



2024-2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) REPORT

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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
52-56 Wandana Avenue, Gilles Plain, SA 5086

Elizabeth Mosque

Masjid Othman Bin Affan
139-141 Hogarth Rd, Elizabeth Grove, SA 5112

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

Al-Salam Academy of Adelaide (4 campuses)

1. Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park SA 5043
2. Australian Islamic College, 22 A Cedar Ave, West Croydon SA 5008
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ISSA's Goals

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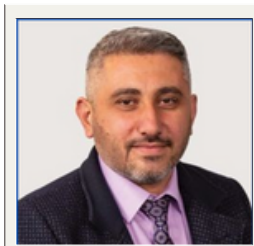
To empower, unify and integrate the Muslim community to achieve a more inclusive and productive Australia.

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



Ahmed Zreika



Adnan Abu Ajamieh



Farheen Mushtaq



Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy



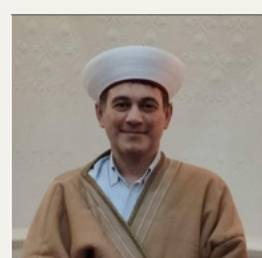
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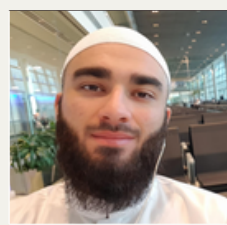
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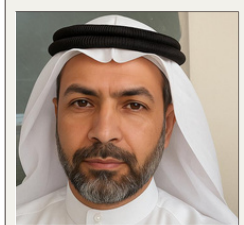
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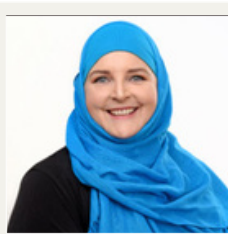
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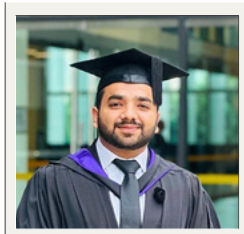
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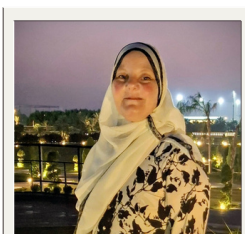
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Fatah Latifi



Hafiz Haroon
Farooq



Daniela Carbone

President's Report

Alhamdulillah, the year between June 2024 and July 2025 has been both challenging and inspiring, much like the previous year. While much of our attention and emotion were directed toward supporting Gaza during the ongoing genocide, the Society continued to grow institutionally, spiritually, and socially. Despite limited resources, ISSA successfully balanced humanitarian responses with the steady expansion of our mosques, services, and community programs.

Key Milestones:

- July 2024 – Imam Abdalla El Terek appointed at Marion Mosque: His leadership strengthened community engagement, youth outreach, and education.
- September 2024 – Chaplaincy Department established:
ISSA sponsored eight Muslim chaplains serving in hospitals, aged-care and correctional facilities. These chaplains are to provide spiritual care, emotional support, and a trusted presence for Muslims in need. ISSA covered their training and ongoing support, helping ensure our community has access to faith-based care in key public spaces.
A formal team has been set up to provide this support across South Australia. While it hasn't been launched publicly, we aim to announce it officially by July 2026, Insha'Allah.
- September 2024 – Imam Ahmed Ragheb appointed at Elizabeth Mosque: Serving the northern community through khutbahs, Qur'an circles, and youth programs.
- October 2024 – Elizabeth Mosque purchased: After wide community consultation, ISSA acquired the mosque from Dr Omar Lum for \$600,000, securing a permanent home for the growing Muslim population in the north.
- November 2024 – Smithfield Cemetery Stage 1 completed: With support from Adelaide Cemeteries Authorities (ACA), 450 of the planned 1,000 Muslim burial plots are now ready for use—an achievement years in the making.

President's Report

Throughout the Gaza crisis, ISSA mobilised the community through:

- Fundraising campaigns and public rallies in solidarity with Gaza.
- Joint advocacy with AMAN and other partners to address humanitarian needs.
- Educational forums tackling Islamophobia and promoting social cohesion.
- These efforts kept our community unified, spiritually grounded, and civically active.

Program Highlights

- Expansion of Al Salam Academy of Adelaide (AAA) to Salisbury campus.
- Ongoing AHF humanitarian projects, including refugee and welfare support.
- Continued growth of Al Salam Funeral Services (AFS) across South Australia.
- Strengthening of youth programs such as MMA and youth camps.

