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### **Editorial**

The whole, it is often said, can be greater than the sum of the individual parts. This statement was never as true as when an ostensibly heterogenous group of people got together to organise the Tsunami Appeal lunch. Drawn from a myriad of backgrounds and cultures (South African, Pakistan, Somalia, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Middle East and elsewhere) it was a privilege to watch (and be part of) a team that rose to the challenge of raising \$120 000 within a couple of weeks. No task seemed too daunting or difficult. Need a couple of dozen items for the auction? Done! Want a cricket bat autographed by the visiting Pakistani team? Shoalb's a mate! Looking to get tickets printed? No worries, brother! Need a speaker? Got one coming from Sydney! Know anyone at the RNA? By George I do!

The UN could well take a leaf or two out of this group's book if they want to operate anywhere nearly as harmoniously or efficiently. Let's hope it does not need to take another Tsunami to bring them together again.

You can share your thoughts about the event (whether you attended or not) by simply clicking [here](#) (or going to <http://www.crescentsofbrisbane.org/CresPoll04.htm>) for a quick online straw poll on the subject.

As always, all responses are anonymous. So take advantage of the chance to have your say on the matter. CCN provides you with the opportunity to voice your opinion on a variety of issues affecting the community in a non-threatening, interactive and democratic forum through anonymous online polls. All quantitative results will be aggregated and reported without identifying any individuals or organisations.

## **Kids4Kids**

### **Just 6 days to go before the BIG DAY!**

Come on Queenslanders! If you haven't yet got your family into the spirit of the occasion then now is the time. Call one of the team members or download a form from our web site

[www.crescentsofbrisbane.org](http://www.crescentsofbrisbane.org) and get them involved. Even though donor fatigue might have begun to set in you'll still find friends, neighbours and workmates only too pleased to hand over a gold coin or two (20 sponsors at just a dollar apiece is a fantastic effort).

If you can't find the time to get to outside sponsors please make every attempt to turn up with your family on the day. Your support and presence is going to be needed if we are to make the day a success.

#### **Kids4Kids Update**

- The prize for the most money collected has been upgraded to an **Apple iPOD MP3** player (every young person's dream machine, we're told). This has been made possible through the kindness of an anonymous donor
- Minister Gary Hardgrave too will be gracing the occasion with his presence.
- In addition to its earlier contribution to **Kids4Kids**, Festive Fiesta has given us loads of ice lollies to distribute on the day
- More reports of schools throwing in their lot with **Kids4Kids** (Kuraby State School, Brisbane Muslim School, Islamic School of Brisbane, Kuraby Madressah)
- Warrigal State School has kindly offered us its snow cone machine for the day
- Want to set up your own stall on the day? Just drop us an [e-mail](#).

## All the Action at the Auction

The joint fund raiser at the RNA Showgrounds last Sunday went off very successfully despite the fact that the ticket sales fell short of the expected target. This was more than made up for by the auction and a number of pledges and donations from individuals, various Muslim societies and *Masjids*. An initial estimate by our very calculating *Man-on-the-Mussallah* puts the figure at well over the \$120K mark.



**Minister Gary Hardgrave** was in attendance and seemed to relish the butter chicken, chicken tikka, and lamb korma every bit as much as anyone who was present that afternoon. A strong supporter of the community, Minister Hardgrave has always found the time to attend our functions. Someone suggested that by now he should be well on the way to being able to recite *Sura Fathia*. Can the *Shahada* be far behind? 🤖

**Brother Mohammed Abu Shaban**, chairman of the Sydney Muslim Community Co-op Australia (MCCA), was the guest speaker. He shared his graphic experiences in Aceh (where he went on the behest of Muslim Aid Australia) with a slide show that reminded the audience, if they ever need reminding, of the awesome and destructive power of the Tsunami.

