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### **Editorial**

Sunday 6th February 2005 should be remembered as the day when some of the children of our community got a chance to show that they cared for the victims of the Tsunami disaster. By all accounts those that turned up (despite the searing Brisbane heat) had the time of their lives. And those that decided otherwise would have sadly missed out on many other fronts. They would have passed up on laughing along with Bebo the clown and bottle feeding Old MacDonald's little farm animals. They would have missed out on the egg and spoon races and the tug of war. And they would have lost out on having their faces made up or the pleasure of a refreshing snow cone on a hot summer's day. But mostly they would have succeeded in diminishing our ability to show our strength in numbers. Understandably the recent calls for contributions coming from every conceivable quarter of our society have had their own Tsunami-like impact on our financial resources and disposable incomes. But this was a time to stand up and to be counted. To win the war we needed to win the battle against the misconceptions and misrepresentations prevalent around us while at the same time serving a noble cause. To what extent this was achieved only time will tell.

## Kids4Kids Minutes by Minutes

While Crescents of Brisbane was the catalyst for Kids4Kids it was our youngsters who truly stole the show. They helped man the registration desks, the stalls, the races and the computers. **Ameer Omar** (10) and **Ahmed Peer** (10) opened the event by alternatively reading and translating *Sura Fathia*, while **Zara Omarjee** (13) very competently delivered a passionate vote of thanks at the end that reflected the general sentiment of the organisers and the people who attended. **Mayor Campbell Newman**, **Minister Gary Hardgrave** and **Minister Stephen Robertson** spoke in glowing terms of the part our community was playing in raising funds for the Tsunami victims. **Mr Sahid Khan** (Principal of the Brisbane Muslim School) emphasized the need for education as a means of securing one's future. The speeches were rounded off with a Dua from the inimitable **Imaam Peer** who encouraged everyone to spend at the food stalls with the warning to them that 'if today you diet, you'll be fired!'. Around some \$15 000 was raised mainly through moneys collected by the children through sponsorships. The

Congratulations



iPOD prize went to **Zareen Sacur** for having raised \$2000 and **Zahira Cassoojee** (4) drew the names of all the random draw prize winners. Many stories came to light of youngsters who put in some very hard yards trudging our suburban streets.

**To them, and all the others who made this extraordinary effort, CCN extends to them the big 🙌.** (Regular readers will know that this is an accolade that we here at CCN do not proffer to all and sundry or for that matter willy-nilly).

A few highlights from the morning:

- Mayor Campbell, wife Lisa and their daughters and all the other guests completed the circuit and got a smiley face sticker for their trouble
- The Safia and Saphena *Bombay Crush* was to die for and their snow cones made the heat just that little bit more tolerable
- The Lolly stand was the highest grossing stall on the day (mmmmm...we wonder why 🍌)
- Ferzana Ally's face painting stand turned out a web full of spidermen and other assorted characters
- Bebo the Clown seemed to have enthralled the adults as much as he did the children
- The Tug of War was arguably the cherry on the top of the day's activities. Make-shift teams pitted their collective strengths against each other and the shrieks of delight and frustration that ensued could be heard right across the other end of the park.



You can catch ALL the action of the day at our web site [www.crescentsofbrisbane.org](http://www.crescentsofbrisbane.org).

Crescents of Brisbane is indebted to many people who gave selflessly of their time, talent, money, products and equipment. You will find a (hopefully) complete list of the individuals and companies concerned in the Kids4Kids section of our web site. To those whom we may have inadvertently omitted, we extend our profound gratitude to you as well.

## The Kids4Kids Lost & Found Department

### Found

- 1 cap (cream with black and orange trimming)
- 1 cap (black with white trimming)
- 1 cap (powder blue)
- 1 hammer (with the letter S written on the handle)
- 1 extension cable (orange coloured holder)
- 1 pair of scissors (barbers)

### Lost

- Calculator (large black and silver finish)

If you are able to help us locate the owners or the items in question please e-mail your [team@crescentsofbrisbane.org](mailto:team@crescentsofbrisbane.org).

### Mr Hamza Parker

On behalf of the community of Brisbane, CCN would like to wish **Mr Hamza Parker** (father of Noor) a speedy recovery from a quadruple bypass operation that he underwent at the Wesley Hospital last week. May Allah (SWT) give him *shifa* and our *duas* are with him, *Ameen*.

We look forward to receiving his thought provoking and articulate e-mails before long, *inshaAllah*.

### Haj Mabroor

To all our returning Hajjis and Hajjianis who have now fulfilled their fifth pillar of Islam we wish them the rewards of total forgiveness of their sins, entry into *Jannah*, and the acceptance of all their *duas*, *inshaAllah*

### Queensland Tsunami Lunch Poll

CCN readers were unanimous in their overall rating of the charity function held at the RNA a few weeks ago. The statistics are as follows: Excellent- 50%, Very Good- 35%, Good- 15%. The following are some of the comments and suggestions that were sent in:

- A truly excellent and well organised event that has brought together the community. Hope that this is the beginning of stronger community spirit for the future. A big thank you to the volunteers, waiters/waitresses who came in their waves to first serve the meals, followed by the desert and then graciously cleared up.
- Maybe (the) price of tickets should be \$100 per couple to create a greater awareness of the disaster, especially the slides that were shown by the eye witness. Also to give as many people the opportunity to attend.

The perpetual Polls remain open. You can still [share your thoughts](#) (or go to <http://www.crescentsofbrisbane.org/CresPoll04.htm>).



### The Brisbane Departure Lounge

Crescents of Brisbane was sorry to see **Bilal Solwa** head back to South Africa after spending a few years here with his family. Bilal worked tirelessly for the organisation, and the enthusiasm and vitality that he demonstrated for all of the projects CoB undertook was both infectious and refreshing. The inscription on his medal best sums up the impact he has had during his short stay in Brisbane (not to mention the many broken hearts he has left scattered in his wake):

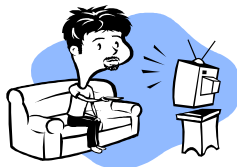
*'To Bilal Solwa: In recognition of your dedication, commitment and contribution to the Team'*

We wish Bilal all the very best in his studies at Natal University.

Also leaving for South Africa today is **Rookhaya Paruk** (daughter of Edris and Fatima Paruk). Her Madressah pupils are sure to miss her dearly, and on behalf of them and the rest the community CCN would like to thank Rookhaya and her family for their untiring and selfless contribution to the development of the Kuraby Madressah, and we wish her well for the future.

### Come Alive in 2005!

Why be a couch potato when you can be a  
**CresFit4Life-er**



See you and the family at Kangaroo Point on Sundays at 7.30 am!



### Azaan Clock on your PC

Now there's no need to get so absorbed in your computer that you forget performing your *Salaats*, says our *Man-on-the-Mussallah*.

Download this free software, from [http://www.download.com/3000-2135\\_4-10206122.html](http://www.download.com/3000-2135_4-10206122.html), set up Brisbane as the city and you'll never have to let surfing or emailing get in the way of your religious obligations ever again. It will play the *azaan* at the appropriate times and you can choose from Makkah, Madina, and Al - Aqsa azaans and configure the various options of the program. It's like have the Al-Fajar clock sitting inside your computer.



A mixture of spicy Indian movies ground into 7 days and 11 features should satiate the most discerning of Bollywood buffs. All of the details of this Movie Masala soon to be showing at the Dendy Brisbane from 17-23 February can be found at <http://www.mgdistribution.com.au/festival>.



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