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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Assalaamu Alaikum Brothers and Sisters:

Glory be to You Allah: we have no knowledge except what you have taught us. Verily, You are the All-Knower, All-Wise.

We are saddened and highly concerned by a spate of attacks on mosques and Muslims that have occurred in recent months across Australia, and we will continue to ask the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for their support to ensure the safety of our community. As you are no doubt aware, the Australian Government is in the process of finalising the Religious Discrimination Act (RDA). In a media release on 30 November, the Prime Minister Scott Morrison demonstrated the Government's commitment to protecting religious freedoms by getting the law right before it is brought into effect. We pray to Allah (swt) to safeguard all of us against all the evils and we appreciate all the work the Government is doing to protect the Muslim community in Australia.

The CMC Executive Committee (EC) supports the Australian National Imam's Council's (ANIC) stance on all incidents as a leading Muslim body and will continue to help and work with them in whatever shape or form.

As always, the last couple of months have been busy yet rewarding for the CMC EC, with the main highlights being:

1. Meeting with Kuwait Embassy and Qatar Embassy officials to discuss funding opportunities;
2. National mosque Open day: Alhumdulillah, on 26 October 2019 we had a 3rd successful Gungahlin mosque open day, where we welcomed individuals (including ACT government officials) of all backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and faiths to learn about Islam in a warm and welcoming environment;
3. Wudu Area and Classrooms construction work: Construction work for wudu area, toilets and classrooms is progressing. Although we are behind, we are trying our best to complete the Wudu rooms work by end of February 2020 with the view to finalising the classrooms by Ramadan 2020.
4. Youth activities: Alhumdulillah, Imam Hamza organised a youth camp in the beginning of October and recently on 29 November with the help of Br Ibrahim Bangura, Br Khalid and a few other brothers we had a successful youth night at Gungahlin mosque.

On behalf of EC, I would like to express our appreciation for your generous help and continued support for the Gungahlin Mosque as well as various other projects, including the Queanbeyan Mosque, Darwin Mosque, Taqwa school, and the victims of the bushfires across the Eastern parts of Australia.

Wassalaamu alaikum,
Sohail Akbar, VP CMC EC





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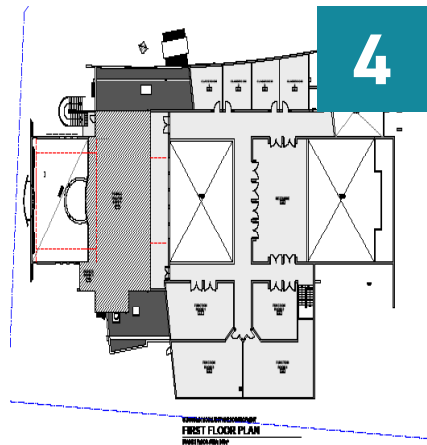
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Construction Update

Update on construction of washrooms and classrooms



Activity	\$
Total cost so far	\$350k
Estimated remaining cost to complete approx	\$400k
Funds available	\$350k
Shortfall to complete the construction approx	\$50k

Delays/budget shortfall: Why?
Earlier this year there were some ongoing delays at the builders' end that have ultimately resulted in the present delays to the completion of the projects within the originally planned timeframes.

Wudu area (washrooms) update

- * Design, structure, electrical cabling and plumbing has been completed.
- * Bathroom fixtures and tiles have been ordered and are being installed shortly.
- * We are currently installing a mechanical system.
- * **Remaining work** includes Gyprock work, installation of bathroom fixtures, tiles and ventilators. Estimated completion is February 2020.

