



**GALLIPOLI**  
TURKISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION

# Annual Report 2021/2022



Gallipoli Home







# Our People





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# Chairman's Report



**“In the Name of Allah,  
The Most Beneficent the Most Merciful”  
As-Salamu Alaykum**

## **A big thank you to our generous community for your continuous involvement, duaa, and support of our foundation.**

I am happy to report that in the 2021/2022 year, we carried out our mission to champion the needs of Muslims in the Australian context. We expanded our services with the expansion of our Friday night female program, continued to address the spiritual and religious needs of our jamaat and provided much-needed advocacy for the interests of Australian Muslims.

As we enter a post-covid stage and life returns to a pre-covid sense of normalcy, it is important to remember the impact COVID-19 had on our community in the 21/22 year. Our community suffered from not only the direct impacts of this deadly disease but also the psychological impacts of experiencing prolonged lockdowns – lockdowns that were not uniform but targeted, with Western Sydney hardest hit.

To fight this disease we did our part – from opening vaccination hubs in our community centres to launching a COVID-19 information and referrals hotline and producing and publishing COVID-19 messages in a range of languages.

We continue to serve the community through our various arms.

The Auburn Gallipoli Mosque has play host to a range of efforts to promote reconciliation, mutual respect, tolerance and understanding between communities and individuals, including through our mosque open day and through our “Every day is an open day” tour program.

Our i-Youth centre successfully delivered the ‘Tackling Islamophobia Through Positive Experiences’ this year, - a program which fostered inter-religious dialogue and promoted respect amongst youth and religious communities and explored tools and methods to overcome Islamophobia in the Australian context. This year also saw the successful application for funding to continue our COMPACT project until June 2024 and the expansion of our Friday Night female program.

We have also begun the implementation of several infrastructure projects at our mosque – including a range of security upgrades and the building of a shade sail over our playground.

We are a part of the community and country we co-inhabit, and as Australia enters into times of financial uncertainty, we feel its impact. Nevertheless, through these challenging times we will continue to serve our community and add to the services we provide our community.

The following report details the fruits of our efforts this financial year, all of which would not have been possible if it weren't for the efforts of our members and wider jamaat.

We pray to Allah (SWT) to reward you for your efforts and trust in our leadership and to forgive us for any shortcomings.

Wassalamu Alaikum  
**Abdurrahman Asaroglu**  
Chairperson  
Gallipoli Turkish Cultural Foundation

# Auburn Gallipoli Mosque Report

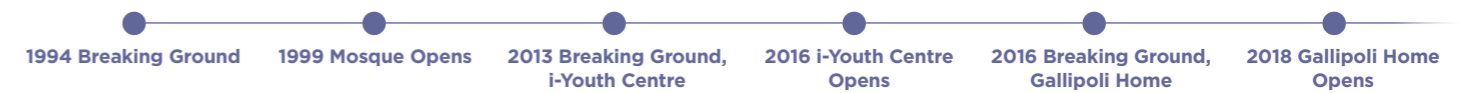
## About Us

**Auburn Gallipoli Mosque first established in 1979 registered under the name of NSW Turkish Islamic Cultural Centre began its humble beginnings as a centre of learning of the Islamic Faith and a place of worship for the Muslim habitants of Auburn and the surrounding districts.**

Migration of Turkish citizens to Australia began in October 1968 and continued till 1972 and in the period of four years around 120,000 had arrived and settled in two residential pockets in the Sydney metropolitan area.

The Muslim Turkish community in Auburn were eager to establish a centre of worship of their own as soon as possible but also wanted the centre to reflect Ottoman Turkish Architectural and Art culture as well.

By 1987 Turkish and non-Turkish Islamic communities in Sydney were able to fund raise around \$2.5 million dollars and so began the construction of the mosque. As construction progressed financial restraints were encountered and hence delaying early completion of construction. Finally, the mosque was completed at a cost of \$6 million dollars and the official opening attended by local and international dignitaries from Turkey.





## Services

### Tours

The motto at Auburn Gallipoli Mosque is “every day is an open day” welcoming everyone regardless of race colour and religion. The tours are provided by professional tour guides trained inhouse at the Mosque. General duration of a tour is an hour but can be shortened or extended if time is permitting and ample opportunities to ask questions.

The average number of visitors to the mosque can vary between 7000 to 10,000 annually with the vast number of these primarily made up of primary secondary public and private schools and of tertiary level.

With the advent of the Covid pandemic the number of tours and attendee sizes in the past year has dropped substantially.

The table below shows a dramatic increase with the number of visitors in the second half of the year because of the significant relaxation of covid restrictions.

Tours begin with the historical introduction, architecture, artwork, religious and social significance in the Muslim community, fundamental tenants of faith in Islam, theological similarities and differences between Islam and other faiths and

ample question time with no restriction to content or relevance to the topics discussed on the tour.

We have always been a strong advocate of encouraging visitors to ask questions and get answers to their question firsthand from a reliable source. Misinformation about Islam is never far away with those maliciously willing to exploit Islam for their perverted agenda. One does not go to a shoemaker to know about baking.

