

IEWAD, AGM PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2008 - 2009.

Prepared By Abdul Munaf on 11th October 2009

Bismillah Hir Rahman nir Rahim

Assalamu Alaikum W R

On behalf of IEWAD, I would like to welcome and thank you all for taking your time out to attend this 2009 AGM.

As this AGM is a legal requirement, we have to have it every year, otherwise the rest of the meetings are held in the Islamic sunnah (masourah) platform.

All the glory and praise be to Allah swt for HIS mercy, bounties and guidance during the past year.

It is only thru His mercy; IEWAD Inc. has been able to meet its obligations to the community & individuals. Some of the areas IEWAD has been active in are as follows:

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

The Sunday school has been going well, Allhumdulillah. During the year students, male and female are being taught the basics of our religion separately by attending Sunday school. - The current numbers are as follows:

Male students - 60
Female Students - 70
Male Teachers - 4
Female Teachers - 5

We need more teachers to help us out

Note: All these teachers are on voluntary basis

Some of the students are in the advance classes learning Quran reading as well as doing Hifz thru our specialist volunteer teachers. Emphasis is always on teaching the importance of basics such as wudhu, gusul, salaah, daily duas etc.

IEWAD extends its appreciation & thank you to all those who participate - teachers, parents & of course students to make the Sunday school a success. May Allah swt make this a means of sadqa jariah for them all.

Those students reading Quran are provided with copies of Quran free of any charges.

The effort is still been made from the Afghan Mosque, Doveton, between the hours of 10 to 12 noon every Sunday. Students from many different ethnic back grounds attend the Sunday school. When ever possible we also encourage visiting Tablique jamat or alims to address the male students and give them encouragement to become a proud and contributing Muslim.

We know that 2 hours per week is no where near enough, but ***Insha allah, as soon as this complex is ready, we intend to increase the hours of teaching to weekday (afternoons)& also on Saturdays. We will need more volunteers to assist & will be more organized in delivering this service.***

- **BBQ**

Last year there was a School breakup BBQ at Gunns Reserve, Hallam. Attendance was very average for reasons unknown. Approx 150 people attended. Most of the food stuff was donated again.

This year with masourah, Insha Allah, we intend to have a break up with BBQ at the end - date & venue to be confirmed later.

We will need more brothers to play leading role in organizing this – brothers will be contacted soon.

There will be more discussion on this topic in our committee mtgs.

- **GENERAL**

IEWAD, at times was approached for help from people in distress and Allhumdulillah, with the help of Allah swt we were able to help these people to the best of our ability. Help in terms of welfare, counseling, nikah, JP services, janaza was rendered to community at large.

IEWAD did not make application to City of Casey for Community grants again this year. Our previous applications has been overlooked time & again for years without any success.

IEWAD also received various invitations to meetings and information on issues which affect us, from AFIC and ICV, City of Casey etc.

Brothers and sisters of IEWAD provided assistance to the family members of those in our community who died.

This year, similar to previous years, IEWAD organized after hour's access to Bunurong Cemetary on Sabe – barat night. Some 50 plus brothers went to the cemetery after magrib salaah. IEWAD is so thankful to Bunurong for providing this service to the Muslim Community.

- **JANAZAH SERVICE**

We have a committee for this service, headed by Br Abdul Rahman. If & when this service is required, one phone call to Br Abdul Rahman or in his absence to Br Janif, Br Rustam or to me will get the process in motion.

Please feel free to discuss this service with any of the brothers mentioned above.

- **Ramadhan**

This year Ramadhan commenced with sighting of the new moon. Taraviah salaah was also organized. I would like to thank Brother Nuhaim & his family for providing us with a venue at their residence for a month. Alhamdulillah, an average of approx 30 – 35 brothers attended Taraviah salaah daily, which was led by Hafiz Amrullah. Brother Nuhaim's residence was chosen due to ease of parking at the masjid site.

