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**A message from the President
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(NZMA)**

Shameel Sahib

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa
Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu and
Eid Mubarak

All praises to Allah SWT, the most
Beneficent and Merciful.

On behalf of NZMA, very special
Eid-ul-Fitr greetings to the NZMA
family of volunteers and our wider
community.

Alhamdulillah we're indeed grateful
for another blessed Ramadan
bestowed upon us by Allah SWT.
Ramadan gave us all a very special
time to reflect and do more to
practice the values of gratitude,
generosity and patience.

Eid-ul-Fitr is a day of celebration
and reconnecting with our loved
ones at the end of Ramadan.
NZMA looks forward to welcoming
everyone to our masjids on Eid-ul-
Fitr and connect with Muslims from
different continents who have now
chosen New Zealand as their home.
It's a chance to share this special
occasion with all New Zealanders
and help them understand Islam
better.

We are fortunate to live in a country
that encourages diversity, respect
and tolerance for people from all
backgrounds. It is important we
continue to play a constructive
role in religious tolerance in a multi
cultural society.

While we continue with our daily
lives, we should not forget the many
humanitarian crises across the
world and innocent people facing
extreme hardship. We encourage
food and humanitarian support to
these areas, in particular Gaza.

I am grateful to the many NZMA
volunteers who sacrifice so much
for our community. Our volunteers
run the four NZMA masjids, our
janaza service and also form the
NZMA executive committee. Their
work continued over Ramadan as
they were committed to ensure
none of our community services
were interrupted.

I also want to acknowledge
the recent passing away of two
remarkable community leaders.
Maulana Bashir Ahmed Diwan who
was the chairman of Fiji Muslim
League Shura Council and Head
Imaam of Fiji for over 40 years. He
continued his work in New Zealand
after moving here. Daud Azimullah
was active as a leader in FIANZ
and NZMA for close to 50 years.
May Allah SWT grant both Jannatul
Firdaus.

NZMA is proud of its work
on promoting faith, diversity,
inclusiveness and social
advancement for all. We encourage
you to become part of NZMA,
whether it be as a volunteer at a
masjid or assisting with us on the
administration side.

I wish you and your families all the
best for Eid and pray for Allah SWTs
continued guidance and blessings.

Eid Mubarak

About NZMA

History of NZMA

The New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) is the oldest Islamic organisation in New Zealand. NZMA traces back its roots to 1958, starting in a centre located in Hargrave Street in Ponsonby.

The founding committee of NZMA then consisted of Late Haji Abdul Samad Bhikoo (President), Mehmood Bhikoo (Secretary) and Mohammed Moses (Secretary). Late Br Mazhar Kasniqi was an active member who also went on to serve as the President of NZMA, and was one of the founding fathers of FIANZ in 1978.

By the late 1960s there were around 20 Muslim families living in Auckland, mainly from Gujarat India, Yugoslavia and a few from Fiji. And there were around 10 Muslim students from Fiji who were active in NZMA then. Some of them were late Brothers Abdul Rahim Rasheed, Abdul Hafiz Rasheed, Ayub Khan, Br Sainik, Br Farook Mohammed.

The first regular Jumaah commenced in April 1969.

NZMA eventually bought the Ponsonby Masjid premises on Vermont St in the 1970s, making it the first masjid in New Zealand.

NZMA Presidents since 1958

1. Marhoom Br Suliman Ismail Bhikoo
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3. Marhoom Br Embrahim Bhikoo
4. Marhoom Br Nazmi Mehmet
5. Marhoom Br Mazhar Krasniqi
6. Br Mahmood Bhikoo
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10. Br Haroon Al Rasheed
11. Br Mohammed Basir
12. Br Faiyum Khan
13. Marhoom Mohammed Sahil
14. Br Haider Lone
15. Br Firoz Patel
16. Br Ikhlq Kashkari (2015-23)
17. Br Shameel Sahib (2023-current)

NZMA Today

Through these humble beginnings and the hard work of our forefathers, NZMA now has four masjids operating across Auckland: Birkenhead Islamic Centre; Ponsonby Masjid; Avondale Islamic Centre.

NZMA is a registered funeral director and offers janaza services to the Muslim community. We undertake around 50 janazas a year.

NZMA is also the largest constituent member of the Federation of Islamic Associations of NZ (FIANZ). Of the seven local associations that make up FIANZ, NZMA is the largest. Through FIANZ, NZMA also plays an active role in providing input government policy around immigration, social cohesion, counter-terrorism, social development and related areas.



‘Īd al-Fiṭr Message - 1447 AH / 2026

From the Imām of Birkenhead Islāmīc Centre,
Qāri’ Mahmood Hasan Ismail

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥīm

All praise belongs to Allāh who allowed us to witness the blessed month of Ramaḍān, strengthened us to fast its days and stand in prayer during its nights, and filled our hearts with the light of the Qur’ān.

As Ramaḍān comes to its conclusion, Allāh reminds us of the deeper meaning behind this blessed occasion:

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“So that you may complete the prescribed days, glorify Allāh for guiding you, and so that you may be grateful.” (Sūrah al-Baqarah 2:185)

‘Īdul Fiṭr is therefore not merely the end of Ramaḍān — it is a celebration of guidance.

We rejoice not simply because the month has ended, but because Allāh allowed us to draw closer to Him through fasting, prayer, charity, and the recitation of His Book.