Over the decades tours at Gallipoli Mosque have played a very important significant role within the Australian non- Muslim community, breaking down misconceptions, ignorance, stereotyping, and prejudice. Individuals as well as groups have come to know about the beauty of Islam and Muslims. At occasions I personally witnessed those being overwhelmed the awe of what they saw and what they heard bringing them to shedding tears and some bowing their head down in a depth of contemplation and reflection.

We, Muslims are the new chosen people, advocates of peace and justice through the modern world, as beautifully defined In the Glorious Quran.

<b>Period July 01, 2021 - October 11, 2021</b>	<b>Number of tours = 0</b>	<b>Mosque in lockdown</b>
<b>Period October 11, 2021 - June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Number of tours = 93</b>	<b>Number of attendees = 2,120</b>



## Prayers

### Daily Prayers

Since mid-October 2021 Gallipoli Mosque has continued to provide daily congregational prayers 7 days a week.

### Friday Prayers

In the last eight months or so, two sessions of Friday prayers are conducted at the mosque with average patronage of 1,500 attendees for both sessions combined. Having a second prayer session allows flexibility with parking and convenience with timing.

#### First Session



#### Second Session





## Eid Ul Adha 2021, 2022 Tarawih and Eid Ul Fitr Prayers

Eid Ul Adha prayers in July 2021 were cancelled because of lock down.

By 2022 all restriction were removed and hence Tarawih and Eid Ul Fitr Prayers were possible again in great numbers.



## Funeral prayer service

### Funeral prayers at the mosque and the cemetery

All Muslims upon death are required to be washed, shrouded, and then be buried in accordance with Islamic practice, the Sunnah. Majority of the burials take place at Rookwood Necropolis the largest burial site in the Southern hemisphere. UTIC the funeral services is owned and operated by the Turkish Mosques Association in Sydney and the Illawarra.

Funeral prayers at the Mosque were held on and off in line with Covid restrictions. Whenever it was possible funeral prayers were held at the mosque with the observation of Covid restrictions and when not possible were held at the burial site at the cemetery. Funeral prayers resumed at the mosque from March 2022, with 52 funeral prayers held up to June 30th, 2022.



## Mawlid

Mawlid is a Ottoman Turkish customary religious practice honouring a late loved one. The ceremony begins with recitations of The Quran, supplication, and Nasheed. This practice is generally held at a mosque but can also be done at home or at a hall. The host would then offer catering or sweets to complete the ceremony. There has been 13 Mawlid held this year.





## Fundraising

### Qurban 2021 Donations

QURBAN 2021 DONATIONS							
	Diyagnet	MAA	Human Appeal	Humanity For All			
	\$18,810	\$11,625	\$7,320	\$3,830			
	\$2,660			\$1,050			
	\$950						
Total	\$22,420	\$11,625	\$7,320	\$4,880		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$46,245</b>

### Ramadan 2022 Donations

RAMADAN 2022 DONATIONS								
	Diyagnet	MAA Int	HFA	Sadaqa Foun	Cami Fitre	Cami Zekat		
	\$40,092	\$7,065	\$2,850	\$2,510	\$2,115	\$3,900		
Total	\$40,092	\$7,065	\$2,850	\$2,510	\$2,115	\$3,900	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$58,532</b>

### Covid 19- Vaccinations June 2021 - March 2022

Gallipoli Mosque in partnership with WSHD provided Pfizer vaccination shots to the Muslim community in the Sydney metropolitan area. Around 800 people received 2 shots between June and September 2021. And from November 2021 to March 2022 in cooperation with a health clinic in Merrylands provided booster shots for more than 390 people.


#### First and second jab

June 2021	75
July 2021	150
August 2021	352
September 2021	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>785</b>

#### Booster Shots

November 2021	153
December 2021	61
January 2022	137
February 2022	28
March 2022	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>





معلومات COVID-19 والخط الساخن للدعم

## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND SUPPORT HOTLINE


LATEST INFO FROM NSW HEALTH  
VACCINATION/TESTING CENTRES  
TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

English, عربي, Türkçe

**1800 948 155**

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## 2022 Ramadan Festival

First Friday after Ramadan Eid, 06/06/2022, a festival was organised on mosque grounds to bring the community together. There were 27 stalls offering a variety of services including food, gifts, and clothing sales. The mosque exterior was also lit with LED coloured lighting to give that distinguishing beauty and attraction. Estimated attendance, over 3000, with positive feedback from many attendees, congratulating the mosque for organising the auspicious occasion.

The mosque is planning to have a similar event later in the year with the vent running over 2 days .



## Conversions

In the last 12 months there has been 12 conversions with the majority being females. As a token of our congratulation and appreciation all converts are given a certificate of conversion and free books and literature about Islam to further their knowledge and understanding of the faith and practices.



