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DATE	TIME	PLACE	REFERENCE
Sat 13 July 2019	11:00 AM	Gungahlin Masjid	

<b>Meeting called by</b>	Altaf Hossain, Secretary
<b>Key Objectives</b>	AGM and Election
<b>Attendance</b>	<b><u>EC Attendance:</u></b> Mainul Haque Sohail Rai Hamza Abu Jarbou Majid Pathan Abu Saleh Abdul Salam Durrani Altaf Hossain
<b>Apologies</b>	Qamruzzaman Bilal Migdadi
<b>Minutes Taken by</b>	Altaf Hossain

TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Quorum and AGM with recitation of Holy Quran	
As soon as Quorum reached with 40 Financial Members AGM started at about 11.30 AM by the President of CMC. President Mainul Haque requested our little brother Usman to recite Holy Quran.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

<b>TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS</b>	Welcome and Opening remarks by President Mainul Haque
President Mainul Haque thanked previous leadership, highlighted a summary of achievements and outlined future visions for the CMC. President's full remarks is copied below:	
<b>Farewell address- Mainul Haque</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bismillah Walhamdulillah Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulillah, 'Nahmaduhu Wa Nusalli Ala Rasoolihil Kareem~Ammu 'Baad.</li> <li>● My dear bros and sisters, Assalamu alaikum w.r.t.</li> </ul>	



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- I thank Allah s.w.t. for enabling us to establish this mosque for our community that will be our legacy for generations to come inshaAllah.
- The journey of our mosque began in 2001 and it took us almost 18 years to where we are today. Alhamdulillah.

### **Thank You**

- The CMC and the Gungahlin mosque project has consumed the last five years of my life.
- We started with a slab, united the community, have been able to build a vibrant and dynamic mosque and organized the first ever Islamic conference at Hyatt Hotel in Canberra. Alhamdulillah.
- Very proud to be a part of this journey over the last five years, well done Team CMC, great feeling, Alhamdulillah!
- I thank all past committees for their contributions.
- Br Afzal Hossain, the founding president, Br Naze Sobhan the longest serving president and Br Borhan who worked tirelessly to get the land for us in 2011 and Brs Nazre and Yasser who laid the foundation of the building. Thank you brothers to you and your committees.
- In 2015, I took over the CMC responsibilities at a critical time when the community was in a despair and I inherited only a slab.
- I gave a public commitment to build an **inclusive mosque** and requested our community to contribute: *financially, physically and spiritually*.
- Alhamdulillah, you and our communities from all ethnicities have contributed over \$2.5 million for this project and many of you are working voluntarily on a daily basis.
- My sincere thanks to all of you, all sub-committees, our wonderful volunteers, donors and families. Very proud of my brothers and sisters.
- JajakaAllah Khair for your trust, for your confidence and for your support.
- A historic accomplishment for our community here in Gungahlin, and in Canberra.
- The resilience and determination of our community, volunteers and donors has made this possible that is to be cherished.
- I am so grateful to my brothers and sisters who supported me thick and thin over the last five years, and even those who did not, because ultimately everyone is benefiting from our mosque.
- It's a tough business in community activities, but it's a business that's unlike anything else.
- None of us can be on the stage for long.





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- What matters is the value of the legacy, its quality and endurance. It's the legacy and contributions that remains.
- I am humbled by the support that I have received from so many of my brothers and sisters over the last five years to complete this mosque project.
- Once again, thank you for your trust, thank you for your support and thank you for your camaraderie.
- Alhamdulillah, I am proud and very pleased with what we have been able to do and achieve with your support.
- We've raised over \$2.5million and have built a highly vibrant, and inclusive Mosque for our wonderful multicultural Muslim community.
- Please make dua for me, my family and my parents and the families from Canberra, across Australia and from overseas who have contributed for our mosque.
- Also please forgive me and our wonderful group of volunteers for any of our shortcomings and unintended mistakes.
- It's pleasing to see so many members have put their hands up for a position in the CMC committee.
- Democracy is a robust undertaking, and disagreement is a fundamental part of that contest of ideas.
- However, the challenge of our modern democracies is not to disagree less, but to disagree better. That is best achieved when members and committee focus on the interest, welfare and opportunities of our communities.
- It is their welfare and CMC's wellbeing, which should be the unifying force of this infant organization.

#### **Future plans**

- Establishment and operation of a national waqf and endowment fund that can operate under CMC's Community Welfare Forum
- Establishment and operation of a Muslim Professional Group to pursue national interest of Muslims in Australia

#### **Conclusion**

- I leave the CMC in very good shape.
- I leave CMC positive about the future, proud of the service that I have been able to give to my beloved Gungahlin mosque, my community, the ACT Muslim community, the ACT multicultural society, and my adopted country-Australia."
- Onwards and upwards from here on.
- Best wishes for the years ahead Insha'Allah.