Throughout Ramaḍān, the masājīd were illuminated by the recitation of the Qur’ān. Believers stood shoulder to shoulder in Tarāwīḥ & prayer, hearts softened in du‘ā’, and acts of generosity flowed throughout our communities.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

“Whoever fasts Ramaḍān with faith and seeking reward, all his previous sins are forgiven.” (Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim)

What a tremendous mercy it is that Allāh allows His servants to emerge from this month spiritually renewed — hearts purified and souls filled with hope. Yet the true success of Ramaḍān is not measured by how the month ended, but by how our lives continue after it.

The great scholar al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī [Raḥimahullāh] beautifully said:

“Indeed, from the reward of a good deed is another good deed after it, and from the punishment of a sin is another sin after it.”

- ❖ The Qur’ān that illuminated our nights and days in Ramaḍān must remain for us a source of {هُدًى وَنُورًا} — **guidance and light** — held close to our hearts throughout the year through its recitation, learning, and the careful preservation of its correct recitation.
- ❖ The prayers that filled our masājīd and humbled our hearts in Ramaḍān must continue to anchor our lives in devotion, drawing our footsteps back again and again to the houses of Allāh.
- ❖ The generosity, mercy, and compassion that flourished in Ramaḍān must continue to define our character and flow through our homes, our communities, and the wider Ummah — a living reflection of the mercy that this blessed month nurtured within us.

At Birkenhead Islamic Centre, it has been deeply inspiring to witness our community come together in worship, learning, and service. From the recitation of the Qur’ān to the efforts of our volunteers, teachers, parents, and donors, every contribution reflects a shared commitment to nurturing faith and strengthening our community.

A masjid is not merely a building — it is a place where hearts reconnect with their Creator, where knowledge is passed from generation to generation, and where the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood are strengthened for the sake of Allāh.

As we celebrate this blessed day of ‘Īd, we also remember our brothers and sisters across the world who continue to face hardship and oppression. We ask Allāh to grant relief to the suffering, to bring justice where there is injustice, and to unite the hearts of the believers upon truth and compassion.

Ramaḍān has now departed, but its question remains for each of us:

Did we truly change in Ramaḍān?

If our hearts have grown closer to Allāh, if our character has improved, and if our connection to the Qur’ān has strengthened, then we have truly succeeded in Ramaḍān.

For the believer, the departure of Ramaḍān is not the end of devotion — it is the beginning of a renewed journey with Allāh.

May Allāh accept our fasting, our prayers, our recitation of the Qur’ān, and our acts of charity.
May He allow the light of Ramaḍān to remain alive in our hearts throughout the year.

On behalf of Birkenhead Islāmīc Centre, I extend my heartfelt wishes & du‘ās to you and your families for a blessed and joyous ‘Īdul Fiṭr.

تَقَبَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنَّا وَمِنْكُمْ صَالِحَ الْأَعْمَالِ

May Allāh accept from us and from you.

‘Īdukum Mubārak!



Message from FIANZ President

Ibrar Sheikh

Assalaamu Alaikum and Eid Mubarak

On behalf of the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ), I extend my heartfelt greetings to you and your families on the conclusion of the blessed month of Ramadan and the celebration of the joyous Eid-ul-Fitr.

Ramadan is a time of spiritual renewal, self-discipline, and deep reflection. It reminds us of the importance of strengthening our relationship with Allah, caring for one another, and serving the wider society with sincerity and compassion. Across Auckland, NZMA members have consistently demonstrated these values through worship, charity, and community service, embodying the true spirit of this sacred month. Your

dedication continues to uplift families, inspire young people, and build strong, resilient communities.

The relationship between FIANZ and NZMA is one founded on trust, shared purpose, and long-standing cooperation. As one of the founding affiliate associations of FIANZ, the two organisations have worked closely together to support the needs of Muslims in New Zealand, advocate for our communities, and promote understanding and harmony within the wider society. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to strengthening Islamic institutions and ensuring our mosques and organisations remain places of guidance, care, and unity for generations to come.

I would also like to acknowledge the important leadership role of your President, Brother Shameel, who also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for FIANZ Business. His dedication and service are a strong example of the close ties between our two organisations and our shared mission of excellence, integrity, and accountability.

As you celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, may Allah accept your fasting, prayers, and charitable deeds. May Allah continue to bless NZMA, strengthen the partnership between NZMA and FIANZ, and grant the Muslim community peace, prosperity, and lasting barakah.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families.

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Message from NZMA Shura Council Chairman

Javed Khan

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahe wabarakatahu

All praise to Allah Subhanahu wataallah the Almighty, the Creator of the universe. Peace and blessings to our beloved Prophet Mohammed (SAW). All thanks to Allah (SWT) for giving us another opportunity to observe our fasting and making extra prayers during the blessed month of Ramadan. May Allah SWT accept our saum and prayers and make us good and exemplary Muslims, ameen.

The NZMA Shura Council was first created about 20 twenty years ago under the NZMA Constitution. Since

then, we have had many brothers who have provided their services voluntarily. The current Council was appointed by the Executive of NZMA in February 2026 after the approval of the amended Constitution. The amended Constitution allows for the appointment of five members only resulting in a number of previous members missing out. I would like to thank them immensely for their contributions and efforts. I regard them very highly for their professionalism and dedication that they have shown in their deliberations and decision making.

