with high-tech learning tools that enable them to engage and teach students effectively. AAA teachers also use active learning approaches, such as design-based learning, where students are engaged in relevant and purposeful activities

In August 2023, a 4th campus was established in TafeSA, Salisbury (SAL). This new campus caters to families and students living in the northern suburb of Adelaide.









#### # students in AAA

With this new campus, the total number of students enrolled are over 400. Almost 40% increased from 2022 enrolments.

This made AAA one of the fastest growing learning academy in Adelaide.



HAFIZ ASSEMBLY



OUTDOOR LETTER GAMES



QURAN MEMORIZATION



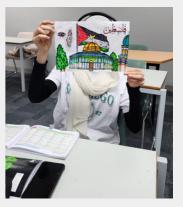
QURANIC COMPETITION

Dr Ahmed Mostafa Principal West Croydon and Wandana Branch



**QURANIC COMPETITION** 

Khadijah Haj Principal Hamilton branch



PALESTINE IN HISTORY

Khaled Abazly Principal Salisbury branch

# Al Salam Funeral Services (AFS)

The death of a loved one can evoke a mixed emotions for anyone to go through. Hard it may be in overcoming grief, there's still a lot to organise to ensure the funeral is undertaken well.

Al Salam Funeral Services (AFS) was established in 2022 to fulfil the role of a Muslim Funeral Director within South Australia, serving the Muslim communities within it.

At AFS, we provide a full spectrum of services, from the simplest disposition to the most complex funeral service with its myriad of details.

From the time that death was reported by a family member, our funeral director will assist with transporting and storing the body, washing, shrouding and burial in accordance to Islamic practices.

Our Muslims community are very diverse in its own way, hence our funeral directors always demonstrate cultural sensitivity through our engagement with the bereaved family members.

We have found that the right support, understanding and care makes all the difference when it comes to funeral arrangements.

Our services are carefully curated to meet each family's needs. To date, AFS has assisted 10 families in their funeral arrangements for their loved ones.



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# Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF)

I am honoured to present the annual report on behalf of AHF, outlining our activities and achievements in our first year 2023, as well as our upcoming projects for 2024.

This past year has been marked by dedication, collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to our mission of providing humanitarian aid and support to those in need. We could not have done all this great work without the support of our community, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all our dedicated members, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed to the success of our initiatives throughout the year.

#### Projects, Events, and Initiatives in 2023:

• Haircut for Homeless: We organised two successful events during the month of July and December to provide haircuts for the homeless. These events not only offered practical assistance but also served as opportunities for compassion and community engagement. We collaborated with Baptist Care SA, and I'm pleased to report that the events were well-received and impactful.



#### Projects, Events, and Initiatives in 2023:

• **Financial Support**: AHF provided crucial financial support to 8 referred participants, successfully closing out and supporting 7 cases. We currently have 1 case under review, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to assisting those facing financial hardships. We assisted 3 participants with their household bills, 4 cases did not fit eligibility criteria and 1 is still under review.

• **Earthquake Victim Support**: In response to the devastating earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, Morocco, and Libya, AHF provided vital support to affected communities, demonstrating our commitment to global humanitarian efforts with our not-for-profit partners in those regions.

• **Support to Gaza**: with your help we have been able to actively support Gaza, particularly during the recent war, with the assistance of our partner Human Appeal Australia.

• We have also collaborated with our parent organisation ISSA to launch our **Gaza Families Assistant Program** which aims to provide humanitarian aid to Gazans migrating to Adelaide under visitor visas, offering financial support to assist with medical expenses during their stay. 3 families have been supported with financial assistance and we are still seeking further donations to support their medical needs.

• **Outreach Program**: We initiated an outreach program in 2023, meeting with the principals of Australian Islamic College, Pinnacle College, and Garden College to promote AHF's services. This has resulted in increased referrals and support for parents with school fees and educational needs for our future generation.



#### Upcoming Projects and Initiatives planned for 2024:

• **Community Garage Sale**: As part of our Ramadan initiative, we will be organising a community garage sale to raise funds for AHF. The proceeds will directly contribute to our humanitarian projects.

