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MUSLIM COMMUNITY RADIO

BEHIND THE VOICE



Words from the President

It gives me pleasure to write this segment of our quarterly 2MFM newsletter. As we welcome another Hijri year, we also surpass another fruitful and successful year for Muslim Community Radio 92.1FM. Over the past few months we have together marked great acts of worship and dedication. This includes Ramadan; the best month of the year, Eid festivities, Hajj - The journey of a Lifetime and the blessed prophetic migration – new Hijriyy year 1439. All which have allowed us to consolidate our unity as one community through togetherness and patience.

The Australian Muslim community continues to grow and is becoming increasingly diverse, in particular Sydney's south west corridor and booming population. 2MFM continues to reach out to these communities and thrives to meet their expectations. Active community participation across a range of radio services including governance, programming, IT and professional development in various radio portfolios have been just some of our achievements.

Over the past few weeks 2MFM has reached out for your support and generosity through donation campaigns and fundraiser events as we embark on an exciting transition in our broadcasting capabilities and infrastructure. Our new site and improved antenna will now sit at 170 metres above ground level in Artarmon. This is 100 metres higher than our current location and have an ERP increase from 6kW to 15kW. Hence, 2MFM now will reach a larger population across Sydney and hopes to have a greater impact with a wider audience and sponsors.

I sincerely thank the 2MFM board, our staff and volunteers for there efforts and all our sponsors in 2017 for their ongoing support to Australia's best and most trusted Muslim Community radio station - 92.1FM.

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2MFM Fundraising Dinner

For over 20 years, 2MFM has been serving the Muslim and broader community by hosting programs that aim to increase awareness of important issues and entertain listeners.

2MFM is now calling on your support to help raise funds for an urgent technical project that needs to be completed. We are hosting a fundraising dinner on Thursday the 26th of October 2017 at 8 pm.

The evening will feature a sit-down dinner at the Re-

naissance Function Centre in Lidcombe, as well as entertainment by world renowned chanter Hajj Mohamad Kheir.

The dinner is one not to be missed, so book now as seats are limited. Tickets start from \$100.

Call 9707 2747 or 0416 539 246.



Do not dispose of this newsletter in the bin.

Muslim Community Celebrates New Hijriyy Year

Muslims across the world ushered in the Hijriyy year 1439 by the sighting crescent. Members of the Muslim community in Sydney celebrated the new Islamic Year 1439 with a heart-warming event organized by the Al Amanah Wattayseer Hajj group. The event was also held in honor of the 2017 pilgrims who were awarded a certificate of

attainment for completing their pilgrimage.

The celebration included a recitation from the Holy Qur'an as well as Islamic chanting by the ICPA Chanting Band. Attendees also had the opportunity to seek blessings from relics from the Holy land including a piece of the covering from the Ka'bah.

2MFM would like to congratulate the Muslim community on



2MFM Team Members Undertake Journey of a Lifetime



Hajj is the journey of a lifetime where pilgrims visit the Holy city of Makkah to perform the ritual obligation.

2MFM would like to congratulate members of the wider Muslim Community who undertook Hajj for the year 2017, including several members of the 2MFM staff and volunteers (shown to the left):

- Hajjah Lea Kassar presenter of the Indonesian program,
- Program Manager Hajjah Faten El Dana OAM, and
- Hajjah Maysoon Abbas presenter of the Iraqi program.

Police and Community Engagement Day



The Muslim Community Radio was invited to participate in the seventh annual Police and Community Engagement Day held at the Lizard Log Amphitheatre in Western Sydney Parklands.

spoke with various individuals from a number of units within the special force including crime scene investigators, highway patrol, riot squad, and Fire and Rescue.

Attendees had the opportunity to look at police equipment, speak with task force personnel and sit in a police car.

Fairfield Commander, Superintendent Peter Lennon was also among those we had the chance to catch up with.

2mfm was among those who held a stall at the annual event. Community Connect host Nadia Zahr

2MFM Takes Part in Training Courses



At 2mfm we uphold our commitment to delivering high quality programs that increase awareness of important issues and improving the services that 2MFM provides to the community.

Earlier this year a number of 2MFM staff and volunteers took part in a community broadcasting training course i.e. the Certificate III in Media, provided by the Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO) (picture to the left).

The course has helped many presenters at the radio station develop their skills in order to develop new programs and improving existing ones.

In July, our board members undertook a short course on Governance and related issues also delivered in partnership with CMTO.

In Mid-August, the same training organisation delivered another interesting course to our recruits who learnt more about Sponsorship and Fundraising in Community Radio and gained more skills in these two areas.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our valued staff and volunteers who attended these training courses, and a special thank you also goes to CMTO for their continuous support.



Community Connect Special Series 'Surviving the HSC'

The HSC can be a stressful time for both students and parents.

The series is a chance to help demystify the HSC and hopefully ease the minds of both parents and students

*Sandy Al-Aweik
(Producer/Presenter)*

Community Connect presenters Sandy and Nadia have put together a comprehensive series on the HSC to help distinguish fact from fiction and demystify the concept for parents and students.

The series encompasses a

variety of topics from having a healthy study/social balance, explaining how the ATAR is calculated and reflections by the 2017 HSC cohort .

The series is available for replay on Soundcloud:
soundcloud.com/2mfm/sets/community-connect-surviving

Community Connect airs live weekdays after 4pm on 92.1FM or via 2mfm.org.



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2MFM Membership and Donation

Membership

Becoming a member has a lot of incentives.

Members have exclusive information regarding events, a welcome package and also special deals from our sponsors.

Members are contributing to the ongoing work that 2MFM does on a daily basis.

For only an annual subscription fee of \$50 anyone can become a 2MFM member.

In order to become a member, please contact 2MFM on 9707 2747 or by sending an email to

contactus@2mfm.org.

It is quick and easy and you will have a first hand role in supporting 2MFM!

Donations

Support 2MFM by making a donation. It's as simple as visiting 2mfm.org to pay using Mastercard/Paypal/Visa.

You can also set-up a bank deposit to 2MFM.

Account name: Muslim Community Radio

BSB: 082-128

Account Number: 53059 4280

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Community Bulletin

Sydney Eid Al-Adha Festival — 2MFM participation & coverage of the event can be found on soundcloud. We'd like to thank all the listeners who visited the 2MFM stall at Paul Keating Park on the 2nd and 3rd of September (image to the right).

Multicultural Health Week — Presenters Nadia Zahr and Sandy Al-Aweik attended the launch of the event hosted in September by the Multicultural Health Communication Service.

2MFM Finalist for 'Station of the year' with the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) — Winner will be announced at the 2017 NEMBC Awards Night on the 25th of November 2017.

Multicultural Mawlid Concert — **Sunday, 3rd December 2017.** The slogan for the event was recently unveiled (as shown in the image to the left). Spread the word and stay tuned to 92.1FM for exciting updates.



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