The current members of the Shura Council are: Javed Khan (Chairman);

Abdur Rahman (Avondale); Ikhtlaq Kashkari (Birkenhead); Molvi Ramzan Ali (Ranui) and Yakub (Jacob) Namazi (Ponsonby).

On behalf of the Shura members I wish you and your loved ones an enjoyable and fulfilling Eidul Fitr. I pray to Allah Subhanahu wataallah to bring peace to our brothers and sisters around the world who face hardship and injustice, especially in Gaza, West Bank and Sudan.

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Message from
NZMA General
Secretary

Suhail Patel

As-Salamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,

Eid is a special time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the many blessings Allah (SWT) has granted us. It's a reminder of the values that guide our lives—faith, compassion, generosity, and unity. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught us that the strength of a community comes from the care and kindness we show one another, and Eid brings this to life in a beautiful way.

As General Secretary of the New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA), I feel privileged to serve a community that continues to inspire through its resilience, generosity, and support for one another. This Eid, let's embrace the spirit of giving, connect with family, friends, and neighbours, and share acts of kindness that strengthen our bonds.

May this Eid bring peace to your hearts, joy to your homes, and countless blessings to your lives. Let's celebrate with gratitude, hope, and the warmth of togetherness, living the teachings of Islam in all that we do.

Eid Mubarak!



Message from
NZMA General
Treasurer

Zoheb Shah

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

Eid Mubarak to our entire community. As we gather with our families and loved ones to mark this blessed occasion, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, unity, and service to one another for the sake of Allah (SWT).

It is a great honour to have recently stepped into the role of General Treasurer for NZMA. I am deeply conscious that this position carries an amanah – a trust – to safeguard the resources of our community with integrity and care. I would like to sincerely thank the NZMA Executive Committee for their support.

I am also personally grateful to my wife and our three kids for their patience and support, as community service often comes at the expense of family time. Their understanding makes it possible for me to contribute.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you. Your generosity, whether through donations, volunteering, or quiet acts of service, is what sustains and strengthens our institutions.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts, place barakah in our community, and unite us always upon goodness.

Eid Mubarak.



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Message from NZMA Legal Advisor

Shafraz Khan

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim, Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Valued Members of the New Zealand Muslim Association Community,

Alhamdulillah, by the infinite mercy and grace of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, we have once again been blessed to witness the joyous arrival of Eid ul-Fitr — the celebration of gratitude, renewal, and triumph after the sacred month of Ramadan.

On this blessed occasion, I extend my warmest Eid Mubarak greetings to every member of our ummah across Aotearoa. May Allah accept our fasts, our prayers, our charity, and our sincere efforts during Ramadan, forgive our shortcomings, and shower His boundless blessings upon everyone.

May this Eid bring peace to our hearts, joy to our homes, and unity to our diverse Muslim family here in New Zealand. I am proud to witness the remarkable work of the

New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) — the pioneering and largest Muslim organisation in our nation, steadfastly serving our community since 1950.

Through your unwavering dedication, NZMA continues to nurture faith, foster social cohesion, maintain our beautiful masjids across Auckland, and promote understanding between faiths and ethnicities. Your tireless efforts in community support, interfaith dialogue, youth development, and advocacy with government and civic partners have strengthened our place in Aotearoa.

Congratulations to the leadership, volunteers, and every contributor for the outstanding achievements this year. Your commitment embodies the true spirit of Islam: compassion, service, and perseverance.

May Allah reward you abundantly, grant NZMA continued success, and unite our ummah in goodness.

Eid Mubarak once again!

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Message from Chairman of NZMA Property Development & Planning Committee

Mohammed Fazal

Respected elders, brothers, and sisters,
Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh.

It is a great honour for me to serve as the Chairman of the NZMA Property Development and Planning Committee. A great of trust has been placed in our committee to guide the future development of our community's institutions.

Alhamdulillah, the task is both important and exciting, as we look ahead to strengthening the foundations that will serve our community for generations to come.

The Muslim community continues to grow, and we need to plan wisely and invest thoughtfully. Our focus for the next 1-2 years are three major initiatives:

- development of a new Masjid at Avondale Islamic Centre to meet the increasing demands from a growing local Muslim population.
- renovation works at the new Birkenhead Masjid to

maximise the potential the building offers.
- exploring strategic investment opportunities for Ponsonby Masjid which may serve as a long-term passive investment for financial stability and fund future growth.

These initiatives require careful planning, consultation, and unity within our community as they're places where our children will learn the Qur'an, where families will gather for prayer, and where the next generation will develop their connection to Islam.

I ask Allah (SWT) to grant wisdom to those entrusted with this responsibility, to place barakah in these efforts, and to unite our community in working together for the sake of His house. We will also appreciate any support our community can provide with these initiatives.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families.
May Allah (SWT) accept from all of us.
Jazak Allah Khairan.