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- Thank you.

Mainul Haque  
13 July 2019

Action items	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS Approval of 2017-2018 AGM Minutes		
President requested for approval of last year's minutes if there was no opposition. There was no opposition. Br Borhan supported the minutes and Br Abdul Kader seconded.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Secretary's reports presented by Altaf Hossain
Secretary provided his reports and briefing on the Sub-Committees activities, and Sub-Committee Coordinators and the team members. He appreciated the sincere efforts and works by each Sub-committee which brought the Canberra Muslim Community and Gungahlin Mosque to its present shape. Secretary has also requested the attendees to see the full activity reports when it will be in the website. Full reports are as below:	
<b>Mosque Management Sub-Committee Coordinated by Br Akramul Huq and his team:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mosque Management Sub-Committee (MMC)</b> brothers are closing and opening masjid doors, and activates security systems code every day after Isha, and before Fajr.</li> <li>• MMC brothers keep masjid and surrounding area tidy, undertake Friday Jummah preparation- Every Thursday night brothers are arranging a big cleaning of carpet including sister's area.</li> </ul>	





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- Brothers are clearing carpets at least twice a week, if necessary, they clean it each day as well.
- Brothers are cleaning and keep tidy kitchen and veranda on regular basis.
- MMC brothers clean air-conditioning units.
- Brothers are updating community notice board, and masjid doors on various programs and activities, like regular lectures by visiting sheikh, masjid open day programs, etc.
- Brothers are updating prayer time table on the clock, social media and make announcement on regular basis.
- Coordinate cleaning of both bathrooms and wheelie bins.
- During Ramadan brothers are coordinating to pick up big wheel bins as required.
- MMC brothers monitor and keep on eyes on all equipment's make sure they are in working conditions, etc.

**Women Sub-Committee Co-ordinated by Sister Meherun Nisa and her team:**

During 2019, the Women Sub-Committee conducted a number of programs for children and women in the community. The following are just to name a few activities.

**Kids Program:**

- Several school holiday programs
- Stories about Prophet Nuh (PBUH)

**Activities for ladies:**

- Regular Quran Classes every Wednesday and Friday of the week.
- On 10 April 2019, the sub-committee facilitated Gungahlin mosque visit by a group of school teachers from Bonner primary school. The committee welcomed around 40 teachers from Neville Bonner Primary School to the mosque. We had the opportunity to share information about religious observances like Eid, Ramadan, Hajj and halal food requirements. It was great to see such interest from public educators to better support the young people in their care.
- On 12 June 2019, sisters from the sub-committee helped organise Eid ul Fitr celebration at Taylor Primary School. This was a great event and enjoyed by Muslim and non-Muslim families of the school. There were several questions asked by participants regarding Islam which was a great opportunity to spread words about our religion and about us too. Many activities took place, for example, face and henna painting,



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signing of a big size Eid card by the participants in various languages, including Arabic, Bengali, Malayalam, Bahasa Indonesia, just to name a few.

**IT Management Sub-committee Coordinated by Br Rafiqul Sherif and his team:**

IT team's activities during the last fiscal year include the following, some of them are completed and many more are on the ways:

- Live Broadcasted of major events including Ramadan, Taraweeh, Eid, Meetings, AGM Mission Statement, and Islamic lectures
- Designing all sorts of template specially Ramadan calendar and fundraising events, etc.
- Managing and maintaining all mosque billing accounts, social networking and mosque promotional activities for the mosque.
- Regularly maintaining our web pages, email accounts and email correspondences from EC to members
- Set up extended donation boxes, collected donation and forwarded to CMC account and confirmed to treasurer.
- Engaged in various mosque related purchases and maintained accounts.
- Worked together with GMIS for their setup including website, templates, logo design, etc.
- Created campaign materials including Mosque open day tear drops or flag pole and street sign for Mosque open days.
- Drafted additional land application
- Drafted grants applications and managing acquittal of the grants
- Assisting membership team and election panel
- Assisted CMC President to take minutes and meeting notes of additional land application

In progress:

- NBN connections is on the way – cable is laying at this stage – expecting in October 2019.
- Mosque new central display, live broadcast and extended sound systems
- IT team is tirelessly working with all activities happening in the mosque.