Looking Ahead

- Complete Smithfield Cemetery Stage 2.
- Launch Elizabeth Mosque redevelopment.
- Expand Chaplaincy training and certification.
- Enhance digital systems for membership, donations, and education tracking.

My sincere gratitude to the ISSA Committee, Imams, staff, volunteers, and community members for their dedication, generosity, and unity.

May Allah continue to guide our efforts and bless the Muslim community of South Australia.

Ahmed Zreika

President, Islamic Society of South Australia



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report
AGM 2024-2025
Islamic Society of South Australia

Assalamualaikum and welcome everyone,

At the outset, I'd like to thank everyone of you—members, volunteers, Committee members, and supporters—for your contribution throughout the year. Without your continuous support, none of our achievements would have been possible.

This past year has been a journey of growth and community building. As a Society, we achieved this by streamlining the communication between us and the community.

Let us take a look at our projects that helped us achieve this.

New Website

In Ramadan this year, we launched a new website for the Islamic Society of South Australia.

With our new online platform, our community can

1. Stay connected to the local mosque and view prayer timings.
2. Access services provided by ISSA.
3. Discover the latest news and events updates from ISSA.
4. Securely give Zakat and make other donations online.

At ISSA, we hear the community, which is why we also have the ability to conduct surveys through our website to take in community feedback.

WhatsApp Bulletin Boards

We launched WhatsApp bulletin boards for each of our mosques. Community members now get direct updates from ISSA Imams, staff, and committee members. This has been particularly helpful during Ramadan when the community needs constant updates. We have also launched a WhatsApp group for our volunteers to keep them posted about our ongoing projects.

If you or any family or friend who could benefit from our direct updates, do join our WhatsApp network.

Family Camp

To bring the community together literally, we organised our first family camp. Though it was a learning curve for us too, our staff and volunteers ensured it was a seamless and enjoyable venture. To sum up its success, we were told the only flipside to the camp was that it ended soon. Do look out for announcements of our future camps!

Volunteer Program

Whilst ISSA has been privileged to have volunteer support from the very beginning, this year we consolidated our resources to officially launch a Volunteer Program. ISSA now have a pool of volunteers, with background checks in place, to help us serve the community. The pool of volunteers is ever-growing, but the more we have, the merrier. So if you or your organisation would like to volunteer with ISSA, kindly get in touch with our staff.

Routine Programs

As a society, we've hosted a number of events, including guest lectures, interfaith dialogues, school visits, donation drives and social gatherings throughout the year, including community iftaars in Ramadan. Each of these events was not only a means to engage and educate but also to strengthen our bond as a community and engage with the wider community. We also had a service provider Cultural Awareness Training, and a Community Tree Planting Day at Smithfield Memorial Park.

Behind the scenes, we've worked to improve our communication and organization—maintaining minutes, keeping members informed, and ensuring transparency in our activities. We have held three Committee Meetings, numerous sub-committee meetings, and one Conference in the Year 2024-2025.

In addition to the Staff and Committee.

With Br Omar Smadi's relocation overseas, Br Hani Faiyad was inducted to the Committee.

We were fortunate to have Imam Ahmed Ragheb join us as the Imam of Elizabeth mosque and Br. Mansour Hariri as the Property Manager.

Sr Daniella joined us to help with the Muslim Outreach Program, and B.r Hafiz Farooq joined as support admin coordinator.

We are honoured to have all of them on board with us.

Way Forward

Looking ahead, we have new goals—to engage more youth, enhance our outreach, and provide more support services for our community. With your continued support, I'm confident we can achieve even more, insha'Allah.

I would once again like to sincerely thank the current Committee for their hard work and commitment, the staff, volunteers, and last but not least, our community. May Allah reward all of you and accept your efforts.

I pray that Allah (swt) blesses this Society, allows us to continue serving the community for His sake alone.

Farheen Mushtaq
Secretary



Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

I would like to thank the Muslim community for their ongoing support and donations to the Islamic Society of SA during previous years.

ISSA income is acquired mainly from:

1. Cemetery Income
2. Community Donations
3. Governments' Grants and partnerships
4. Sponsorships
5. Alsalam Academy income (education)

The table below explains in figures the sum of each source

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income		
Activities Income	19,378	25,204
Alsalam Academy Income	62,384	112,244
Canteen Income	2,579	13,537
Cemetery Income	571,029	167,697
Donation Income	643,932	748,529
Grants Income	776,188	288,848
Sponsorship Income	127,333	97,273
Ramadan Iftar Income		2,066
Sales	57,034	13,261
Community Outreach Income	51,600	
Ramadan Carnival Income	4,567	
Workshop Income	28,941	
Advertisements Income	14,545	
Hire income	4,449	8,508
Interest Cleansing	23	
Other	24,978	
Rents Income	72,110	63,465
Rebates Income	15,049	13,754
Total income	2,476,119	1,554,386

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

ISSA is planning for a strong and sustainable future by focusing on three main areas:

1. Cemetery Project

- We're developing a Muslim cemetery to meet growing community needs.
- This will also help generate steady income to support ISSA's long-term work.