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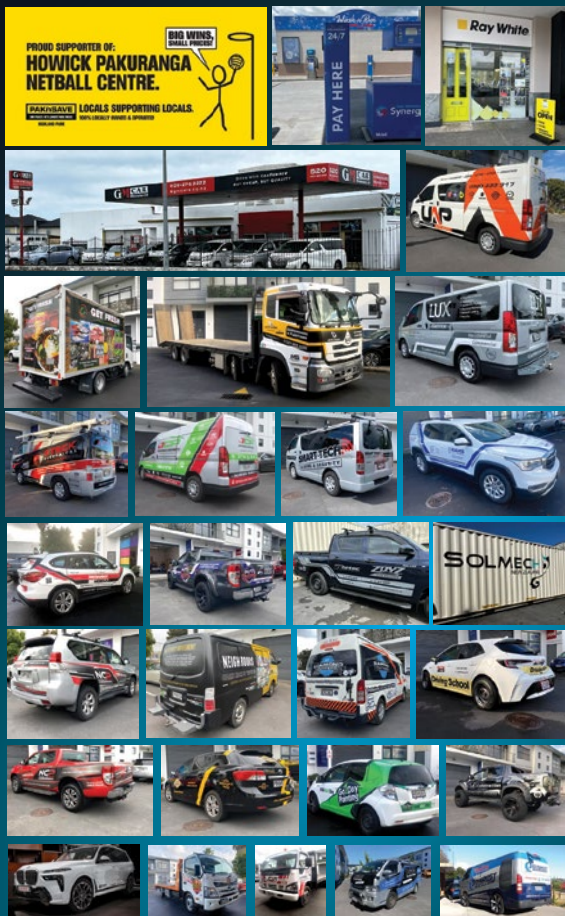
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2025 NZMA Awards Night

NZMA held its annual Awards Night on May 2025 at Zana Restaurant Botany. The Awards Night is a way for us to recognise the hard work, long hours and personal sacrifices made by our elders, brothers, sisters, youth and the families of our volunteers.

Our volunteers do all this work without the expectation of any remuneration or anything in return. They are only seeking your duas and the blessings of Allah SWT.

We had over 200 people attend the 2025 event including families of our volunteers.

A very special feature about the night was the attendance of some elders

of our community who had given great service in previous decades. In addition, we had attendees from key external agencies including Supt Shanana Grey District Commander Counties Manukau and Supt Sunny Patel District Commander Auckland, local MPs including Hon Melissa Lee, Hon Phil Twyford, Hon Jenny Salesa and former MP Ibrahim Omer, and FIANZ officials.

Award winners were nominated by members of the NZMA so they truly represent our community. We profile our winners in the photos below. May Allah SWT bless them all for their efforts and sacrifices.



Exceptional Leadership Award – Ikhlāq Kashkari

Br Ikhlāq receiving his Exceptional Leadership Award. Br Ikhlāq was President of NZMA for eight years from 2015-2023 and led NZMA through some major successes and also at a time when there were many challenges to be dealt with.

He has been an active leader at Birkenhead Islamic Centre and led the purchase of the new centre in 2023.

Br Ikhlāq has contributed his time to FIANZ for many decades and is currently FIANZ Treasurer as a nominee from NZMA.

He sits on many government advisory boards on behalf of the Muslim community.



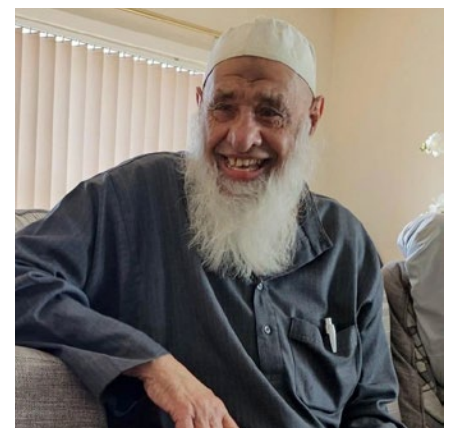
Lifetime Contribution Award – Amir Sahab Haji Aiyub Patel

Our Amir Sahab was recognised for his decades of service to NZMA and Ponsonby Masjid. He is a pillar of Ponsonby Masjid and is at the masjid every day. Amir Sahab does all kafaan cutting for our janaza and has assisted masjids with soft loans to buy masjid property.

He is always willing to cook his famously delicious chicken curry for meetings and get together.

We are forever grateful for Amir Sahab's help, gracious nature, leadership and presence.

May Allah SWT bless him a long and healthy life.



2025 NZMA Awards Night

Lifetime Contribution Award – Marhoom Daud Azimullah

Picture shows Supt Sunny Patel Police District Commander Central presenting the award to Daud Uncle in 2025. Faris Azimullah speaking on behalf of his Waalid.

Daud Uncle passed away in February this year and he leaves behind an impressive legacy.

He has served the Muslim community in New Zealand for over 40 years in many capacities including FIANZ Treasurer, Chairman of NZMA Avondale Islamic Centre and as a member of the Interfaith Council.

He put in a lot of time to help fundraise a significant sum of money to help NZMA buy the AIC property many years ago. The AIC community in particular is especially indebted to his service.

May Allah SWT grant him Jannatul Firdaus.



Lifetime Contribution Award – Haji Sheraj Ali

Uncle Sheraj is a well known pioneer and stalwart of the Auckland Muslim community, having served in many capacities since the 1970s.

Many families will know him through his role as Coordinator of the NZMA Janaza Service for many years before he retired. He has been Chairman of Avondale Islamic Centre and a committee member for many years. He has been very active in masjid fundraising activities for many years as well.

We are grateful for Uncle Sheraj's service. May Allah SWT bless him and his family always.



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Br Bashir receiving the Kelston Centre Outstanding Service Award



The Janaza Team receiving their Outstanding Team Award. Br Fazal presenting the award to Br Tazib



the Ranui Masjid Outstanding Service Award from Br Fazal



The Slaimankhel family (Dr Iqbal, Br Bilal, Br Sabir, Br Umar) receiving the Ponsonby Masjid Outstanding Service Award from Br Haider.