• **Zakat Masterclass**: We are organising to have a Zakat Masterclass at our Wandana Masjid, this masterclass with Imam Abdul Salam aims to educate our community about the significance of Zakat and how it can be effectively utilised to support those in need.

• **Ramadan Fundraising Appea**l: We have planned various activities during Ramadan to raise funds for AHF's humanitarian projects, ensuring continued support for those in need.

• **Recruitment of Zakat Officer**: To enhance our community's understanding and practice of Zakat, we will be recruiting a Zakat officer to provide information, process payments, and offer support during Ramadan.

	AL SALAM HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION
Community	Need information on
Garage	ZAKAT?
RAMADAN Balk Sale	CONTACT
	ahf@islamicsocietysa.org.au
Wandana Mosque Marion Mosque   Sunday Sunday   25th February 2024 3rd March 2024	8374 2280
12pm-4pm 4pm-8pm	Make your 100% Tax-Deductible contribution TODAY!
Click or scan more details https://bit.ly/garagesale2024	Acc name: Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation BSB: 065-000 Acc Number: 1270 9608 Ref: Zakat
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• **Engagement with Gaza Families**: We will engage with recent Gaza families to assess their support and settlement experiences in Adelaide, ensuring their needs are met and they feel welcomed in our community.

• **Ramadan Haircut for Seniors**: Barbers will provide discounted haircuts for seniors at our Masjids during Ramadan, offering a meaningful service to our elderly community members.

• **Sisters Fundraising Awareness**: We will host a series of events aimed at raising awareness among sisters about financial contributions, Zakat calculation, and their role in community projects.

#### **Update on Board Members:**

In 2023, we welcomed a new member to our Board Dr Omar Smadi. Dr Omar is an Executive Member with the Islamic Society of South Australia and has supported our community for several years.

I would like to thank our board, Imams, Accountant and Project Officers for providing invaluable guidance and support to AHF, ensuring effective governance and operations.

In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated team, volunteers, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to AHF's mission. Together, we have made a positive impact on the lives of those in need, and I look forward to our continued efforts in the coming year.

Ahmed El-Sayed Chair Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation



### Muslim Outreach and Guidance Program

The journey of a Muslim convert often presents challenges in accessing accurate and reliable information about Islam. Navigating this path can be further complicated by the need to distinguish between cultural practices and the core for principles essential practicing the faith.

The primary objective of my role as Muslim Outreach and Guidance Facilitator is to address these existing barriers to understanding Islam. I offer guidance and unwavering support to new converts, fostering a strong connection with the Muslim community and providing aid in areas where they may currently require assistance.

One of the first initiatives in this role was the Meet the Imams -New Converts Dinner.

Being the first dinner of its kind, it was an amazing platform for both the new converts and our Imams to connect and address their concerns.



Since this dinner, a number of the attendees have felt confident to reach out for spiritual and emotional support.

A structured support system is imperative for new Muslims to integrate within our respective communities. We have developed an online register and system for keeping track and communicating with converts, whether new or seasoned. So far, we have 79 converts registered on the database.

Upcoming initiatives in this project is providing pastoral care after Jummah prayer on Fridays at various mosques across Adelaide, spiritual care program for sisters at Masjid Omar Ibn Khattab on Friday mornings and online spiritual support on Friday evenings for both brothers and sisters.



Kathryn Jones Facilitator Muslim Outreach and Guidance Program

# **Empowering the Ummah**

ISSA has always been supportive on the wellbeing of our sisters in terms of their socio-religious participation.

Islamic Society partners with respected service providers/organizations to curate programs to enable the women in our community to recognise their own strengths and potential.

Through these initiatives, sisters have the opportunity to develop their personal life skills, improve social connections; and improve both physical and mental health wellbeing. Programs that were organised in 2022-2023:

- Water safety program partnered with Relationship Australia of South Australia (RASA) and Surf Life Saving South Australia
- Annual Pearl of the Ummah
- Weekly Quran reading and memorization
- Weekly Halaqa
- Women in Islam series partnered with Amanah Institute



# **Youth Programs**

Our young people are unique and from diverse background. restless, Being young and activities often curated are carefully to support and empower these individuals to unlock their full potential for making meaningful progress towards creating change.