2. Grants & Partnerships

- We're working with government and community partners to run programs like Al Salam Festival, Youth Leadership Program, and mental health workshops etc.

3. Community Donations

- Every contribution supports prayer areas, events, education, and outreach.

Expenses Table:

The main budget lines still point towards the services we are delivering and that will continue to increase with the community needs, inflations and the rise in cost of living.

Expenses	2025 \$	2024 \$
Accountancy Fees	50,099	44,113
Advertising Expenses	18,141	35,652
Activities Expenses	98,702	102,577
Alsalam Academy Expenses	11,231	12,137
Audit Fees	1,750	1,750
Capital Expenditures (Less than \$1000)	2,390	
Cleaning Expenses	50,866	50,257
IT expenses	642	
Canteen Expenses	7,967	9,297
Depreciation Expense	192,660	184,202
Cemetery Expenses	482,423	119,422
Donations Expenses	19,982	96,150
Electricity, Gas, and Water Expenses	25,071	23,545
Square fees	688	

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Bank Fees	4,288	6,276
Community Outreach Expenses	11,795	13,933
Quest Fees	2,447	3,400
Annual General Meeting AGM Expense		4,580
Insurance Expenses	28,173	21,824
Ramadan Carnival Expense	17,390	
Ramadan Iftar expense	2,847	9,150
Legal Expenses	10,000	24,000
M/V car - Other	1,594	
Printing & Stationery Expenses	6,164	8,706
Council Rates Expenses	17,782	15,453
Rent Expenses	15,924	54,300
Repairs and Maintenance Expenses	38,535	41,609
WorkCover Expenses	2,019	1,801
Salam TV Expenses	352	25,227
Safety and Security Expenses	1,287	4,329
Amenities expense	1,526	1,954
Training Expenses	4,714	9,521
Subscription Expenses	2,976	1,475
Contract Works	158,442	18,409
Sundry Expenses	775	22,798
Superannuation Expense	34,184	24,199
Telephone and Internet Expenses	2,822	2,066
Wages Expenses	389,560	426,535
Total expenses	1,718,208	1,420,648

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Dr Waleed Alkhazrajy
Treasurer



Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF)

AHF was established in 2022, and since then has been blessed to receive zakat and sadaqah through the trust and generosity of our Muslim community.

Both our annual income and expenses have steadily increased year by year, reflecting the growth of our operations and the expanding reach of our community support initiatives.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income		
Donations Income	470,867	320,871
Fidyah Income	4,067	4,658
Fitrah Income	52,447	34,155
Qurban Income		5,000
Zakat Income	96,554	86,014
Humanitarian Income	102,361	145,957
Sponsorship Income		2,727
Total income	726,296	599,383
Expenses		
Accountancy	1,750	1,750
Advertising & promotion	14,635	36
Quest fees	1,078	1,013
Bank fees & charges	2,012	2,080
Stripe Fees Expenses	2,313	868
Depreciation Expense	1,196	3,837
Donations Expense	235,214	70,327
Humanitarian Expense	177,194	130,968
Fitrah Expense	52,317	34,155
Qurban Expense	10,000	5,000
Zakat Expense	4,000	44,600
Fidyah Expense	4,829	3,896
Square fees expense	494	
Sponsorship Expenses	127,273	111,818
Total expenses	634,305	410,349



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Imams' Update

Imam Abdallah El Terek of Marion Mosque

Imam Abdulsalam Alim of Wandana Mosque

Imam Ahmed Ragheb of Elizabeth Mosque

All praise is due to Allah, the One who guided us to Islam and honored us with the responsibility of serving His religion. We thank Him for the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the Muslim community and to be entrusted with positions of leadership and service. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His final Messenger—sent as a mercy to the worlds, a guide, and a model of character and wisdom.

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, we help take care of our masjids and support our community in many ways.