Sr Maimuna Lone receiving the Ponsonby Masjid Outstanding Service Award from National MP Melissa Lee.



Br Yassar Patel receiving the Birkenhead Islamic Centre Outstanding Service Award from BIC Chairman Br Qaiser Rashid



Br Israar Ali and Sr Husn Taj Begum receiving the Avondale Islamic Centre Outstanding Service Award from Labour MP Jenny Salesa. Also pictured is Br Akoob and Br Majeed from Team AIC.



Sr Farida Patel and Sr Naznin Qureshi receiving the Birkenhead Islamic Centre Outstanding Service Award from BIC Chairman Br Qaiser Rashid



Hon Phil Twyford presenting Sr Shainaaz with Ranui Masjid Outstanding Service Award

Guest Speakers at the NZMA Awards Night

We were very fortunate to have a number of dignitaries join us as special guests to present the awards. It was a chance for NZMA to also showcase the hard work our volunteers do each day.

Guest speakers at the Awards night included: Ibrar Sheikh (FIANZ President); Shiekh Amir (FIANZ Ulema Board

Chairman); Sheikh Shaakir (Imaam NZMA Avondale Masjid); Supt Shanan Grey District Commander Counties Manukau; Supt Sunny Patel District Commander Auckland, local MPs Hon Phil Twyford, Hon Jenny Salesa and former MP Ibrahim Omer.



Guests and attendees

Over 200 guests attended the awards night and it was very pleasing to see NZMA volunteers and their spouses enjoying a family evening where their hard work was recognised.



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NZMA Avondale Islamic Centre – Our History and Our Pioneers

By Firoz Patel

I begin in the name of Allah (swt) the Most Gracious and Most Merciful

Assalaam Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu and Eid Mubarak

From its humble beginnings, AIC has grown into a much larger, stronger and a well-recognised branch of New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA).

Avondale Islamic Centre was established in year 1998 on Blockhouse Bay Road in Avondale, Auckland. It serves as a mosque/centre and community hub for West Auckland.

The AIC building was formerly the 7th Day Adventist Church (established in 1955) that was swapped for a large section of land and a school building in Henderson, Auckland which was owned by us. NZMA had to pay extra \$780,000 for the property swap deal. A lot of our pioneers put in massive effort to fundraise this \$780,000 both here and overseas to settle the purchase. Br. Sheraj Ali, the chairman at the time collected US\$42,000 from California,

USA visit.

Alhamdulillah the negotiation of the property swapped was finalised by Br. Ahmad Bhamji, late Br. Daud Azimullah and the team.

AIC centre, Allah's house was purchased because of hard work done by brothers who had passion dedication for the house of Allah (swt).

I cannot acknowledge all the brothers who were involved but can name a few of the brothers: Br. Ahmad Bhamji, Br. Faiyum Khan; Br. Isaac Koya; Br. Hari Prasad (Br Haroon); Br. Mahboob Hussain, late Br. Rahim Rasheed (lawyer) and Mohammed Akhtar.

Following a temporary closure from 2014-2015, the facility was revitalized. In November 2016, an Islamic Information Centre (Dawah Centre) was opened on the premises to serve both Muslim and non-Muslim

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communities, offering educational resources, one-on-one sessions and interfaith support. The centre functions as a multi-purpose area serving the spiritual and social need of local Muslim community. Based on Census data, approximately 6.6% of the population in the Avondale area identified with Islam and the trend is growing upward, year after year.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank FIANZ past & present President Committee members, NZMA Surah members, NZMA past & present President/Chairman, NZMA Executives committee members and Branches committee members plus wider Muslim community, men & women for their support and contribution towards AIC Centre.

AIC Chairman since 1998

Afzal Hussein
Daud Azimullah
Shamim Khan
Aniz Bhamji
Umarji Mohammed - Administrator
Abdul Nasir - Administrator
Haider Lone - Administrator
Zahid Malawaiya
Sheraj Ali
Abdul Majeed

SHEIKH MUHAMMED SHAAKIR, current Pesh Imam: NZMA/AIC management appointed appointed Sheikh Muhammed Shakir Ismail from South Africa in 2016. I would like to acknowledge and thank Br. Sheraj Ali, then Chairman of AIC and his family for helping Sheikh Shaakir and his family to settle in Auckland with ease.

When I approached Sheikh Muhammed Shaakir recently to ask about the progress of AIC, this was his honest reply:

Assalāmu ‘Alaikum wa Rahmatullāhi wa Barakātuh.

It is a great honour and a blessing from Allāh to serve alongside the AIC team and community in the khidmah of dīn, especially after a period marked by turmoil and unrest.

Originally from South Africa, with training in the fields of Islamic Jurisprudence, Qirā’ah and Hadīth, my family and I joined AIC in January 2017.

Alhamdulillah, our journey thus far has been one of growth, learning and barakah. What began with just seven students and a single row of musallīs has, through the grace of Allāh alone, flourished into a Madrasah at full capacity and Jumu’ah congregations that continue to overflow.

We ask Allāh to accept our humble efforts and to keep our community, and the Ummah at large, in His special care.