Our Al Salam Centres are often used by these youths to engage, foster positive relationships and develop new skills/knowledge, among others.

Islamic Society partners with respected service providers or

organizations to deliver programs throughout the year.

- 1. Applied Islam For Young Minds with Professor Mohamad Abdalla
- 2.Visual Addiction workshop facilitated by Sheikh Wael Ibrahim
- 3.Youth Talk with Sheikh Houblos
- 4. Youth Speak Out for Palestine
- 5.Up Close and Personal with Senator Fatima Payman
- 6.YouConnect Family Sports Day 2023
- 7.Kick Back Fridays and Chill Back Fridays



## **Al Salam Workplace Experience**

For past 3 years, ISSA has partnered with Flinders University, Torrens University and other tertiary institutions to provide opportunities for students to complete their workplace experience.

Hitting the ground within days of starting their placement, these students were involved in the dayto-day operation, event planning, research-based activity and other community-based activity.

These students come from diverse background and religion. Their experiences and feedback not only professional enriched their development, it also provided ISSA valuable commitment with in fostering inclusivity positive and change within diverse our communities.



This placement has allowed me to fully experience some of the challenges that may be faced within the Muslim community. It has deepened my understanding of this group, enabling me to act and think with greater empathy towards ethnic minorities in my future studies and work.

> Mandy, Flinders Uni 2023 Cohort

My placement at the Islamic Society of South Australia has been a transformative and multifaceted experience, encompassing community initiatives, research, and advocacy. Early on, collaborative efforts like the "Free Haircut for individuals with a homeless background" highlighted the power of community engagement and compassion.

> Grace, Flinders Uni 2023 Cohort

# **Services Offered**



#### Counselling

Marriage Divorce Family Marriage Service Chaplaincy Youth Mentorship



### Interfaith Outreach

Mosque Visit Muslim Outreach and Guidance Program Interfaith Dialogues



#### Education

AlSalam Academy of Adelaide (AAA) Quran and Tajweed Classes Halaqa



#### **AlSalam Funeral Services**

Transfers Washing and Shrouding Prayer and Burial Legal Compliance Hall for Condolences Service



#### Hire

Office Space Hall for Wedding, Corporate or Event Community Kitchen



#### **AlSalam Workplace Experience**

Year 10 Students University Students

# **Activities in 2022 - 2023**



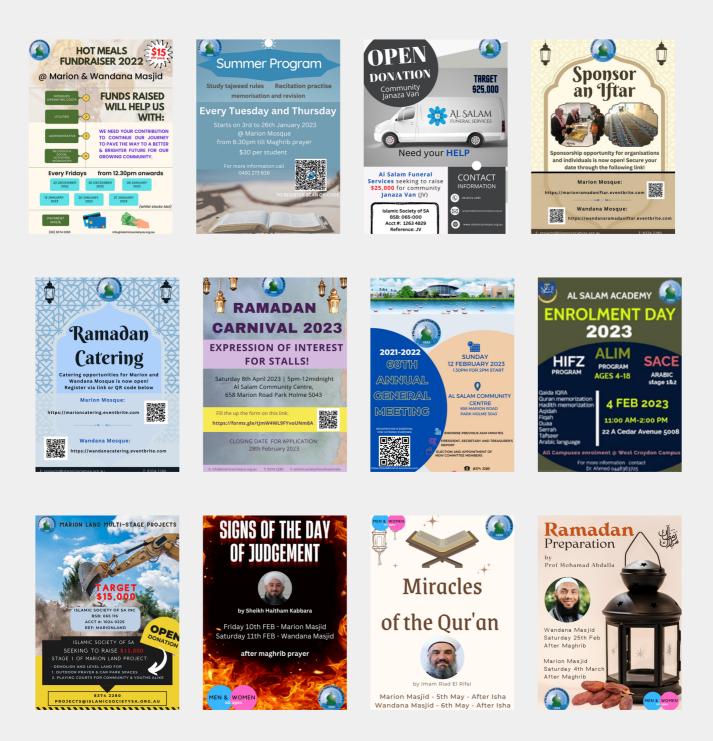
### Growth and Unity Jan 2022 to Feb 2024