Some of the programs we lead include:

- **Prayer and Teaching:** Leading daily prayers, Friday sermons, and teaching about Islam.
- **Helping Youth:** Running youth programs, talks, and fun activities to keep them connected.
- **Quran Halaqa:** Organizing Quran classes and workshops for children, adults, and new Muslims.
- **Community Events:** Planning Ramadan programs, Eid celebrations, and other gatherings.
- **Support network for Families:** Supporting couples with marriage advice, officiating weddings, and helping with family issues.
- **Charity and Outreach:** Running donation drives and working with other groups to help those in need.
- **Funeral Services:** Leading janazah prayers, and offering comfort during times of loss.



Imam Abdallah's Report

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I have been serving as the Imam of Marion Masjid since **July 2024**. Being relatively new to this position, I am grateful for the continuous support and encouragement from the masjid committee and the wider community, which has made my transition into this role smooth and uplifting.

As part of the committee's internal policy to ensure community satisfaction, they conducted a **six-month review and survey**. Alhamdulillah, I was humbled to learn that **89.5%** of the respondents expressed their desire for me to continue in this position – a percentage that is rarely achieved by an imam. I sincerely thank the community for their trust and support.

While fulfilling the typical responsibilities of leading the five daily prayers, delivering the Friday khutbah, and offering guidance to the congregation, I have also introduced and overseen a variety of programs aimed at enriching the spiritual, educational, and social life of the masjid:

Programs and Duties

- **Qur'an Halaqah Until Sunrise:** After the Fajr prayer, I lead a daily (excluding Monday and Thursday) Qur'an halaqah until sunrise. We aim to complete a full khatma (recitation of the entire Qur'an) together over time, with moments of reflection on the meanings and virtues of the verses.
- **Sunday Qur'an Halaqah:** I teach a Qur'an halaqah every Sunday for children, aiming to strengthen their connection with the Book of Allah through proper recitation and memorization.
- **One-on-One Qur'an Sessions:** I offer personalized Qur'an sessions for those seeking to achieve Ijazah in Qur'anic recitation.
- **Conflict Resolution in Marriages:** I assist couples facing marital challenges by providing guidance and mediation and refer them to professionals when needed.

- **Islamic Studies Classes:** I conduct structured lessons in `Aqeedah and Fiqh, making Islamic knowledge accessible to all.
- **Weekly Class for Reverts:** I teach a weekly class tailored to new Muslims, helping them understand Islam with clarity and confidence, while addressing their unique challenges.
- **Children's Programs (Ages 6–12):** I organize initiatives such as public speaking workshops and Salah competitions to engage and uplift our youngest members. Several attendees remarked that it was the first time they had experienced programs of this kind at the masjid, highlighting the significant benefit and positive impact they brought to the community.
- **Youth Engagement:** I occasionally deliver talks for the youth, and myself along with the committee are currently working to launch dedicated youth programs that focus on identity, leadership, and spiritual growth.
- **Personal Support and Counselling:** I meet with individuals facing personal, emotional, or spiritual struggles, offering support and referrals to professional help where appropriate.
- **Oversight of Islamic Activities:** I supervise all Sharia-related activities within the masjid, ensuring they adhere to authentic Islamic teachings and align with the strategic vision and values of the organisation.

Community Spirit Through the Fajr Halaqah Alhamdulillah, the Fajr Halaqah has become a core of community bonding and spiritual barakah. Together, the members:

- Share **monthly breakfast gatherings**
- Go on **Sunday nature walks** for reflection and unity (Occasionally)
- Initiated a **one-time charity effort**, raising **\$4,500 for Gaza**
- When any member is blessed with a new child or grandchild, the Halaqah members contribute to **buying a gift** as a gesture of love and community spirit.
- **Visit the sick** and check in on each other regularly

These initiatives reflect genuine brotherhood and mutual care — qualities that are the backbone of any thriving Muslim community

Highlights from Ramadan 1446H (2025)

Alhamdulillah, this past Ramadan was described by many as “the best Ramadan ever” at Marion Masjid.

Some of the highlights include:

- For the first time in the masjid’s history, 20 raka’āt of Taraweeh were prayed every night.
- Two full khatmahs of the Qur’an were completed: one during Taraweeh and the other one after Fajr till sunrises.

Navigating Challenges

As with any leadership position within a dynamic and diverse community, challenges naturally arise—especially during the early stages of transition. It is not uncommon for some members to have anticipated alternative leadership or to feel attached to previous routines and structures. These sentiments are understandable and often part of the adjustment process when a new Imam is appointed. At times, efforts to restructure or replace certain programs—intended to enhance inclusivity, alignment, and educational value—have been met with hesitation or quiet resistance. While such moments require sensitivity and wisdom, my responsibility remains to uphold the values and strategic vision of the organization, ensuring that all initiatives are rooted in authentic Islamic teachings and serve the long-term benefit of the community.