## Security incidents

Alhamdulillah, there has only been one minor security incident this year. An adult male of Turkish descent approached the imam of the mosque and other members of the congregation, displaying unusual behaviour, screaming, and shouting. He was asked to calm down and leave but refused. One staff member called the police to have the man removed from the mosque premises.





## Nikah Ceremonies

**Gallipoli Mosque provides two locations for nikah ceremonies:**

### Conference room in the admin building

The space is only suitable for small gatherings with no more than 15 people. Interested couples can call or email the mosque to make booking arrangements. Bookings are made in line with the availability of the conference room and the availability of the imam of the mosque.

If the applicant wants to use imam of the mosque for the ceremony a condition placed on the marrying couple to have completed their civil marriage with the relevant authorities prior to the religious ceremony. This policy clause was introduced to protect the mosque prestige from any unwarranted slur and reputation.

However, if the couple prefer to designate their own imam, then they are not required to produce proof of civil marriage.

There is a surcharge fee for the use of the conference room.

### YC Community Hall

This facility is better suited for a larger gathering. Standard capacity of the hall is around 200 people seated. Included with the hiring of the hall are trestle tables and plastic chairs. It is the responsibility of the hirer to set up pack and clean the hall after use. There is a reasonable fee for hiring the hall and to ensure compliance are observed a bond of \$1000 is charged and may be refunded in full if hiring obligations are all met. The hall also has an industrial kitchen which is not for hire. All catering must be external.

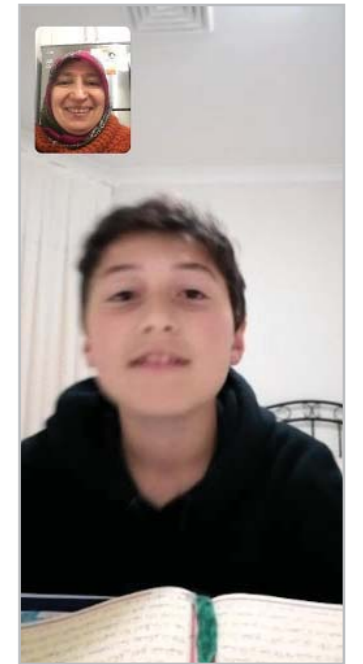
There have been a total 5 nikah ceremonies performed in the admin conference room.



## Salime hocas activities

### 1) Qur'an Lessons

During the periods when Covid 19 restrictions were in place, only online classes were continued for women and young children and classes in the periods when the restrictions were lifted were face to face and online for women and young children.





## Salime hocas activities

### 2) Visits

To the elderly, the sick and the congregation, home readings, condolence visits.



Top left to right: 1. Patient visit. 2. Picnic with the congregation. 3, 4, 5. Fete sale for the benefit of mosque and kermes. 6. Itikaf meetings in the mosque during the month of ramadan. 7. Meeting with the congregation after class.



Top left to right: 1, 2. Friday Program and meal lessons. 3, 4. Gallipoli home studies. 5, 6. Online guest programs. 7. Itikaf meetings in the mosque during the month of ramadan.







# i-Youth Centre Report

**It gives me great pleasure to present you the 2021/2022 Annual Report and it is a privilege to be part of an organisation that really does empower young people to reach their potentials.**

The i-Youth Centre has changed the life of many young youth across the LGA as this annual report highlights what we have achieved together with Volunteers and staff.

The i-Youth Centre has held several programs in the last 12 months the focus of these programs was to provide the youth a clean and safe environment where they can build new friendships, Character, Skills, Leadership, Develop Resilience to issues in Society that are a concern to families.

## If We Provide

- Provide relevant, quality, engaging life skills education and social programs
- Provide fun, cultural, health and fitness-based activities
- Engage local communities and like-minded partners to create a culture of belonging which fosters commitment among staff, volunteers, and participants
- Provide a supportive mentorship
- Provide safe, fit-for-purpose, accessible and commercially sustainable facilities.
- Young people make new friends with others from diverse backgrounds
- Families of students and communities are included
- Young people develop appropriate life, behavioural, leadership and citizenship skills.

## So That

- Young people have new information, skills and educational opportunities to empower them for the future
- Young people benefit from a stronger social support and mentoring system
- Young people develop life, social and citizenship skills to be resilient and make positive life choices
- Communities value the voices and contributions of young people.

## Then We

- Get young people active in life
- Work with young people to develop their skills, character, and leadership
- Reduce and prevent crime by and against young people.

## Which We Will Make

The communities and families proud.

## Then

- Young people have positive experiences in our centre
- Young people attend regularly and continue to be positive
- Young people and community members of all backgrounds register for programs and activities
- Young people connect with other organisations and the community
- Facilities and programs set new standards for youth engagement and participation.