Classrooms

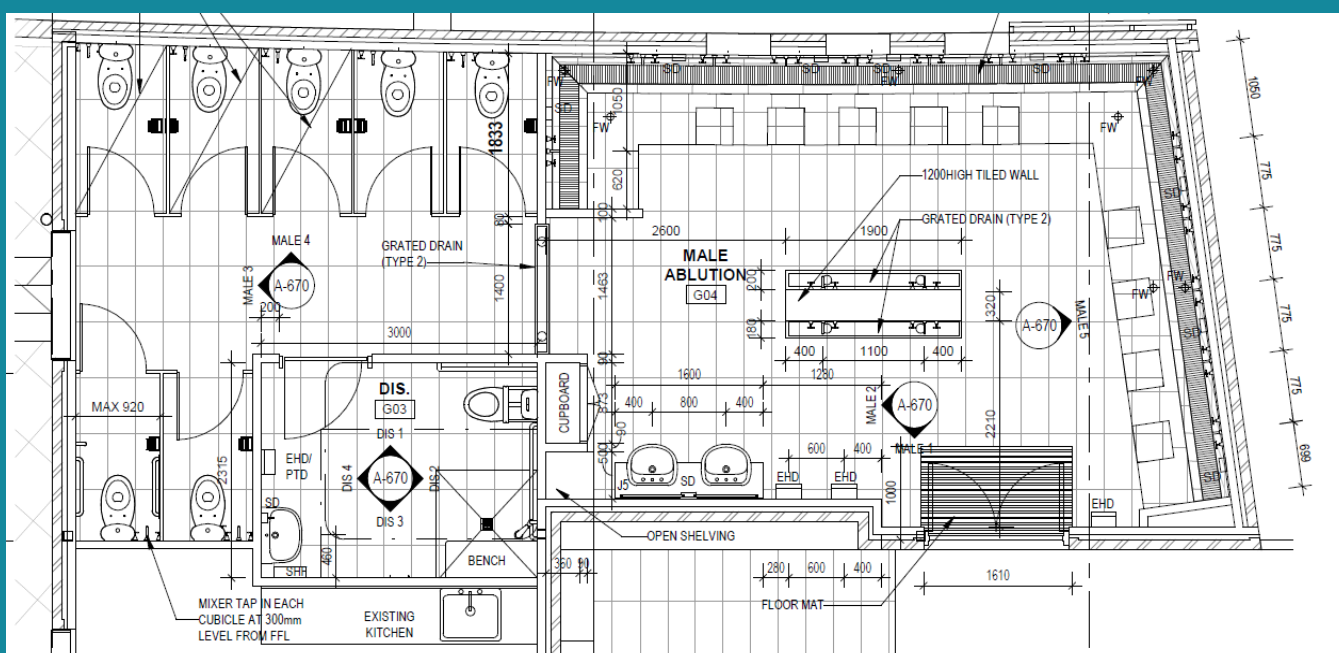
- * Design, structure, and electrical cabling has been completed.
- * **Remaining work** includes Security and AV cabling, Ducted Vacuum, gyprock, paint, kitchens and cabinets, carpets, AC, doors, awnings and footpath around the classrooms and Ante room.
- * We expect the classrooms to be ready by Ramadhan 2020.

Regarding revisions to the budget and hence the current shortfall, this is due to a number of costs not being identified and accounted for in the original budget

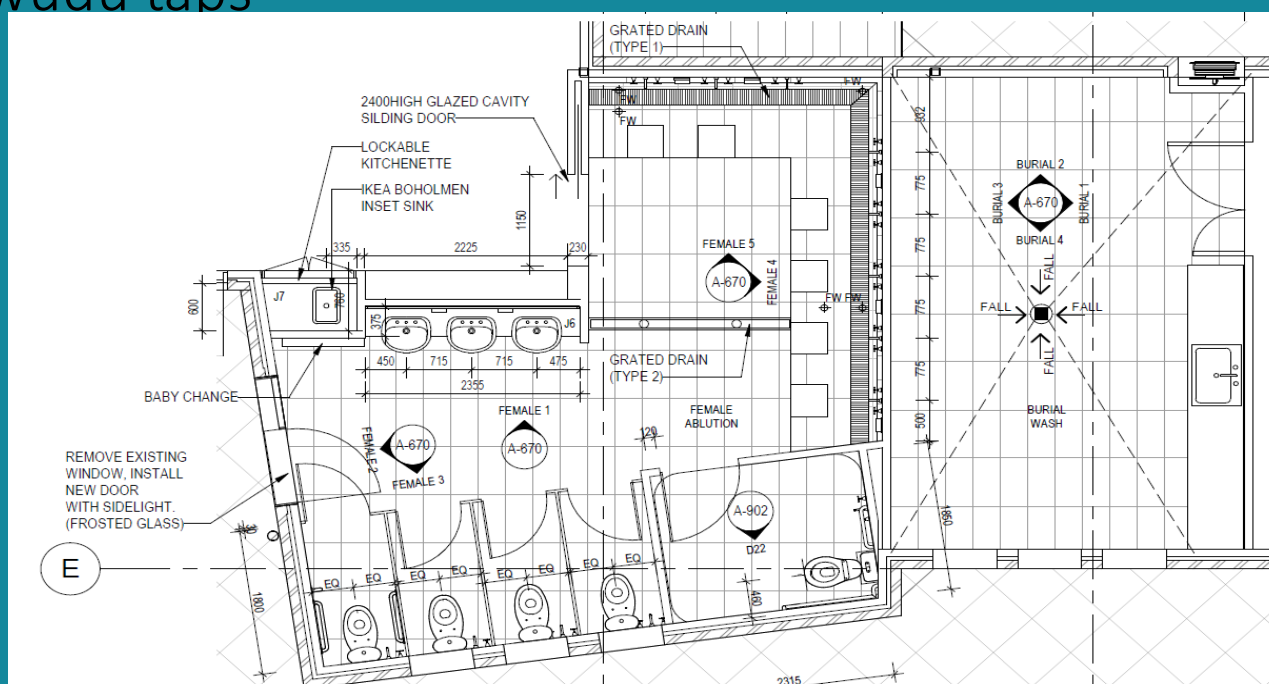
Parking Lights:

Alhumdulillah parking lights have been restored after some issues resulting from the current construction work. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

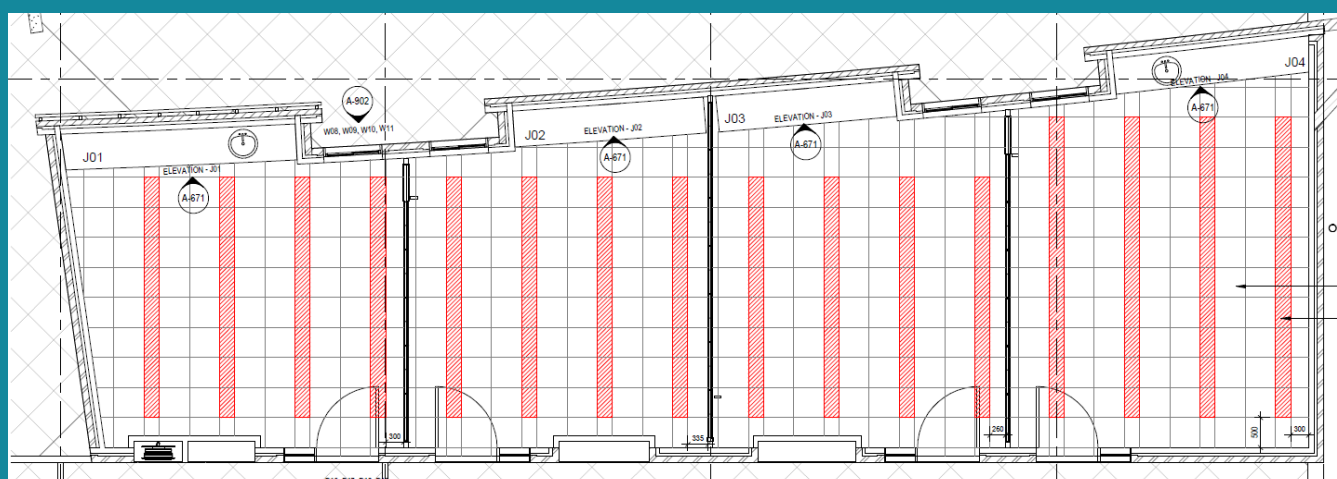
Male Ablution Area – 8 Toilets, 9 Wudu taps



