





# **Gungahlin Masjid Policy on** stalls/activities

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On behalf of CMC Executive Committee

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#### **Context**

# ...وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالنَّقْوَى وَلا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الإِثْمِ وَالْعُدُوانِ

...And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression... [Al-Maaidah 5:2]

Gungahlin Masjid (GM) - administered by the CMC Inc. - is a place of worship and serves religious, educational, and Islamic social activities for Muslims in ACT and surrounding regions. All activities are expected to comply with Islamic teaching, and all people visiting or using the Mosque premises are expected to behave in accordance with true Islamic teaching and etiquette.

To safeguard and protect the GM, and for activities to be conducted in an orderly and disciplined fashion in accordance with Islamic etiquette, all visitors to and users of the GM facilities are expected to observe the following policy and rules. This policy and rules will be reviewed periodically and amended, as necessary.

Due to substantial increase in CMC operating expenditure from January 2021, CMC executive committee has decided to formalise the stalls/activities engagements. This will help us not only to serve the GM in the best possible way, but it will also ensure that all the registered Muslim organisations who want to use GM premises are served with dignity and respect.

#### **Request Categories**

Following are identified as key requests categories:

- 1) Fund collection for Masjid and schools;
- 2) Arabic/Quran classes;
- 3) Food Stall/Van; and
- 4) Fitness activities.

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#### A. Pre-requisites for requests of stalls for collection of funds from worshippers

- Must be a current Australian registered Muslim organisation. CMC Inc. does not have resources to verify authenticity of organisations registered overseas.
- Organisations wishing to use Gungahlin Masjid premises to promote their activities (such as distribution of leaflets, flyers, formal presentations, announcement etc.) must seek prior written permission from CMC EC.
- 3. Only one stall and/or presentation schedule may be permitted at any given time.
- 4. If multiple stalls are approved by the EC, organisations involved must agree to a roster approved by the EC.
- On-going fund collections are generally not permitted. However, under special circumstances, CMC EC may consider approving on-going fund collections for a <u>defined period</u>. Any such approval will be re-assessed as frequently as necessary and deemed fit by the CMC EC.
- 6. CMC EC may decide to dedicate one or more Fridays for fund-collections to support organisations (or communities) in financial crisis caused by natural disasters and/or other calamities.
- Sharing of a certain percentage or amount may be imposed by the EC on any approved fund collections (on-going or otherwise). This may be determined on a case-by-case basis keeping in view the best interest and sustainability of Gungahlin Masjid.
- 8. Only CMC Inc. owned pre-programmed electronic devices can be used for approved fund collections.
- 9. All cash / cheque collections be handed over to CMC Inc. nominated volunteers for deposit into CMC bank account. The CMC EC will then arrange for the approved amount to be transferred electronically into the organisation's nominated bank account.

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## B. Stalls for selling items to worshippers (Kiosk services)

- 1. Must be a current registered business entity owned by Muslim(s).
- 2. Muslim sole trader(s) may also be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 3. All items proposed to be transacted must be halal.
- 4. Business owner(s) must seek prior written permission from CMC EC.
- 5. Multiple businesses may be permitted at any given time.
- 6. Permitted businesses must enter into a written agreement with the CMC Inc.
- 7. Failure to comply with agreed terms and conditions will cause the termination of the agreement by the CMC EC.
- 8. The amount business must pay to CMC Inc. may be varied from time to time by the CMC EC. Any such variation, however, will be communicated to the affected businesses in advance.
- 9. Selling and handling of food items must comply with health regulations.
- 10. CMC Inc. is not responsible for any negative health impact caused by the consumption of products transacted by any of the stalls.

# C. <u>Utilising GM Facilities for community activities</u>

- Additional Eid Prayers.
- Hiring classrooms, prayer hall for Islamic educational programs.
- Hiring GM facilities for health and wellbeing.
- Must be a current registered Muslim organisation within the ACT. 1.
- Organisations must seek prior written permission from CMC EC. 2.
- Proposed activities must not contradict with Islamic values and 3. principles.
- Only one session of activity may be permitted at any given time. 4.
- A monthly rent/contribution will be negotiated for ongoing activities. 5.
- A lump sum amount will be negotiated for one-off activities. 6.
- Currently Gungahlin Masjid precinct does not have any security perimeter fence. It is the responsibility of the organisations concerned to maintain safety, security, health, and wellbeing of everyone participating in their activities.

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