## And

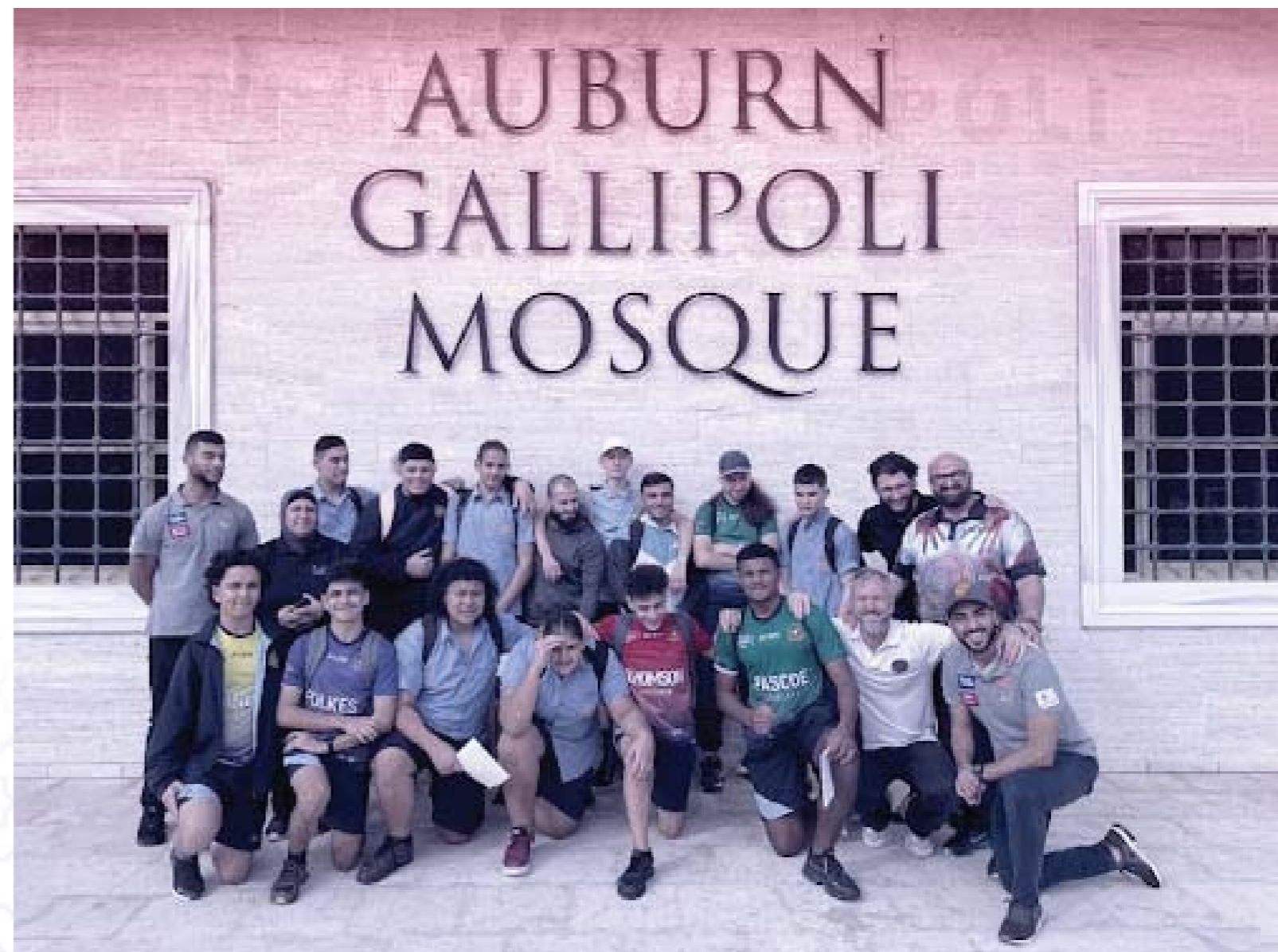
- Young people become physically and culturally active in life.

## Achievements

**We have increased our regular participant numbers from approximately 150 a week to 200 a week.**

- Our program participants come from across Sydney.
- Participants from Granville, Merrylands, Guildford, Lidcombe, Parramatta, Greystanes, St Clair, Ryde.
  - More than 250 people attend and use our facilities weekly. Our Facebook page 'i-Youth Centre' has reached over 1000 likes.
  - There has been an increasingly diverse range of youth taking part in our programs including people from Pakistani, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, Indian, Afghan backgrounds.
  - Compact Grant Funding for Generation Gritt program for Youth age between 16-24
  - Wise Up Program for High School Students
  - Partnerships with Lighthouse Community Support and Giving Back Australia
  - Resume writing for our Youth has resulted in Part time work for the youth that are 16 and over in McDonalds, Bunnings, Woolworths.

“Every day is an open day”





## Programs At Our Centre

### Fitness Boxing Sessions

Boxing and fitness lessons are held every Tuesday and Thursdays at i-Youth Centre between the times 2pm - 5pm. The participants get a chance to do some pad work, stretches, and basic techniques in boxing. Boxing/Fitness has attracted between 13 and 50 years of age.

#### Key benefits of fitness boxing:

- Improves balance.
- Helps posture.
- Strengthens upper- body and core.
- Boosts endurance.
- May increase alertness.
- Discipline
- Enhances mood.
- Improves hand-eye coordination.