If you thought **Goss** was good, then on Sunday he has GREAT! His very arrival on stage was greeted with the kind of anticipation usually reserved for so-called 'superstars'. He took to the task of offloading a stage full of items like a man on a mission. And that mission was to raise as much as \$40K which he did with a passion and urgency that had his offsidiers struggling to keep up with him all along the way



A pair of vases went for \$10 000, and a framed cricket bat, signed by the Pakistani team when they were in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago, fetched \$3 500.



Full marks also to the multi-cultural team of smartly attired young students who helped set out the tables, serve the food and clear up at the end. They did this with a sense of professionalism and good humour that belied their youth and inexperience.



A big CCN 🤖 to all those who made this event possible.

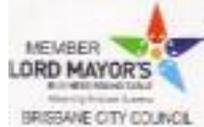
You can savour the rest of the atmosphere of the afternoon at our web site [www.crescentsofbrisbane.org](http://www.crescentsofbrisbane.org) (click on Tsunami Appeal Photos).

## Back to School



CCN wishes all our young folk who headed back to school and madressah this week all the best in their studies. We trust that you had a good break and are ready to get stuck into your books once again.

(We can confidently report that the gust of wind that came up at just past 9 am on the Monday was just the result of a collective sigh of relief from a whole lot of flustered mothers)



## King Campbell and the Knights of the Round Table

One of the initiatives of the Campbell Newman Government last year was the establishment of the **Lord Mayor's Business Round Table**, which acts as a conduit between the Lord Mayor's Office and premier business organisations.

Invited to sit on this very august body was **Mr Faisal Hatia** as a representative of SAMAQ and in his capacity as Director of Hatia Property Corporation. But don't go calling on Faisal to get 'Can Do' Campbell to fix up the pothole in front of your house. "The Round Table is a forum specifically set up for Brisbane businesses to address issues affecting the local business community and have them dealt with in an appropriate way," Mr Hatia said.



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Subject: Thanks!

.....*Thank you very much for the (newsletter) that you email me. I really enjoy reading and it (makes me) still feel part of the community, please keep it up.* [ex-Brisbanite]

**[Editor]** Another good example of digital-electronic telecommunications technology eradicating the tyranny of distance.

Subject: Great Web Site!

*Great web site!! I really like your ideas. Why haven't I seen Crescents of Brisbane promoted on Brisbane Muslims email group(s)? If you don't mind I'll mention you on (the) Fairaustralia email group which covers mainly Sydney, Melbourne, (and) Brisbane. I'll send you a copy. Fairaustralia is the premier email group in Sydney.* [JH]

**[Editor]** ...mmmmm are we ready for the big time yet?



## Look what the Stork Brought!

**Yusuf and Aamena Cajee** are the proud parents of a third son, **Adam**, who was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> January at Logan Hospital. Weighing in at a healthy 4kg, Adam joins his brothers, **Humza** (4) and **Usaid** (2) as grandsons to **Ismail and Naseema Cajee** and **Ismail and Zohra Nathie**. Both the Cajees and the Nathies are amongst some of the earlier migrants to Brisbane from South Africa.

## “Sisters are Doing It for Themselves”

The Islamic Women's Association of Queensland (IWAQ) is organizing their upcoming event, **Behind The Veil-underneath we are all the same**. The event is to be held on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** at the Kyabra Community Centre (Kyabra Street) in association with national Harmony Day. It is going to be a family fun day with various foods, crafts, information and community stalls as well as rides for the children. The event is open to the general public and there will be a gold coin entry fee per person.

The day aims at creating awareness amongst the wider community about features of Muslim life and showcasing the diverse cultural backgrounds and talents of the Muslim community. IWAQ will also use the occasion to launch its booklet on the contribution of older Muslim women to the history of Queensland and their involvement in Queensland community life.

If you like further information regarding this event or if you would like to be apart of the day either by having a stall or by being a volunteer then please contact **Naseera Ally**, IWAQ's Event Coordinator on 3272 8071.

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