Eid salaah was also organized at Doveton mosque on Sunday 20/09/09. Although the moon sighting was confirmed very late, approx 150 brothers joined the salaah. The prayer was again led by Hafiz Amrullah.

Zakat ul fitr was collected on the day. By masourah it was decided to send this money to needy people in Pakistan – our Brother Naeem Jan personally took the money to Pakistan to distribute to needy people. Insha Allah, on his return, he will give us the update.

Donation for our mosque project was also collected on Eid day – just over \$1000 went into mosque a/c.

- **MOSQUE AND MADARSAH PROJECT**

Progress has been done since the last AGM & a lot has to be done to see the completion, Insha Allah

In last financial year the following items have been carried out.

- Following on from bored piers completion in last financial year, Footing beam trenches were dug, cleaned & made ready for reinforcement. It was not a easy job – it took us weeks. First we had to build up the area, wet rolled with compactor roller, marking of the trenches was carried out, then the trenching work started. Brother Ibrahim's excavator was used to dig trenches. Volunteers worked tirelessly to clean & fix the trenches as per the drawings. There were working bees upto 40-45 people at times to carryout the task. Of course it took us longer to do the work, but at the end it was completed.
- Under slab plumbing was done, again brother Ibrahim arranged the plumber.
- We seeked quotations for the slab work/fixing of steel reinforcement. There were 3 or 4 companies who quoted the price & the masourah decided to go with one of them for labour only contract (This concreter is known to some of the committee members & was used as a reference point).

This company came on board, - took them approx 3 weeks to prepare the site, while we got quotation for supply & delivery of concrete & again masourah chose one company based on our conditions.

On 9th February 2009 concrete started to arrive on site at 6am. We had 3 concrete pumps to pump concrete from 3 different areas. Concrete trucks came in at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes, were directed by our brothers to the pumps. Most of the brothers took time off to assist in various activities in relation to smooth work process on the day. All the required concrete was poured by approx 10am, while the concrete finishing was complete by 1.30 – 2pm. BBQ was also thrown in for everyone including the concrete contractors.

As previously requested, we still need plumbers, electricians, construction people, cabinet makers, technicians, welders, lifters etc.

If you know of any of the above, please provide us with their contacts or talk to them directly. – We need all the help we can

NOTE: Once again, On be half of IEWAD, I would like to thank all the brothers for helping in any way possible (specially the Swinbourne Uni students thru Br Hashim's effort, Br Ibrahim, Br Fahim – may Allah Ta'ala rewards them & their families tremendously, ameen

I would like to thank all other brothers who worked tirelessly to complete above work – May Allah Ta'ala reward you all tremendously.

- **FUND RAISING**

This topic is most important

The bottom line is - Once the wall panels & steel work is complete, we do not have money for next stage

Fund Raising Dinner – 20 June 2009 at Minaret College

Alhamdulillah, the masourah decided to conduct a dinner night on a date targeted. A lot of effort was put in place by a handful of brothers & sisters to organize this dinner night.

The night itself was deemed to be successful in a sense that nearly ½ million dollars was pledged and or donated on the night.

The food was well prepared and served (in the male section once again by a team of some 20 students fro Swinbourne Uni lead by Brother Hashim)

Most of the food stuff was donated, hall was donated by the college, presenters were very active background projection of the project in different stages were well received by the guests.

Once again, I would like to thank all brothers & sisters for their contribution to this night.

A special thank you to Br Nuham & his family for hall setup/decoration & looking after the ladies section, Brother Ibrahim & his family for all the running around arranging cooking & delivery to the hall.

A special thank you to all those brothers & sisters who stayed back & cleaned the hall, kitchen area etc. (By the way, we got our deposit back – this shows that cleaning was very acceptable to the college)

The reports or compliments we received were all very positive in relation to all aspects of the night, eg: food, sitting arrangement, choice of guest speakers, program, our presentation in the background, project details etc.

This fund raising dinner has set us up for next stage which we have now embarked on.

We need more money or money coming in on regular basis to complete this enormous project.