### Friday Nights Sports Program at Auburn Youth Centre

On Friday nights youth attend a special drop-in session with our partners Auburn Youth Centre for some sports activities or just to socialize with friends. On the night the youth play indoor soccer 5 v 5 matches, 3 v 3 Basketball competition, Table Tennis, and snooker. More than 20 youth attend the program on Friday night with some who come just to watch the excitement and action.



### Wise Up Program

Wise up Program is a special program which is for 6 weeks delivered to different schools in the Bankstown area. The i-Youth Centre is one of the partners associated with Lighthouse Community Support to deliver the program to high school students in years 9 to 11 with different topics each week.



#### Partners who are involved in the program are:

- Giving Back Australia
- Human Appeal
- Campsie Police station
- Gallipoli Mosque
- GWS Giants.

#### Topics that are covered in the program are:

- Drug and Substance use
- Bullying
- Health and wellbeing
- Road Safety
- Charity work
- Leadership.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>9AM TO 11AM</b> Women's Quran Classes with Imama Ayse Sula</p> <p><b>3.30PM TO 5PM</b> Boy's Quran Classes with Imam Abdulhalim Erkoc &amp; Osman Boyaci</p> <p><b>6PM TO 7PM</b> Boys Year 10-12 Math and English Homework with Fahri Islek</p> <p><b>7PM TO 9PM</b> Men's Quran Classes with Sheikh Saifui Hawan</p> <p><b>7PM TO 9PM</b> Islamic lectures &amp; Seerah class with Muhammet Ordukaya (in Turkish)</p>	<p><b>10AM TO 12PM</b> Women's Quran Classes with Imama Enise Erkoc</p> <p><b>3.30PM TO 5PM</b> Boy's Quran Classes with Imam Osman Boyaci</p> <p><b>4PM TO 5.30PM</b> Girl's Quran Classes with Imama Enise Erkoc</p> <p><b>7PM TO 9PM</b> Islamic lectures with weekly guest speakers, including Imam Osman Boyaci Atish Moin Mohammad Hobios Talal Kanj Muhammad Ordukaya</p>	<p><b>10AM TO 12PM</b> Women's Quran Classes with Imama Enise Erkoc</p> <p><b>3.30PM TO 5PM</b> Boy's Quran Classes with Imam Abdulhalim Erkoc &amp; Osman Boyaci</p> <p><b>7.30PM TO 9PM</b> Islamic lectures with Br. Soner Corulu</p>	<p><b>3.30PM TO 4.30PM</b> Islamic lecture in Turkish with Imama Enise Erkoc (Facebook Live)</p> <p><b>3.30PM TO 5PM</b> Boy's Quran Classes with Imam Osman Boyaci</p> <p><b>7PM TO 9PM</b> i-Youth Centre Boys Program &amp; Lecture with Osman Goreli and Imam Osman Boyaci</p>	<p><b>10AM TO 12PM</b> Women's Quran Reading and Islamic Lectures with Imama Salime Eken</p> <p><b>4PM TO 8PM</b> i-Youth Centre Girl's Program - Islamic lectures Quran lessons and empowerment program with Sister Fidaws Karim</p> <p><b>10AM TO 12PM</b> Islamic lectures with Sheikh Wesam Charkawi</p>
				<b>SUNDAY</b>
				<p><b>6.30AM TO 9AM</b> Lessons with Sheikh Wesam Charkawi</p>





### Live Matches of Soccer and NRL

Live screening of Sports games on our Big Screen Projectors make it exciting for all sports fans. Matches from the N.R.L, Turkish Superlig, State of Origin, Eurpean Champions League, Euro Cups and much more bring all the sports fans together from ages as little as 10 upto 60 years of age to share the fun and excitement at our Centre. Some matches kickoff as early as 2 or 3am in the Morning. Fresh reffreshments such as Tea and Coffee are provided for everyone who comes down. Attendances depending on the match attracts between 20-50 people on the day.



### Young people benefit from a stronger social support and mentoring system



### Math's Homework and English Class

Math's Homework lessons have been ongoing for 3 years with volunteer Teacher Mahmut Yanar who has been holding free lessons every Monday nights for boys who are in Years 9 through to year 12 who are preparing for their H.S.C. During the lessons the youth get time to see Mahmut Yanar for one-on-one help regarding any topics in Math's they are struggling or need help with. Mahmut Yanar has volunteers who help out during his absence who are Fahri Islek, Adem Vatan.





## Guest Speakers and Workshops on Friday Nights

i-Youth Centre, Lighthouse community support and giving back Australia partner up all together to bring out the best possible Leadership programs for our youth every Friday nights. Friday night programs are designed to create future leaders of tomorrow with activities that benefit young people in the region for ages 13-18 from all different faiths and backgrounds. Workshops covered are Education, Careers, Substance awareness, leadership skills.

### After being involved in our programs, young people should have:

- A better understanding of their strengths
- Increased confidence in finding new opportunities
- A greater understanding of how to be youth leaders
- A greater sense of decision making under peer pressure
- Developed their positive thinking
- Developed their ability to work within teams
- Communication and problem-solving skills.