With the help of Allah first, and through the full support I’ve received from both the wider community and the masjid committee, I have been able to navigate these challenges constructively and remain focused on the greater benefit of the masjid and its future.

Final Reflections

Every role in the path of da’wah and leadership requires continuous growth. I remain committed to improving my communication, approach, and delivery — aiming to serve this community with **excellence (ihsān), consistency, and sincerity**.

I share these developments to encourage greater participation and to collectively build upon this momentum. I pray that Allah allows us to build stronger programs, attract more hearts to the masjid, and unify our efforts for His sake.

May Allah accept from us all, increase us in wisdom, sincerity, and guidance — and make this masjid a beacon of Iman and mercy for generations to come.

Abdallah El-Terek
Imam of Marion Masjid



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Imam Dr Ahmed Ragheb's Report

Annual Report Masjid Othman Bin Affan

Our Starting: Our mission at Othman Bin Affan Mosque began thirteen months ago (from October 2024 to November 2025). Before that time, the mosque was an Islamic center for holding Friday prayers only.

Our goals during the past year have been as follows:

- Leading Muslims in religious and worship matters.
- Teaching children the basics of Arabic and Quranic recitation.
- Providing adult education.
- Fostering bonds of affection between different Muslim ethnic groups and strengthening the concept of brotherhood in Islam.
- Establishing relationships with our non-Muslim neighbors based on trust and mutual respect.
- Preparing a second generation of sheikhs and preachers.

First: Leading Muslims in religious and worship matters.

- The mosque was previously just an Islamic center for Friday prayers only. - Now we hold the five daily prayers, Friday prayers, Taraweeh prayers, and Eid prayers.
- Alhamdulillah, we have completed three Khatmah of Quran during the prayers and have begun the fourth.

Second: Teaching children the basics of the Arabic language and Quranic recitation.

- We have held four courses to teach boys and girls the basics of the Arabic language and to memorize three Juz' of Quran.
- A course on the Ahkam Al- Tajweed for middle school students, every Saturday, taught by Sheikh Naseem Alian.
- A course for young girls, ages four to eight (Sister Umm Ismail). - The Ramadan Quran Competition (funded through self-funding).

Third: Adult Education

- Weekly Halaqah of Quran Recitation (supervised by Sheikh Abu al-Izz and Brother Salah alTamimi)
- Islamic marriage Rules, for young people about to get married (by Ahmed Ragheb)
- Prophetic Biography lessons (by Ahmed Ragheb)
- Interpretation of Ayatul Ahkamon Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays (by Ahmed Ragheb)
- Islamic lessons in Bengali on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- An irregular Islamic lessons in Pashto (Sheikh Hakim Dar)

Fourth: Strengthening bonds of affection between Muslim ethnic groups and reinforcing the concept of brotherhood in Islam.

- Alhamdulillah, there is complete harmony between the different ethnic groups in the mosque, and not a single incident has occurred to disrupt the peace.
- We acknowledge and commend all the support provided by our Afghan, Bangladeshi, Indian, Arab, African, Indonesian, Malaysian, and other brothers during this year.

Fifth: Establishing a relationship with non-Muslim neighbors based on trust and mutual respect.

- There hasn't been a single unfortunate incident between us and our non-Muslim neighbors.
- We visited the neighbors, distributed gifts, and invited them to visit the mosque.
- Some of them came to the mosque to offer their support and assistance should we face any harassment in the future.
- Some of them asked permission to listen to the Friday sermon.

Sixth: Preparing a second tier of sheikhs and preachers.

We have a number of sheikhs, preachers, and Hafiz who assist us in our mission, including:

- Sheikh Ahmed Youssef Al-Masri
- Sheikh Ahmed Abu Zeid Al-Sudani
- Sheikh Ahmed Adnan Al-Suri
- The Alian brothers (Muhammad, Izzat, Naseem, Abu Al-Izz, and Mrs. Alian).

والحمد فاتحة كل خير وتماكمل نعمة

Dr. Ahmed Ragheb
Imam of Masjid Othman



Al Salam Academy of Adelaide (AAA)

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Alhamdulillah, the Australian Islamic Academy (AAA) is now in its 9th year and has successfully achieved its academic goals in accordance with the academic calendar. Our key programs Hifz, Alim, and SACE—which encompass Qur'an, Islamic Studies, and Arabic language, continue to form the core of our curriculum across all four campuses: Marion (HMT), West Croydon (WCR), Wandana (WAN), and Salisbury.

As AAA moves forward in the 21st century, our dedicated teachers are equipped with ongoing professional training and modern educational tools. These advancements enable them to engage students more effectively and deliver high-quality learning experiences.