For this we need to sacrifice more time & effort to go out & raise funds.

Talk to relatives & friends & pass on the message of this project. Talk to overseas contacts also.

Come in with different ideas & means of fund raising – the more ideas – the more chances to raise funds

Also, please dig deep in own pockets

Information flyers/folders are available for distribution

Having gone through seven years of frustration and financial hardship, our savings had been eroded in fighting the injustice as we saw it.

Chairman of Fund Raising – **Br Abdul Kuddus** will give you the details of the fund raising processes – please contact him.

- **NEXT STAGE IN WALL PANELS & STEEL WORK**

For the last few months we were seeking quotations for the manufacture of wall panels & steel structure. We received approx 4 -5 quotations, some with panels only some steel only & some with combination of both.

We almost finalized the panel procurement & steel separately when suddenly the panel manufacturer pulled out. Some of the quotations we received had very hard (for us) clauses/conditions including payment schedules, variations delivery times etc.

Insha Allah we had sabr and made lots & lots of individual duas to Allah for directions, & Allah ta'ala listened to Allah knows best) someone's dua & we were sent a manufacture who could do both panels & steel at a very reasonable price of 550k plus GST.

Alhamdulillah, masaurah decided to go with this manufacturer after some of us had a mtg (and a lot of negotiation) with the top man from this company here in

our office one Saturday morning & subsequently visiting his factory in Sth Gippy Hwy.

We signed a contract with this company to manufacture & install both wall Panels & steel structure in the last week of Ramadhan. They have already produced part of the shop drawing & forwarded to us for approval.

Their expected delivery & installation of panels will be in mid November, Insha Allah, followed by the steel structure, majority of completion before annual xmas break in 3^d week of December.

Payment details are – we have paid 10% deposit on signing of contract & balance on completion.

Now we are still short of final payment by approx 100k and we need to come up with this amount for final payment.

We need everyone's hard work, assistance to collect money from our individual contacts anywhere as well as collectively. Also please dig deep in our own pockets & Insha Allah, collectively we can do it.

Please do not be complacent – we all have to work together for this cause of building our akhirah.

- **NEXT STAGE**

We need to work towards the following:

1. **1st floor concreting**
2. **windows & doors**
3. **Electrical**
4. **Plumbing**
5. PA System
6. **Carpeting**
7. Car Park construction, including Driveways
8. Fencing
9. Roadwork outside site
10. Landscaping

Immediate requirement are items 2, 3, 4, 6

We have to get sponsors for windows, doors electrical material, plumbing material, PA system material, carpeting of Masjid area. Please go out & get sponsors. Please go out & get the community involved in sponsoring above items. We will get some quotes for above items soon. People can sponsor individual items eg: 1 window, 1 door or multiple items.

We have come a long way & still have a long way to go. Insha Allah we will reap the benefit of this work in the hereafter.

I must emphasize and stress here now that the importance of door knocking and fund raising effort is needed more and Insha Allah, this will provide us with the money needed for the construction. We need more people to visit the community at large. The required paper work will be provided to you.

Our most humble praise is to Almighty Allah swt for having given us the chance to do the work for the Muslim community. To all the people who contributed, helped, or provided financial aid, social support, IEWAD is most grateful. To Afghan Mosque Committee for allowing us to use their premises for Sunday school. To all of you for Helping us in our cause. To all the sisters who helped us behind the scenes, IEWAD is grateful.

I extend my very sincere thanks to all the people who assisted us during the year and also dua to Allah swt to bestows HIS choicest bounties and mercy on all, in this world as well as in the hereafter. I seek forgiveness from anyone whom I may have offended knowingly or unknowingly at anytime.

In conclusion I humbly request to all of us here is keep the momentum of the project in focus. And to the committee members, please attend the weekly mtgs regularly and be more active in this project – This year is as important as previous years, and remember that Allah swt is best of the planners and HE helps those who help themselves.

Jazark Allah Khair.

Abdul Munaf
President, IEWAD