## Youth Volunteer

The i-Youth Centre has Volunteers from ages 13-18 who are always there when there is a needing hand in the community or our Centre. The Youth have reached out to various programs such as homeless food run, Reach out to the elders with essential needs during the lockdown, Volunteer work at Gallipoli Mosque for Open Day, Eid Prayers setup, Festivals.



## Lecture Programs

Lectures are held for Males on Thursday nights between 7.30pm and 9pm with different topics each week for suitable ages between 12-18 by Osman Boyaci and on selected Friday nights with Imam Abdulhalim Erkoç for same age groups. More than 30 Different youth attend the lectures from all parts of the Cumberland LGA. Thursday night lectures have been ongoing since 2016 the day the i-Youth Centre opened.





## i-Youth Iman – Osman Boyaci

### Thursday Night Lectures

Our Thursday night lectures consist of developing character through versus from the Quran and Islamic ethos.

#### We cover topics such as:

- Adab/Respect. Eg. Respect towards the creator, the prophet, parents and respect to one's self.
- Attributes of Allah
- The appearance and character of the Prophet (pbuh)
- Planning your future
- Balancing between the affairs of dunya and hereafter
- Living a life worth looking back to
- Maintaining cleanliness at heart in all circumstances
- Steadfastness, honesty, loyalty & many more topics.

Following our lecture we have games of futsal upstairs in the youth centre or soccer games in the mosques courtyard.

### Monday – Thursday Quran classes:

Throughout the year we have offered Quran classes to teenage youth from Mondays through to Thursdays after school. We have seen good results and progression from those who've attended as well as one of them memorising 3 juz' and continuing.

### Monday – Thursday Arabic classes:

This year we started beginners' Arabic classes for our i-Youth boys after our Quran classes. Alhamdulillah they've been able to slowly understand what they recite from the Quran and translate basic Arabic sentences.

### Friday night lectures with young adults:

For a few months we conducted weekly lectures on Fridays for those above the age of 25. Our lectures took place either in the Mosque or somewhere outside where we had the opportunity to socialise and relieve the stress of the working week and also have a bite and/or drink.

### Tuesday night lectures:

Occasionally, and sometimes on consecutively, I would attend and conduct the Tuesday night lectures that are held in our youth centre. We try to work around other people's availabilities as well so we conduct a few lectures a week at our youth centre.

### Friday morning Fajr programs:

After praying fajr on Friday mornings we take the youth out for breakfast and make Friday enjoyable and the day to look up to and back to.

### Vaaz & Teravih:

As I do every year this year I lead teravih prayers and also conducted the vaaz on other nights.

### Second Jumuah session:

Alhamdulillah we have been conducting the second session of Friday prayers for a long time.



### Night of Worship:

On one of the nights during Ramazan, our i-Youth boys stayed back inside the mosque until late at night. We had two talks outlining the importance of the month, being able to utilise the blessings we have, how we should worship at night and which athkaar we could recite. Towards the end of the night a group of boys formed a halaqa/circle and did Quran recitation among themselves.



### Catching up with Reverts:

I often contact the revert brothers time to time helping them with common things from Islamic knowledge all the way through to encouragement as they do need to feel the sense of belonging even after months or even years after reverting. I receive some at the youth centre and some we speak catch up outside.





**Gallipoli Home has now been in operation nearly 5 years and continuously has occupancy rate of 97%. We are the first and only aged care in Sydney dedicated to serving the Muslim community. Our facility is home to 102 loved residents and over 130 staff who speaking a variety of languages.**

**Gallipoli In-Home Care** is in its 2nd year of operation and has been very successful. We now have more than 90 clients and offer Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) as well as Home Care Packages (HCP). CHSP is a centre-based respite service that includes involving the elderly in group activities.

2022 was a wonderful year at Gallipoli Home with the ease of covid restrictions meaning we were able to have our families back to visit and enjoyed the special times such as Eid.

Just before the beginning of Ramadan we had our loved residents getting ready and spreading the word with posters for Ramadan taraweeh, Quran recitation and Iftar. Eid Al Fitr was celebrated with a BBQ and lots of sweets and gifts for the residents.

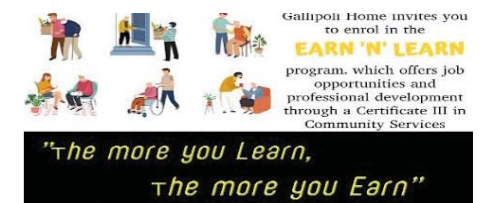


**Gallipoli In-Homecare** held the first ever First Client-Carer Iftar Dinner in 2022. We had many clients come along with their dear families. It was wonderful to see them enjoy the evening and hear some great feedback for all the services we provide on a day to day basis.

**International Nurses Day** is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. Gallipoli Health Services thanked all the nurses and frontline workers for their hard work, dedication and commitment by enjoying a meal together and everyone was dressed in their traditional dress.