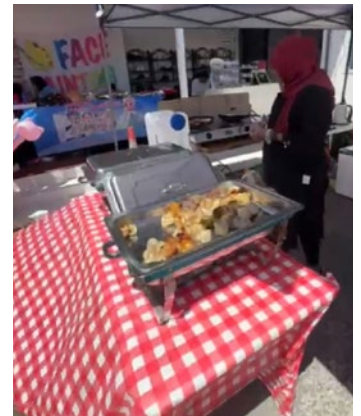
Was Salām.

Former Pesh Imam who served at AIC/NZMA since 1998:

1. Maulana Abu Bakar Husain Bangi
2. Maulana Khalil Nadat
3. Sheikh Hemayatullah Haqiqzai
4. Sheikh Amjad Ali
5. Shaykh Sarfaraz Sher Ali

Current leadership

Br. Abdul Majeed, AIC chairman who is progressive person. His committee members and wider community look at him as esteemed leader. I pray to Allah Subhanahuwatallah to give him and his committee members more strength and wisdom to serve the ummah of Auckland by bringing communities together and promoting better understanding of Islam so that peace and harmony can be achieved and maintained in this beautiful country of ours, Aotearoa. Aameen





Message from Chairman of Avondale Islamic Centre

Abdul Majeed

Eid Mubārah from Avondale Islamic Centre NZMA Branch

Assalāmu ‘Alaikum wa Rahmatullāhi wa Barakātuh, On behalf of the Management Team and our Imām Muhammed Shaakir, the Avondale Islamic Centre extends our warmest greetings to all our respected community members on this blessed occasion of Eid.

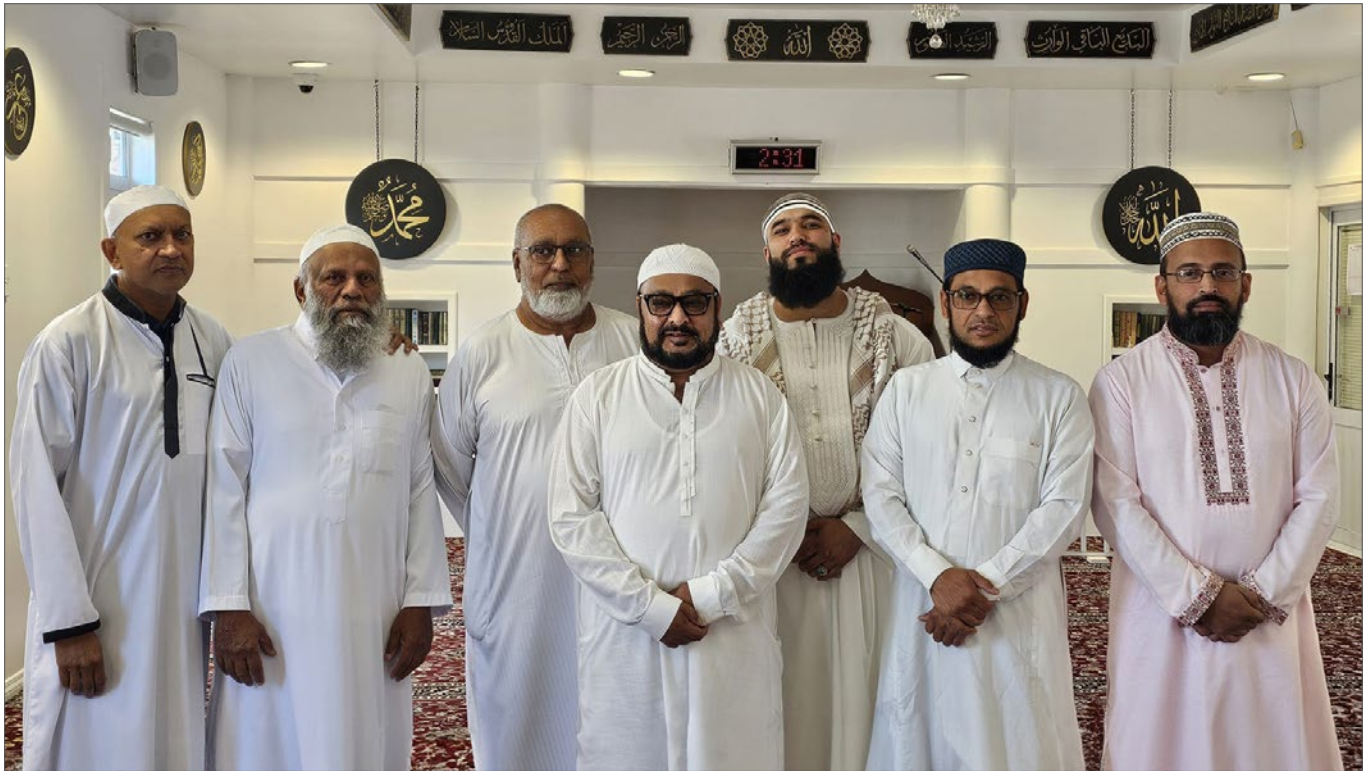
Eid is a time of gratitude, unity, and reflection. We thank Allāh (SWT) for granting us the opportunity to worship, strengthen our faith, and support one another as a community. May this blessed day bring peace, happiness,

and barakah to you and your families.

Let us continue to uphold the spirit of compassion, generosity, and brotherhood that makes our community strong. May Allāh accept our prayers, fasting, and good deeds, and may He guide us all on the path of righteousness.