**Social Engagement Sub-Committee Coordinated by Br Mainul Haque and his team:**

- Organized school visits
- Organized and facilitated visits and talks by Islamic scholars





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- Organised mosque visits by the ANU women club
- Organised mosque visit by the Rotary Club
- Facilitated mosque visits by our neighbours and local Canberrans in the aftermath of Christchurch tragedy
- Sent condolence letters to local churches in the aftermath of Christchurch and Sri Lankan tragedies
- Visited local churches in Gungahlin area after the Christchurch and Sri Lankan tragedies to present Muslim views on terrorism and these tragedies
- Organised visits to Gungahlin mosque by the New Zealand and Sri Lankan High Commissioners in the aftermath of Christchurch and Sri Lankan tragedies
- Represented CMC and Gungahlin mosque to public events
- Led Refugee march at Civic, with CMC Muslim banner at the forefront
- Organized and facilitated visits by local politicians and government officials
- Organized and facilitated participation and attendance of non-Muslim guests at our mosque events, including Iftars
- Organized drought relief donation for Aussie farmers
- Facilitated collections for Queanbeyan and other mosques around Australia and for our brothers and sisters affected in other parts of world

**Land Sub-Committee Coordinated by Br Mainul Haque and his team:**

- Continuing efforts and follow ups on the land application
- Meeting with Multicultural Minister Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith
- Meetings with Alistair Coe MLA
- Meetings with Suzanne Orr MLA
- Letters to Mick Gentlemen MLA
- Several meetings with Brett Phillips, SLA Chief and his officials
- Organized visit by Brett Phillips, SDA Chief and his officials to show them firsthand the parking difficulties during Friday Juma prayer
- Meeting with Chris Sparke of SLA
- Several meetings with SLA engineers for exit access from the overflow car park

**Membership Sub-Committee Coordinated by Br Altaf Hossain and his team:**

- Total Life Members Adult: 366 including 29 in the FY 2019-2020
- Total Life Members Minor: 11 including 3 in the FY 2019-2020



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- Total General/Financial Member for the FY 2019-2020: 790

**Grant Management Sub-Committee Coordinator Br Qamruzzaman and his team:**

Applied for many grants including infrastructure, multicultural, and most recently around \$500k for security infrastructure facilities.

**Event Management Sub-Committee Coordinator Br Adil and his team:**

Organized iftars on Sundays during Ramadan and the highly successful mosque open days

**Gungahlin mosque Islamic School Coordinated by Br Fazlul Bari and his team:**

- Gungahlin mosque Islamic School application was signed by the President Mainul Haque
- After lengthy preparations Gungahlin mosque Islamic School started operations at the Gungahlin mosque
- The School is functioning well from 10am to 1pm on Sundays with fully capacity.

**Building and Construction Sub-Committee Coordinated by Br Sohail & Br Roysul and their team:**

- Construction of our wudu areas and class rooms are nearing completion and should be completed soon inshaAllah.

CONCLUSIONS		
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TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Treasurer's Report presented by Br Sohail Rai	
<p>The Treasurer provided a power point presentation of the financial report that he prepared with the help of Br Abu Anwar and presented the reports through Power Point Presentation. The draft report was audited by accountant Br Abu Anwar.</p> <p>Financial Report was approved with proposal from Mr Shahidul and Seconded by Br Murad</p> <p>The Treasurer advised the full final reports will be published in the CMC website.</p>		
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TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	General Discussion/other Business	
<p>Br Jalal Anis (Architect) raised concern about the use of Basement storage. This storage is designed for storage purpose only and not for cooking or other purpose. Community members should respect the building plan and abide by the building code and construction rules. Even the insurance will not cover if anything happens for misuse of the storeroom.</p> <p>Br Yunus raised concern and requested an independent inquiry about the data breach during the Election Campaign by Br Abdul Bari Panel. This issue was a hot topic in the Canberra Muslim Community and Gungahlin Mosque Interest WhatsApp Group during the Election Campaign.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Referred to New Executive Committee (EC)	EC	ASAP

TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Dissolution of the committee and the sub-committees
President of CMC Mainul Haque dissolved the committee and all sub-committees	



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TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Outgoing President's comments, start of vote and vote of thanks		
President of CMC Mainul Haque thanked all attendees present at AGM agreed to start vote as two voters were travelling overseas.			

TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Introduction of Election Commissioner and Panel	
President of CMC introduced Br Brice as Election Chair and Br Aksu as Panel Member.		
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TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Vote and Result	
Vote started at 12.10pm and continued upto 5.00pm with break time during Asar and Maghreb prayers.		
Vote counting continued up to 9.30pm and finally following were elected for the CMC Executive Committee for the term of 2019-2021:		
Br Abdul Bari – President		
Br Sohail Akbar – Vice President		
Br SM Shahidul Islam – Secretary		
Br Zain Scott – Assistant Secretary		
Br Faisal Ahmed – Treasurer		
Sister Adrita Inam – Member		
Br Md Masud Hasan – Member		
Br Akramul Hoque – Member		
Br Ibrahim Bangura - Member		



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TOPIC / DISCUSSIONS	Outgoing President congratulated new President Br Mainul Haque welcomed and congratulated the new President Br Abdul Bari and the new committee and wished them all the best.		
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