**Gallipoli Health Services** were able to visit a number of schools one being AIA Kellyville campus to promote all the services we offer and encourage the young students to engage more with the leaders and their care. Little gift packs were also presented to the students.

Gallipoli Health Services is offering the community to enrol in the "Learn and Earn" program, which offers job opportunities and professional development through a Certificate III course in Community Services.



## The more you Learn, The more you Earn Program





**South Asian Muslim Association of Australia (SAMAA)** hosted Eid Milan on Sunday 22 May 2022 at Bankstown Sports Club to bring together community elders. SAMAA has signed a MoU with Gallipoli Home to serve the diverse elderly community. Two videos were screened showing the facilities at their 102 bed aged care home and detailing the services Gallipoli In-Home offer for elders at Home. Dr Abdurrahman Asaroglu, Chair of the Board of Directors of Gallipoli Home, in his speech, emphasised that at this Muslim facility, they observe compassion, kindness, and respect for the seniors and their families from all cultural & religious backgrounds. We value the emotional, spiritual, and physical health of our elders, to help them live healthier and happier lives by actively ensuring their individual needs are met. (Report by: AMUST ) The event was addressed by @zahid Jamil @Shaoquett Moselmane MLC.



**Gallipoli Home would like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the community for all the donations we receive.**

A big thank you to Mrs Sumru Kiratli, an elder within the community who has donated over 100 hand knitted mittens, gloves and beanies to our residents and just in time for the winter cold weather. Thank you so much for your kind gesture which was extremely appreciated by our residents.

It is always great when we get positive feedback from our families. Gallipoli Home would like to thank Ban and our lovely residents Najat Hameed for the

kind gesture shown to our staff in appreciation and as an early Eid gift. Delicious desserts from Broast Cafe.

Gallipoli Home loves to get the residents involved in all activities. They were very helpful in creating and preparing the decorations for Eid El-Adha 2022. We also had a fantastic display in reception in a variety of languages.





# Government/Community Engagement

The role of our Government Relations Advisor is to raise the profile of our Foundation with decision makers from all levels of government. This is achieved by advocating the needs of our foundation with elected officials, representatives of government departments and non-government organisations.

In the 2021/2022 year, this was done by planning and delivering various events throughout the year to showcase the work of our foundation to these decision-makers.

The ultimate purpose of all this work is to put our foundation on a better footing when it comes to attracting funds through grants so that we may increase our capacity to serve our community.

## Successful grants in the 2021/2022 Financial year:

### Mental Health Week grant - \$1000

Online emotional well-being storytime for mothers with young toddlers.

### FECA - Small grants - \$5,000

COVID-19 messaging promoting vaccinations and COVID messaging.

### MNSW Empowering Local Communities - \$22,500 & Empowering and Supporting Local Communities Grants, Round 2 - \$23,000

A multi-pronged, comprising both soft components and hard components, delivered in three community languages Arabic, Turkish and English. The soft components included producing and disseminating COVID-19 messaging and practical information to lift vaccination and testing rates, providing the latest

health advice on how to remain safe from COVID-19 and messaging to boost promote mental health and resilience of the community generally (and against misinformation and conspiracy theories). The hard components included providing a manned telephone information service and transport service.

### Safer Communities Round 6 - \$227,769

Funded through the Federal Governments Safer Communities Round 6 grant program, this project encompasses a range of security infrastructure upgrades at our Mosque. These include upgrading CCTV capability, installing access control systems (including intercom system for main entry points), upgrading the alarm system, including the installation of duress alarms, bollards for hostile vehicle mitigation and raising the perimeter fence with an antiscale design to limit unwanted incursions and compliment the host of other security upgrades.



### COMPACT Grant - Generation Grit 2.0 - \$313,849.00

Generation Grit 2.0 is a female-driven, youth-led program aimed at young people aged 16 to 24. The program will promote understanding of issues impacting the harmony of our communities and teach participants the skills and tools they need to combat these issues, turning them into champions of community harmony. Participants will be given the skills and resources to create positive narratives that promote whole-of-society resilience and cohesion. Project activities will foster emotional resilience and empower participants to stand up to hate and division. The project will build the capacity of participants to build relationships and networks among themselves and with project partners and the broader COMPACT Alliance network. The positive narratives they will create for online consumption will promote outcome goals for the COMPACT program, particularly the longer-term outcomes at a community level.

### Tackling Islamophobia through Positive Experiences - NSW Department of Communities and Justice \$50,000

This program aimed to foster inter-religious dialogue and promote respect amongst youth and religious leaders from diverse backgrounds. It sought to explore the tools and methods to overcome Islamophobia in the Australian context. To achieve this, the program established a Muslim youth group to conceptualise and execute a female-led community interfaith event, and produced materials that challenge conspiracy theories pertaining to Muslims. A series of "positive experiences" events were also held.



**Fiona Martin MP**  
8 February at 12:50

I was delighted to announce last week that funding of over \$227,000 has been granted to the Gallipoli Turkish Cultural Foundation to upgrade the security facilities at [Auburn Gallipoli Mosque](#).