Eid Mubārah to you and your loved ones.
Taqabbalallāhu Minnā wa Minkum

Ma’ssalāmah
Avondale Islamic Centre





Message from Chairman of Birkenhead Islamic Centre

Qaiser Rashid

Allah SWT has blessed us with another Ramazan to seek forgiveness, gain countless blessings, and earn immense rewards. May Allah SWT accept our du'as, ibadah, and prayers. Ameen.

Birkenhead Islamic Centre (BIC) welcomed its fulltime Imam, Hafiz Mehmood Ismail, in October 2025. Since his arrival, Alhamdulillah, BIC's activities and community engagement have grown significantly.

In early 2026, BIC launched a Hifz programme. The Madrisa continues to maintain a steady roll of 45-50 learners.

This year's Ramazan programme included daily Iftar and Taraweeh, led by Hafiz Mahmood Ismail, Hafiz Muhammed Aamir Ismail, and Hafiz Faheem Patel. Their beautiful Quran recitation and the daily Tafseer sessions were a highlight.

Eid Ul Fitr is a time of joy and gratitude for Allah's mercy,

and the opportunities for forgiveness granted to us in Ramazan. Eid is a reminder that joy multiplies when shared. Let's make this day unforgettable by spreading love, kindness, and gratitude to everyone around us.

As we celebrate, let's not lose the blessings achieved during Ramadan. May this Eid be a new beginning of peace, kindness, and devotion in your life (Ameen). As we celebrate the end of Ramadan, may the lessons of patience and selflessness stay with us. May this Eid bring peace to your heart and joy to your home (Ameen). Let us use this day to celebrate not just with feasting, but by helping those in need and strengthening our community.

May the spirit of Eid bring us closer to our dreams and encourage us to be kinder, more compassionate individuals (Ameen).

Eid Mubarak.





Message from Chairman of Ponsonby Jam-e-Masjid

Dr Iqbal Slaimankhel

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Eid has arrived — a day of gratitude, joy, and renewed hope. After a blessed month of fasting, prayer, sacrifice, and reflection, Allah (SWT) has honoured us with the gift of celebration and togetherness.

Alhamdulillah, our community witnessed beautiful unity through taraweeh, iftars, generosity, and sincere khidmah. The masjid was filled with light, smiles, and hearts devoted to worship. May we continue to carry the spirit, discipline, and compassion of Ramadan into our daily lives, strengthening our faith and our bonds with one another.

On behalf of the Ponsonby Mosque Committee, we pray that Allah accepts our fasting, our duā, and every act of service performed for His sake. May He fill our homes with barakah, tranquillity, and lasting peace.

As we celebrate, we also remember with deep sadness the passing of Maulana Bashir Ahmed Diwan, a devoted scholar and former Imaam of Toorak Masjid in Suva, and a leader within the Fiji Muslim League. His lifelong service to Deen inspired many and leaves behind a legacy of knowledge and humility. We also honour Daud Azimullah, a respected member of our community who served sincerely and uplifted countless lives through his generosity and dedication.

May Allah forgive their shortcomings, grant them the highest ranks in Jannatul Firdaus, and grant their families patience and strength. Ameen.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families.

With warmest wishes,
Dr Iqbal Slaimankhel
Chairman Ponsonby NZMA





Message from Chairman of Masjid Al-Rahman Ranui

Mohammed Fazal

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem.

As Chairman of Masjid Al Rahman (Ranui), I extend my heartfelt Eid Mubarak to the Muslim community across New Zealand. Eid is not merely a day of celebration; it is the culmination of sacrifice, discipline, generosity, and spiritual growth nurtured throughout Ramadan. It is a time when gratitude replaces fatigue, unity overcomes division, and compassion strengthens our bonds as one Ummah.

Over the past year, we have witnessed the strength of our community — through your support of the masjid, your commitment to salah, your contributions to charitable initiatives, and your dedication to nurturing the next generation. From our youth programmes to community outreach and daily congregational life, your involvement continues to shape.

Masjid Al Rahman as a centre of faith, learning, and service.

In a diverse and beautiful nation like New Zealand, we carry the responsibility of representing Islam with integrity, kindness, and excellence. Let us continue building bridges with our neighbours, contributing positively to society, and embodying the prophetic character in our daily interactions.

Eid also reminds us to care for the less fortunate, strengthen family ties, and renew our commitment to unity beyond Ramadan.

May Allah (SWT) accept our fasting, our duas, and our charity. May He grant unity to our community, barakah in our homes, and guidance to our youth.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families.

Mohammed Fazal
Chairman
Masjid Al-Rahman



Muslim Sisters and NZMA

Eid Message from NZMA West Auckland Mosque Women's Committee

On behalf of the West Auckland Mosque Women's Committee, I extend warm and heartfelt Eid ul Fitr greetings to our community.

Ramadan arrives each year as an invitation to return inward. Through fasting that humbled us and prayers that softened our hearts, taqwa was quietly nurtured, and sabr was strengthened in moments of restraint, reflection, and hope. These were not merely rituals of a month, but lessons meant to shape a lifetime.

Eid ul Fitr reminds us that faith does not end with the crescent moon. It continues in how we speak, how we serve, and how we show up for one another. Taqwa becomes intention, and sabr becomes action—lived daily, often unseen.

This is the spirit that guides the work of our Women's Committee. Through educational initiatives, community support, care of masjid spaces, and programs that foster connection and spiritual growth, we seek to translate faith into service. Much of this work unfolds quietly, yet its impact strengthens families, nurtures hearts, and builds a sense of belonging.

