

**Minutes, Police, Muslim Community Meeting**  
**Tuesday 19 July, 2016**  
**Islamic College of Brisbane**

Item	Discussion	Person	Action
1.	<b>Open and welcome at 7.15pm</b> Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and custodians past and present	Sultan Deen - Chair	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> Bill Graham, Commissioner Stewart, Zoltan Swain, Haniff Abdul Razak, Febi Dwirahmadi, Halim Rane, Neroli Holmes  <b>Attendees:</b> See attendance sheets.		
3.	<b>Adoptions of Minutes</b> Minutes/summary of meeting – accepted		
4.	<b>Standing Items</b>		
4.1	<b>ICQ update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated 20,000 persons attended Eid festival – Success</li> <li>• Q&amp;A sessions with Border Force postponed</li> <li>• Federal Election – Anti Islamic posters/flyers around polling booths – Reported to AEC</li> <li>• Family First contacted ICQ, good discussion however could not agree on all issues</li> <li>• ICQ contacted police re: Young person being contacted by Counter Terrorism unnecessarily , further meeting to discuss issue</li> <li>• Islamic College of Brisbane funding reinstated – 1/4 report to the Govt</li> </ul>	Ali Kadri	
4.2	<b>ADCQ</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election, Anti Muslim flyers, no argument that some flyers were offensive however are allowed under the notion of Freedom of Speech. Not Discriminatory</li> <li>• Bus Project still moving forward with positive outcomes expected.</li> <li>• 4% of Australians voted for Pauline Hansen, however not everyone who voted for her are racist.</li> </ul>	Kevin Cox	
4.3	<b>QPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramadan involvement – Roll out state-wide</li> <li>• More PLO<sup>2</sup>s would be wonderful, however budget restraints</li> <li>• For those who feel Insecure/scared, agencies are here today standing beside you</li> </ul> <b>John Fox</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramadan was a busy time for police attending Iftar dinners</li> <li>• Commissioner has hosted Iftar dinners for 3 years in a row. Sharing meals with neighbours and discussing issues is a good strategy, it results in good conversation</li> <li>• Eid Down-Under a great success</li> <li>• Bus Project – Improvements so far and more work</li> </ul>	A/C Bob Gee Les Bulluss John Fox	

	<p>continuing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Griffith University OMAN exhibition was enlightening. With tolerance and understanding a lot can be learned.</li> <li>• Conducting recruit presentation on demystifying Islam</li> <li>• Attended several functions and meetings including Iftar dinners</li> <li>• International Food Festival Toowoomba – Commissioner attended</li> <li>• Mosque visits – Northern region: Mareeba, Townsville.</li> <li>• Muslim Australia (AFIC) dinner in Sydney – Commissioner unable to attend, however did send John Fox to represent.</li> </ul>		
4.4	<p><b>AFP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emir Cutuk is on leave for 2 months in Bosnia.</li> <li>• Attended the IWAQ Living Safe Together Community Consultation which was very informative and a success.</li> <li>• Attended the Centre for Interfaith &amp; Cultural Dialogue’s Oman’s Message of Islam event which was very well presented and provided a great networking opportunity between attendees and the Oman Society of QLD.</li> <li>• AFP held a NAIDOC week celebration with guest Aunty Margaret Lawton speaking of her experience growing up in Spring Hill.</li> <li>• Attended the EID Down Under celebration and sponsored the soccer tournament providing a \$300 Soccer World gift voucher to the ‘Team Spirit’ award winner.</li> </ul>	Shane Johnson	
4.5	<p><b>QPS Brisbane Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been some reported Break and Enter offences around Algester</li> <li>• Security audits conducted for mosques</li> <li>• Patrols have been increased around places of worship, schools and Mosques</li> <li>• Police in the region have been encouraged to speak/engage with community – get out of patrol cars and develop relationships</li> <li>• Please contact police re; racial vilification even if one is not willing to make a formal complaint</li> </ul>	Shane Chelepy	
4.6	<p><b>MAQ</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in negative conversations</li> <li>• Encourage persons to contact their MP’s to advocate for them</li> <li>• Somali community – Parents don’t understand computers/tech. Difficult to know if children are accessing extremist material</li> <li>• Attended 12 Iftar dinners – all good with persons from diverse background attending</li> <li>• Youth camps – One will be held by Holland Park Youth club in a couple of weeks</li> <li>• Living safe – Training for women to prevent</li> </ul>	David Forde	

	<p>children from moving towards extremism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picture originating from the Gold Coast shows someone urinating on a prayer mat- discussed.</li> <li>• Discussion held re: raising concerns with Members of Parliament – Two thoughts given. Send letters as individuals, that way the member receives many letters. The other thought was for the community to draft a letter and have multiple community members sign – collaborative effort. If people wish to respond individually assistance can be provided in order to get the right message across</li> </ul>		
4.7	<p><b>Immigration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humanitarian case load re: Syrian refugees ramping up</li> <li>• Attended many Iftar dinners</li> <li>• Evaluating and building upon training</li> <li>• Jamal raised concern that some persons are targeted often for extra security procedures when they travel. Feel they are given a hard time and asked personal questions on how they practise their faith. Feel that they are not chosen at random, rather by their appearance. Suggest that officers stick to the guidelines. Another member said that with the extra checks she feels safe to travel.</li> <li>• Cultural awareness training from ICQ invaluable. Will attend the airport to observe current processes</li> </ul>	Nigel Mann	
4.8	<p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramadan incident – Youth made some offensive remarks towards the Police Commissioner and other VIP’s in attendance. Noted that the Commissioner handled the incident well. Commissioner not offended by the community and understands that people have the right to have their say.</li> <li>• The QPS engages with all communities on many different levels</li> <li>• Muslim Chaplains will be allowed into prisons to volunteer.</li> <li>• Wicked Campers – Offensive paintwork re: Muslim women. Unless they name a person and that person makes a complaint not much can be done</li> <li>• Government has formed a Social Cohesion Committee - \$6M funding</li> </ul>	<p>Jamal el Kholed</p> <p>Yasmin Khan</p> <p>Kevin Cocks</p> <p>Adrian Cheney</p>	
5.	<p><b>Upcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 August 7pm at Griffith University (Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue) One God Three Voices (Muslim/Jew/Christian)</li> <li>• 25 August Police Multi-faith dinner – same night</li> <li>• Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue breakfast – Invite only</li> <li>• 17 Sept – Dreamworld</li> <li>• IWAQ: Celebration 25 years coming up</li> <li>• IWAQ: Ten ways to lose yourself and your children</li> </ul>		

6	Next meeting TBA		
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