The Morrison Government's Safer Communities Fund helps community organisations enhance the security of their property through practical projects like fencing and alarms.

These new facilities will provide a safer environment for all who worship here and help to protect and preserve an ... [See more](#)

Member for Reid, Dr Fiona Martin MP visited the Mosque and aged care centres to announce the successful grant application.

**WE NEED YOU!**

**GALLIPOLI YOUTH**

**TACKLING ISLAMOPHOBIA**

*Through Positive Experiences*

**AUBURN GALLIPOLI MOSQUE**

Islamophobia negatively impacts the lives of thousands of Muslims living in Australia. Islamophobia takes on many guises through the structures that make up society - including the media.

This project aims to tackle these structural issues impacting the hearts & minds of everyday Australians.

We believe the best way to create structural change is from the ground up.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please join our information session for the project next week, Thursday 24 Feb 2022, at 7 PM.

Tackling Islamophobia Through Positive Experiences is a female-led project. All are welcome.

Email project Facilitator Chantelle Echavarria if you have any questions and for the zoom link [chantelle.echavarria@iyouthcentre.com.au](mailto:chantelle.echavarria@iyouthcentre.com.au)



### Cumberland community meeting - July 2021

My work with the Sydney Alliance culminated in an event with candidates in the upcoming council elections. Candidates were grilled with a series of asks around reinstating council services that were cut in the last session of the council.

### Mosque visit by Superintendent Danielle Emerton Mosque visit and Inspector Andrew Evan

A mosque tour was organised with the new local area commander of Auburn Police Station. The meeting went well. We highlighted our concerns about the lack of referrals for our DV project.

### 2021 End of Year Celebrations

We had a strong turnout at the event, including Lynda Voltz MP, Anthony D'Adam MLC and a host of Cumberland City Councillors including Kun Huang, Ola Hamed, Sabrin Farooqui, Mohammad Hussain and Glenn Elmore. We also had representatives from a departmental level and community, including Shuv Homsy from Giving Back Australia, Thida Yang from Multicultural NSW, Aftab Malik from Department of Communities and Justice and Hong Ong from Auburn Police Station for taking part.

### Community Meet & Greet with Sabrin Farooquie and Kun Huang

On Saturday 26 February we hosted a community meeting with Councillors Sabrin Farooquie and Kun Huang. We had approximately 20 people who up to the event.



### Meeting with Department of Home Affairs Regional Director - December 2021

We held an online meeting with The regional manager for the Department of Home Affairs, Sneha Chatterjee. We discussed our programs and reiterated the security concerns that we have. It was a positive meeting. Sneha visited our mosque on Thursday 31 March. She visited together with Hasan Kadri - one of the department's Community Liaison officers.

### Clr Suman Saha

Clr Suman Saha visited our mosque on Thursday 17 March. His visit came in the footsteps of a controversial campaign by a group that attacked him for being present during an event in which one of the speakers (not him) uttered anti-Muslim sentiments.

### Jason Clare MP

The federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP visited our Mosque recently to follow up on his granting of a Powering Local Communities grant late last year.





### Jason Wood MP (Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs)

Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs visited our Mosque on March 3, 2022. His visit coincided with a recent security grant received by the Mosque.

The Minister was given a tour of the Mosque as well as the youth centre, which was followed by a short tour of the Gallipoli Home aged care facility.



### Site Visit - Minister Mark Coure MP

The Hon. Mark Coure MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Seniors, visited our Mosque and aged care facility on 24 May, 2022.

We discussed the needs of our community and how we can work with the NSW Government to help meet these needs. The Minister was very receptive to what we had to say.



### Site visit - Sally Sitou (Member for Reid)

On 10 June we had Sally Sitou MP, the new Member for Reid, for a visit to our Mosque and aged care centre. During the visit, we were able to raise the issues pertaining to the aged care facility.





## Eid Festival 2022

Our Eid Festival was held on Friday 6 May. Thousands attended throughout the day, making it a vibrant and energy-filled event.

The event acted as an opportunity for cultural exchange between Muslims and non-Muslims. The festival showcased Australian Muslim culture. It was an opportunity for Australian Muslims to celebrate their heritage. It was an opportunity for non-Muslims to appreciate the cultural richness and diversity that exists in Australians with Muslim heritage.



## GTCF Iftar

On April 22 we hosted an Iftar dinner with our friends and supporters from all levels of government. By breaking bread together, we are able to build connections that benefit our whole community.

Distinguished guests included Ali Sevin, Turkish Consul General in Sydney, Jason Clare, Lynda Voltz MP, Fiona Martin MP, Anthony D'Adam, Julia Finn MP, Steve Kamper, Lord Mayor Donna Davis, Mayor Lisa Lake, Ömer R. Incekara and Detective Inspector Andrew Evans from the Auburn Area Command.

We also had a host of councillors join us from Cumberland Council, representatives from state and federal government agencies, and leaders of Turkish community organisations from across NSW.







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