Female Ablution and Burial Wash – 5 Toilets, 6 wudu taps

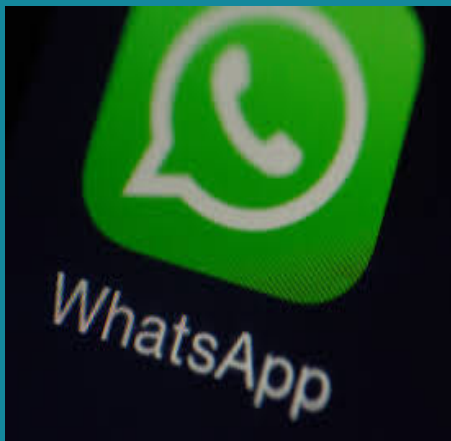


4 Class Rooms with retractable walls in- between



Announcements

- Weekly Activities: Quran classes for Children, youth and adults.
- Gungahlin Mosque Islamic School (GMIS): Alhumdulilah, at the end of this term GMIS (<http://gmis.org.au/>) will complete it's first year of operation. GMIS operates for 3 hours every Sunday morning (during school term). it's primary objective is to teach young children how to read Quran properly and to get some basic Islamic knowledge. Alhumdulilah, there are 90 students enrolled in the school at the moment and with the completion of classrooms construction by term two next year In sha Allah, we are expecting that students number will go over hundred.
- Executive Committee of CMC appreciate the contribution of all the volunteers involved in running the school and highly acknowledge their efforts in helping our children with Quran reading and Islamic knowledge. GMIS canteen staff also helped Gungahlin mosque by raising funds on mosque open day.



CMC WhatsApp broadcasts

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Messages will not be received unless our number is saved to your phone.

Youth Activities

Update from Ibrahim Bangura



Assalamualaikum: to begin with, we should be grateful to Allah for bringing the youth together. Also, we would like to thank the parents for making this possible. All of this is possible, because you are consistent in your donations and support by sending your children along to the events we organise.

During this period, youth at Gungahlin Masjid engaged in various exciting activities. Some of these activities included:

1. Youth Night:- Alhamdullilah, this was a success. This activity was held on the 28th -29th of November. On this day, the youth were encouraged to stay overnight

at the masjid. A guest speaker was invited from Sydney and gave a talk on current issues that our youths are facing. The was followed by some refreshment. During this night, the youth engaged in activities such as wrestling, table tennis, ps4 etc. Towards the end of the night, we performed the night prayer, prayed fajr and had breakfast together.

2. We also have our weekly indoor soccer on Saturday at Amaroo staring from 6pm to 8pm. We hope to do more not only for the Youth but for the parents as well In Sha ALLAH.

Sisters Corner

Update on activities for and by the sisters

Weekly Activities



- Intermediate to Advance Quran and Tafseer Class Wednesday 11am to 1pm with Sr Nejat (note: this class may not be held during the Dec/Jan holiday period, depending on turnout)
- Beginner to intermediate Quran class with Tajweed Friday 6.30pm to 8pm with Sr Nejat
- Beginner Quran class Sunday 7am to

Fortnightly/Monthly Activities



- Please refer to Gungahlin Masjid facebook for monthly lectures for sisters and brothers.
- Sisters wellbeing support group to start in 2020, on Saturday afternoons every fortnight.

Other activities Based on interest



Please email us if you are interested in attending the following sisters classes:

- Mental health support group
- Life coaching sessions or lectures with qualified muslim sisters
- Parenting workshops for ages, young children, tweens or teens (please specify).

Gungahlin Masjid hosts many sisters activities and classes. We encourage all sisters to utilise this opportunity to learn beneficial knowledge. Please see below for list of classes for sisters and please keep in mind the days and times may change in 2020 depending on teacher's availability.

Upcoming sisters committee initiative:

The Sisters Sub-Committee is piloting food stalls in order to help raise funds for Gungahlin Masjid. This starts on 20th December and may continue depending on interest. Please support our sisters, all profits go towards the masjid.

We have volunteers to cook the food and deliver to the mosque every Friday in Shaa Allah. We are planning to have biryani every Friday but dessert can change from Friday to Friday depending on demand.

The Gungahlin Masjid Facebook site also features weekly recipes, provided by sisters in the community. The recipes include photo instructions so anyone can try it. Please email us if you have a recipe to share.

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National Mosque Open Day Successful Event at Gungahlin Masjid

Hundreds of members of the broader Canberra community visit Gungahlin Masjid to see the Masjid, meet local Muslims, and learn more about Islam.

The National Mosque Open Day was a nation-wide event observed by numerous mosques across the country on Saturday 26th October 2019. This is the third year in a row that Gungahlin Masjid has participated in the event.

Despite less than ideal weather conditions about 400 locals visited our masjid. Prominent visitors included: ACT Government Minister for Community Services, Disability, Employment and Facilities Ms Suzanne ORR,

Michael Pettersson, MLA, Deepak-Raj Gupta, MLA, Alistair Coe, MLA, ACT opposition leader, Representatives from the Australian Federal Police (AFP); and Local Church leaders and representatives from other religious and cultural organisations.