To learn more about our programs and initiatives, please click the [link](#)



Al Salam Funeral Services (AFS)

Since 2022, Al Salam Funeral Service has been here to help our Muslim community through one of life's most difficult times — losing a loved one. With care, compassion, and a deep respect for Islamic traditions, we've supported families and individuals in need, making sure every burial is handled with dignity and faith.

We've worked closely with Adelaide Cemeteries Association and Centennial Park's team to ensure Islamic burial practices are properly followed. Through this partnership, both teams ensured that Islamic burial needs are respected while also fulfilling site-specific and legal requirements.

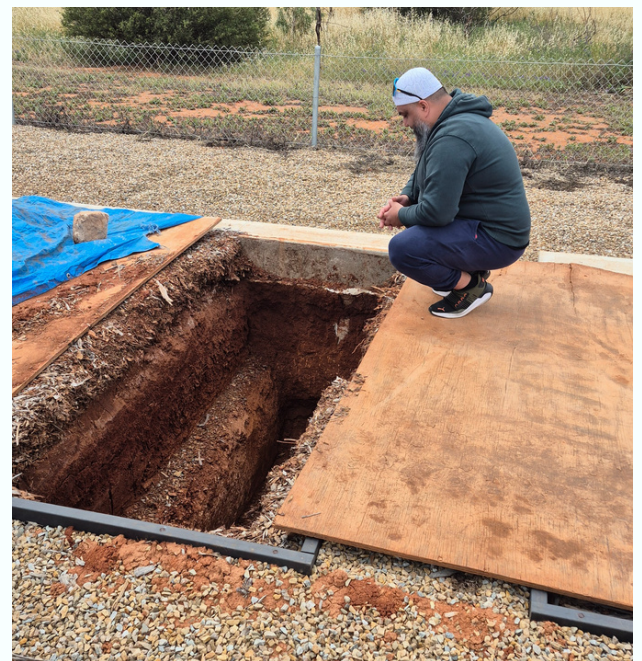
This includes:

- Advocating for faith-sensitive burial options
- Ensuring logistical readiness for shrouded burials
- Supporting families with clear guidance and compassionate care

So far, we've assisted with burials at both Centennial Park and Smithfield Memorial Park, and our service is available at any cemetery across South Australia.

Al Salam Funeral Service is more than just a service — it's our way of caring for each other, staying true to our values, and making sure every person is laid to rest with love and respect.

Br Masood
Funeral Director



Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF)

Projects, events and initiatives in 2024 & 2025:

Connecting Hearts:

Raising Awareness for Zakat and Sadaqah At Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF), we believe in the transformative power of giving. We aspire to connect with more hearts within our community to illuminate the profound significance of Zakat and Sadaqah.

Hardship Assistance Project

The Hardship Assistance Project is an initiative led by AHF to support individuals and families facing financial and personal challenges. Rooted in compassion and community care, the project provides practical assistance across key areas of need, ensuring dignity and access to essential services.

Program Areas

1. Funeral Services

- Provision of janazah (funeral) services
- Access to burial plots for families in need

2. Medical Assistance

- Financial support for urgent medical treatments
- Assistance in purchasing essential medical equipment and aids (e.g. mobility devices, home care items)

3. Education Support

- Support for adult education and re-skilling opportunities

Whether it's helping a family lay a loved one to rest, supporting urgent medical needs, or opening doors to education and new beginnings, every contribution becomes a lifeline.

As we continue this journey, we invite our community to walk with us – to give, to uplift, and to connect hearts through compassion. Together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.



Chaplaincy

During the 2023–2024 reporting period, ISSA successfully partnered with ISRA Academy to deliver the Muslim Chaplaincy Training Program to eight individuals.

This program, supervised by Professor Salih Yucel, was formally accredited through Uniting Care’s Certificate I in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care.

Among the certified chaplains are two core ISSA staff members: Nurhayati Mohd Rahim and Zouheir Mawlawi.

Following their certification, both have actively commenced chaplaincy duties across correctional facilities, youth detention, and educational institutions.

Core Chaplaincy Services

The ISSA Chaplaincy Department provides essential support through two primary service areas:

- Spiritual and Pastoral Care: Offering counsel, advice, comfort, and religious guidance to individuals and communities.
- Logistical Support: Facilitating access to religious resources, materials, and coordination for congregational prayers.