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday, 17 February 2024 6pm to 8pm Al Salam Centre



# Activities in 2022-2023

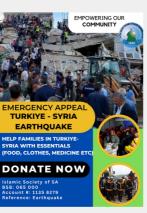




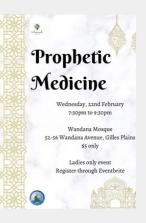










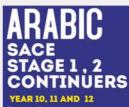






Marion Masjid – After Maghrib **Sat 11th March** Vandana Masjid – After Maghrib





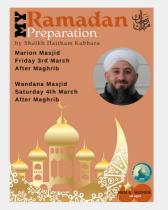
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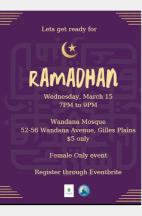
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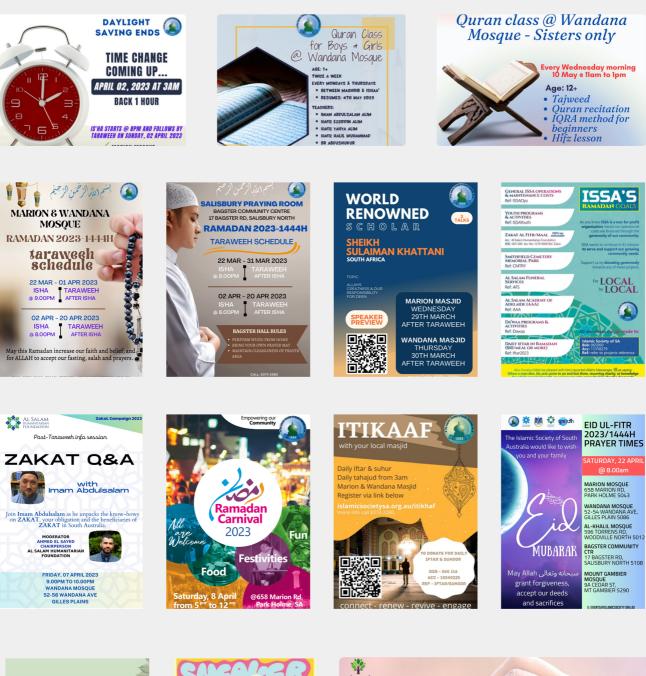


### MASJID TOTE BAG PAINTING WORKSHOP



All profits will be donated to the Islamic Society of South Australia (ISSA) to use towards the Mosque









"In love, the halal way"

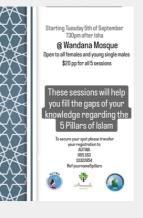
4 Part Series Wandana Mosque-52-56 Wandana Avenue, Gilles Plains 6:45pm to 8:00pm





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### PRE-MARRIAGE TALK

Facilitated by Sh Wael Ibrahim & Imam Abdulsalam, for engaged couples or those exploring the possibility of marriage; to build strong foundations for their future together.