A number of brothers from the Da'awah Committee were on board also to give lectures and speak to visitors. The Sisters similarly had people on hand to welcome and speak to visitors and arranged stalls for visitors just

outside the entrance. The President of CMC Executive Committee, Abdul Bari, was interviewed by the *Canberra Times* and the article is available online at: <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6459274/gungahlin-mosques-doors-opened-to-curious-community/>

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and helped out on the day.

Brown Snake Found at Gungahlin Masjid

What we can do to mitigate similar visits in future



As many of you will already know, in early December a brown snake was found near the entrance of the masjid. A professional snake catcher was called immediately and the snake removed from the masjid, alHamdu lillah.

As per the advice from the snake catcher, the snake was likely in the masjid to find food such as rats or mice. With this advice in mind it is absolutely critical that we keep the masjid as

clean as possible at all times, namely to avoid creating more places for rodents or snakes to hide and more importantly to avoid attracting rodents that will in turn attract snakes.

Following the snake visit, a number of volunteers cleaned up the entry area to the masjid and will conduct further cleanups in coming weeks to ensure grass around the masjid is short and unnecessary junk removed.

We have also arranged for a pest controller to come in to treat the masjid.

If you happen to spot a snake in or around the masjid please ensure that you do not get close to the snake but rather call in an expert to catch the snake.

See <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/plants-and-animals/urban-wildlife/snakes> for further information.





*Around 400
Canberra locals
visited the
Gungahlin Masjid
on the day to learn
about the Masjid,
the local Muslim
community and
Islam.*

Don't forget about Tap & Go Donations....

To complement existing donation channels, we have recently installed Tap & Go donation machines in both the brothers and sisters areas.

The machines are very simple to use: simply tap a valid Master or Visa card against the machine and the machine will debit a \$20 donation. American Express cards are not accepted.

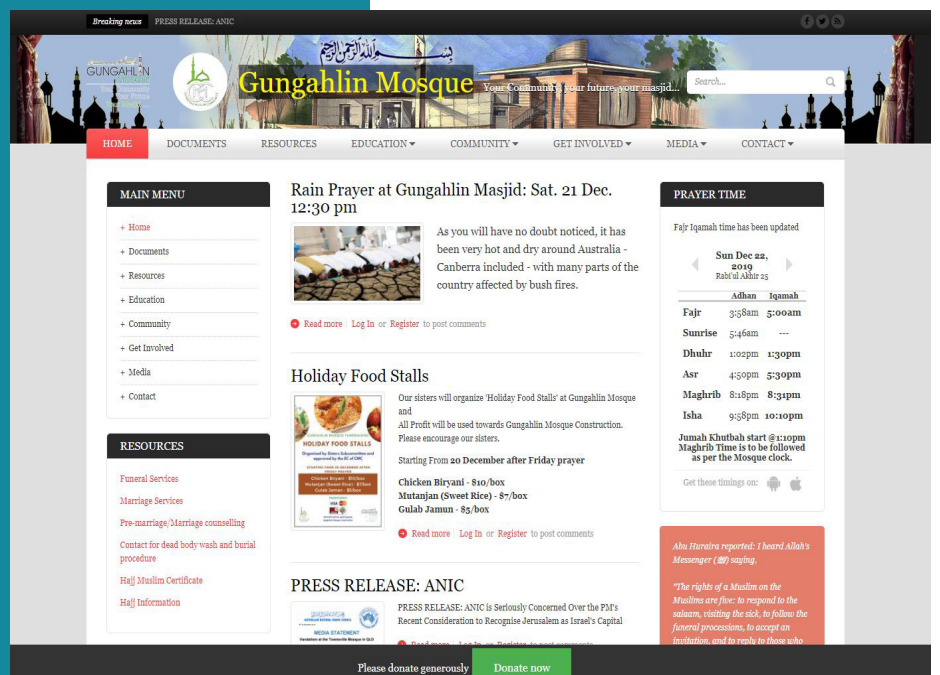
If you wish to donate more than \$20 you can tap multiple times or you can donate through one of the existing channels. Similarly, if you wish to donate less, you can utilise one of the existing channels for donating.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact a representative of the exec.

New Look Website

As you may have noticed, the Gungahlin Masjid website has recently been updated with a new look and layout.

The website has been revised to make it easier for users to access key information such as prayers times and latest updates. Thank you to brother Taoheed for his work on the new website, which can be visited at:
<http://www.gungahlinmosque.org.au/>





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