Impact in Correctional Facilities

Correctional facilities have been the department's primary focus, with significant activity achieved since the certification of our staff chaplains:

Chaplain	Custodial Setting	Clearance Date	Key Metric (Since Early 2024)
Zouheir Mawlawi	Male Prisons	Early 2024	Over 150 Visits Completed
Nurhayati Mohd Rahim	Female Prisons	May 2025	Visited with 3 Female Inmates



Chaplaincy

We extend our gratitude to the Yatala chaplaincy department for their support in streamlining the process for obtaining necessary security clearances, which is essential for maximizing our reach.

Department Expansion and New Chaplains

The department continues to grow its capacity:

- Abdul Qayyum: His Stage 2 clearance for men's prisons is in the final stages of approval. Br. Qayyum successfully led two Eid Al-Adha prayer sessions in June 2024 under a professional visit pass.
- Sr Kathryn Jones: Obtained her pass in October 2024 and is completing her induction. She is prepared to begin accepting requests soon, further bolstering our capacity, especially in female custodial settings.

Community Outreach and Future Goals

The department has begun expanding its reach beyond prisons:

- Youth Detention: Chaplain Zouheir has established contact with the Adelaide Youth Training Centre (Churchill Road) and is actively coordinating how ISSA can provide sustained services to residents.
- Crisis Care: We provided critical support to Playford College following two serious incidents, offering crisis care, spiritual guidance, and stress management support to the staff and student community.
- Hospital and Care Settings: Current outreach to hospitals and other care settings is primarily driven by word-of-mouth referrals. A key goal for the upcoming year is to establish official partnership processes with local hospitals and care institutions to ensure our chaplains can operate in a formal and professional capacity.



Muslim Outreach and Guidance Program

Introduction

Alhamdulillah, the **Convert Support Program** continues to grow in reach and impact, providing a vital space for connection, education, and a sense of belonging for our brothers and sisters who have embraced Islam. In November 2024, we were fortunate to welcome Imam Abdallah , Daniela Carbone, and Zouhair Malawi to the team. Together, we have worked diligently to meet the needs of the growing convert community.

Our first significant engagement as a team was the Annual “Meet the Imams” Dinner in November 2024.



Programs and workshops for New Muslims

1. Tuesday Night Imam's Classes

The weekly Tuesday Night Imam's Classes have become a cornerstone of the Convert Support Program. These sessions provide foundational Islamic knowledge, including topics such as misconceptions in Islam and the Articles of Faith. The classes have created a safe and welcoming space for open discussion, where converts are encouraged to bring their questions, doubts, and reflections.

2. Chat & Chai Gatherings

In an effort to create a more inviting and informal space for converts to connect, we rebranded our "support group" as "Chat & Chai." This change was made to soften the tone of the gatherings, reduce stigma, and create an environment that feels more organic and welcoming.

3. Learn to Pray & Quran Classes

These classes are to assist new sisters in learning the practical steps of prayer, how to recite the words of prayer, and memorising and reading the Quran. Sisters Ayesha and Hasanna have joined the team to help structure these sessions.

4. Support to Converts

Over the past two years, we have provided various forms of support to meet the diverse needs of our community, both at an individual and group level.

Notable instances include:

- Marital Issues
- Providing support for converts facing emotional and spiritual abuse in their marriages.
- Emergency Assistance
- Support for Young Converts (Ages 13-19)
- Support for Converts Facing Divorce or Abandonment



Youth Empowerment Program

ISSA started the **Youth Empowerment Program** in June 2025 to support young people in building confidence, staying active, and becoming strong leaders.

Here's what we've been doing:

1. Weekly Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) with Br Isaac Richards and Muhammad Zeyd
 - Training to help young men stay fit, learn discipline, and build mental strength.
2. Youth Leadership Program facilitated by Sowaibah Hanifie
 - Workshops to grow confidence, improve thinking skills, and prepare youth to lead with purpose.
3. Indoor Soccer Friendly Competition
 - A fun event planned by Torrens University students to bring youth together through sport and teamwork.
4. United Brotherhood Camp facilitated by Zouheir Mawlawi
 - A weekend of learning, bonding, and reflection in a safe and inspiring environment.
5. Faith and Feeling facilitated by Nur Aydin
 - A gentle space for girls to share their thoughts, express creativity, and connect through faith and reflection.

These programs give young people the tools to grow, connect, and make a positive difference in their lives and communities.



Property Management Team

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

We are pleased to present this report outlining the key maintenance, repair, and development works carried out across ISSA properties in the past year. Our focus has remained on ensuring that all masjids and centres under the Society's care remain safe, functional, and spiritually uplifting spaces for our growing community.