Al Salam Wandana Centre 52-56 Wandana Ave, Gilles Plains





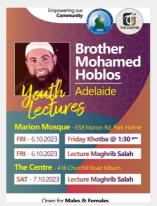










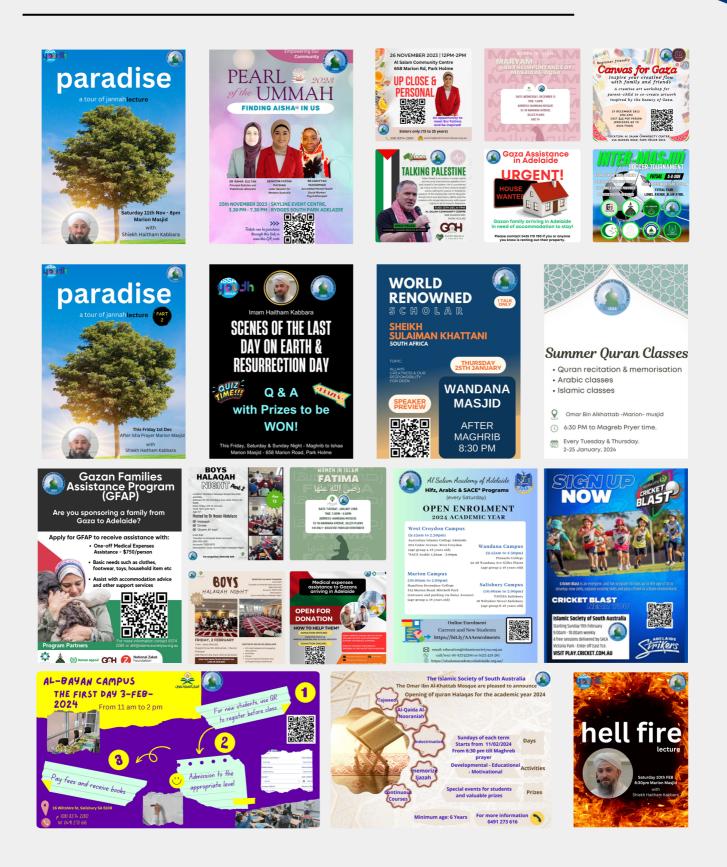












# **Regional Mosques**



#### MOUNT GAMBIER (MARYAM MOSQUE)

9A Cedar Street, Mount Gambier, SA 5290

#### **MURRAY BRIDGE**

85 Old Swanport Road, Murray Bridge, SA 5253





#### WHYALLA (ALI BIN ABI TALIB MOSQUE)

5 Morris Crescent, Whyalla Norrie, SA 5608

## **Our Affiliations**



Al Salam Academy of Adelaide started in 1996 under Al Farooq Arabic School then the name changed to Al Salam Academy of Adelaide in 2017.

The school provides learning based on Islamic values and characters.

The school has 4 physical campuses : Hamilton, West Corydon, Wandana and Salisbury.



Established in 2019 to enable young adults to develop new skills and talents, make new friends, share their stories through the activities, workshops and events organized by ISSA. It helps make young people feel valued and supported in the community.



A Established in 2022 to offer an integrated and affordable funeral service for the Muslim community in South Australia.



Established in 2023 to support individuals and families through their hardships. This service is also to develop education and empowerment programs to address health, spiritual, social and environmental factors advocating for the wellbeing of the vulnerable in our community.

# Acknowledgement Community Partnerships

Adelaide Malay Association Inc. (AMAInc) Adelaide Sisters Association (ASA) Adelaide Pakistani Multicultural Group (APMG) Afghan Association South Australia (AASA) Al Huda Club Society Australian Friends of Palestine Association Amanah Institute Al Ansaar Community Australians for Syria SA Australian Afghan Women Association (AAWA) Australian Government Department of Home Affairs Australian Government Department of Human Services Australian Government Department of **Child Protection** Australian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet SA Australian Islamic College (AIC) Australian Islamic Medical Association (AIMA) Australian Refugee Association (ARA) Australian Uyghur Tangritah Women Association (AUTWA) Centre of Islamic Thoughts & Education (CITE) City of Marion City of Salisbury Explore Islamic Arts Egyptian Australian Society Federation of Afghan Communities of SA

Flinders University Muslim Association (FUMA) Glimmer of Hope Garden College Headspace Human Appeal SA Islamic Information Centre of SA (IICSA) Islamic Student Society of The University of Adelaide (ISSUA) Muslim Australian Connection of South Australia (MACSA) Metropolitan Fire Services MIIAS - Indonesian Islamic Society of South Australia Morella Community Centre Mount Gambier City Council National Zakat Foundation (NZF) Pakistani Australian Association of South Australia (PAASA) Pakistani Medical Association of South Australia (PMASA) Pashtun Association of SA **Pinnacle College Purple Orange** Port Adelaide Football Club (PAFC) Relationship Australia of South Australia (RASA) Red Cross Australia SA Cricket Association (SACA) SA Muslim Funeral Services (SAMFS) SA Wellbeing Health SA Police (SAPOL) SA National Football League (SANFL) Studio Rags Surf Life Saving The Centre Westfield Marion