Our team, comprising **Zouheir Mawlawi**, **Hafiz Haroon Umar Farooq** (Marion Mosque), **Mansour Al Hariri** (Elizabeth Mosque), **Abdul Fatah Latifi** (Wandana Mosque), and **Dr. Sinan Qyat** (Mount Gambier) has worked collaboratively across sites to manage property-related issues, oversee infrastructure projects, and implement routine and preventative maintenance systems.

Why Property Management Matters

As caretakers of our community's places of worship, we recognise the importance of preserving the integrity and sanctity of our mosques. A structured maintenance and repair system enables us to:

- Ensure safety and accessibility for all community members, including elders and those with disabilities.
- Promote a clean, organised, and welcoming environment that enhances community participation.
- Support efficient operations, particularly during high-traffic times such as Jumu'ah prayers and events.
- Enable better financial planning through preventative maintenance and asset forecasting.

Key Projects in Progress (2025–2026)

1. Marion Masjid (Al Salam Centre)

- Installation of solar panels
- Fence construction and building extension (ongoing)
- Security camera upgrades

2. Wandana Masjid

- Kitchen leak repairs and repainting of key areas
- Refurbishment of men's wudu and toilet facilities (planned)
- Security camera installation

3. Elizabeth Masjid

- Construction of pergola
- Installation of new carpets
- Security camera upgrades
- Renovation of toilet facilities

4. Mount Gambier Masjid

- Fence construction
- Gutter repair works
- Carpet installation

5. Smithfield Masjid

- Continued progress on mosque development approval
- Planning and promotion of future grave site sales

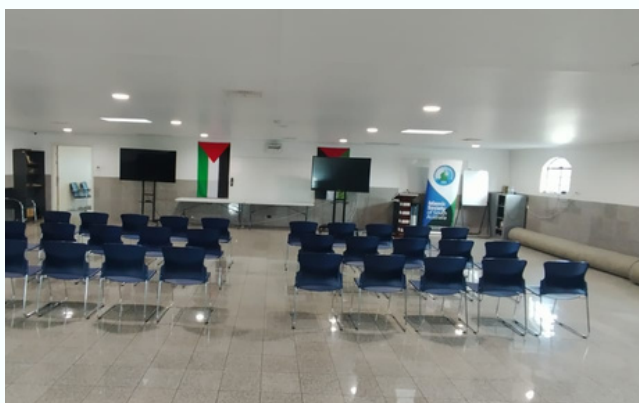
6. Asset Registry – pilot in Marion

This year, we are developing and implementing an **Asset Registry** system to track equipment and infrastructure inventories. This includes (lists are not exhaustive):

- Electrical and AV systems
- Fixtures and fittings in wudu/toilet areas
- Office and kitchen equipment
- Furniture, carpets, and facility enhancements
- Safety installations (e.g. extinguishers, lighting, CCTV)

The register supports financial accountability, helps prioritise repairs, and informs our long-term planning strategy.

Our team remains committed to ensuring the upkeep of all ISSA properties through a proactive, transparent, and community-oriented approach.



Al Salam Workplace Experience

FISSA is proud to partner with **Flinders University**, **Torrens University**, and other tertiary institutions to provide students with meaningful workplace experience.

As part of their academic assignments and community engagement, students are assigned to real-life community projects that allow them to apply their skills while making a positive impact.

From event planning and outreach to research and day-to-day operations, these students contribute to ISSA's mission while gaining hands-on experience in a diverse, inclusive environment.

This year, three students from Torrens University joined ISSA as part of their community placement and took the lead in planning and organising an indoor soccer competition for local youth.

The event brought young people together in a fun, active, and inclusive space—promoting teamwork, connection, and community spirit. It's a great example of how student placements can create real impact while giving students hands-on experience in community engagement.



Services Offered



Counselling

Family
Marriage Service
Chaplaincy
Youth Mentorship



Interfaith Outreach

Mosque Visit
Muslim Outreach and Guidance Program
Interfaith Dialogues



Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation

Zakat and Sadaqa-based support
Education
Medical Aid
Health and Mental Wellbeing



Al Salam Funeral Services

Transfers
Washing and Shrouding
Prayer and Burial
Legal Compliance
Hall for Condolence Services



Education & Development Programs

AlSalam Academy of Adelaide (AAA)
Quran and Tajweed Program
Halaqa & Spiritual Program
Converts Program
Youths Leadership Program



Al Salam Workplace Experience

Year 10 Students
University Students



Al Salam Centre Hire

Office Space
Hall hire for Wedding, Workshops or Events
Community Kitchen

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.



AL SALAM
FUNERAL
SERVICES

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



AL SALAM
HUMANITARIAN
FOUNDATION

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