As women, we carry faith into the ordinary—into homes, conversations, and acts of service done for the sake of Allah alone. These moments, though small, are deeply meaningful.

May Allah (SWT) accept our worship, forgive our shortcomings, and allow the light of Ramadan to remain alive within us throughout the year.

Eid Mubarak.

Roveena Fazal
Chairperson
West Auckland Mosque Women's Committee



Message from NZMA Birkenhead Women's Group

Honouring the Women of Birkenhead Islamic Centre

The women of the Birkenhead Islamic Centre play a vital role in nurturing faith, education, and community spirit.

Educational Programmes: They lead weekly Qur'an classes, ladies' dars sessions, short tafseer studies, and Islamic classes for children, helping both adults and young learners deepen their knowledge of Islam.

Spiritual and Social Engagement: The women organise prayer gatherings, particularly on Fridays and during Ramadan for Taraweeh, creating opportunities for reflection and community connection.

Volunteering and Service:

They generously volunteer to support the madrasa, care for young children, supervise facilities, assist with fundraising, and organise events—including programmes for reverted Muslim women and community iftars.

The leadership of Farida Patel, Naaz Qureshi, and Shabnam Kaiser has been central to these initiatives, inspiring others to serve and strengthen the community. Their dedication reflects the heart of the Birkenhead Islamic Centre—fostering faith, learning, and unity across all generations

NZMA Ladies Ghusl Team (Ponsonby Mosque)

Assalamoalaykumww

All praises to Allah SWT the Most Beneficent and Merciful.

My duas the Holy Month of Ramadan has been a Positive impact upon all and Allah accept duas..ebadah..and fasting. Aameen.

On Behalf of Ladies Ghusl Team I extend Warm Greetings and heartfelt wishes to our Muslim Communities for a Joyous and Blessed Eid al Fitr.

Our Ladies Ghusl team works alongside NZMA Janaza Services Team. Masha Allah the Men Volunteers provide their valuable time and Professional Services towards Funeral arrangements with the help of volunteer sisters.

We also do Ghusl Workshops if requested by different groups. My special thanks and Acknowledgement to my great helpers. Allah reward all in abundance.

Allah bless you all and EID MUBARAK.
Maimuna Lone



Message from Constable **Zeena Ali** New Zealand Police

May this sacred month bring peace, happiness, and tranquillity to every heart and every home.

As we observe the fast, balance our professional responsibilities, care for our families, and fulfil our community obligations, may we be granted strength, patience, and steadfastness.

The long hours of work while fasting, the early mornings, and the quiet perseverance throughout the day are acts of devotion known and valued by Allah. May every sacrifice

be rewarded, every prayer be accepted, and every hardship eased.

In this blessed month of mercy and reflection. May we be united in compassion, generosity, and. Gratitude across all nations and communities.

Ramadan Kareem! May it be a month of Barakah, forgiveness, and renewed faith for us all

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Events and gatherings

BBQ lunch hosted for the SAMA and NZMA Janaza teams by Br Mohammed Fazal and Ranui Masjid Team for appreciation of the two Janaza Teams efforts and hard work



Ranui Masjid hosted Mana Islam event



Ranui Masjid organized Food Parcels for Fiji as part of Zakaat distribution programme



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Events at Birkenhead Islamic Centre



Ponsonby Masjid hosted various events and groups in 2025 including school visits and Police



NZMA Janazah Service

– Serving with Compassion

Innā lillāhi wa innā ilayhi rājiūn - “Surely we belong to Allah, and to Him we return.”

ABOUT THE NZMA JANAZA SERVICE

NZMA has provided the janazah service for our 40 years as it's stood alongside families during their most difficult times. The Janazah Service is one of our most important responsibilities — ensuring every Muslim is farewelled with dignity, respect, and in accordance with Islamic teachings and New Zealand law.

The NZMA has a large team of trained volunteers who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are motivated to serve for the sake of Allah SWT. The team takes responsibility for all aspects of a janazah. We also have a team that does maintenance of the NZMA burial areas at our two cemeteries.

NZMA is registered as a funeral director with Auckland Council, so is fully authorised to undertake all aspects of a funeral in Auckland.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Outlined below are some frequently asked questions that members of our community ask in relation to Janazahs. This has been prepared to help better inform our community.

1. Who's the contact point at NZMA?

NZMA's Janaza Services Head is Br Tazib Hussain. He is also a member of the NZMA Executive Committee. He can be contact on 0800 526 2292 or mobile 021 207 7618.

2. What can NZMA do a funeral director

When NZMA does a janaza, we provide the following services:

- Collect and transport the deceased in the NZMA janaza vehicle.
- Coordinate the ghustl (ritual washing) and kafan (shrouding).
- Arrange the Salat al-Janazah (funeral prayer) at a NZMA masjid.
- Liaise with Auckland Council's cemetery team to organise burial logistics.
- Assist with all necessary paperwork with different agencies.
- Following the burial, obtain a death certificate from Department of Internal Affairs.

3. What to Do When Death is Expected?

If a family member is seriously ill or death is anticipated:

- Contact NZMA early for guidance and preparation. Call the NZMA Janazah team on 0800 526 2292.
- Inform the hospital, doctor, or aged care facility of

Islamic burial requirements.

- Highlight the urgency of obtaining the Cause of Death Certificate.

In New Zealand, non-Muslim funerals are often delayed for several days. Staff may not be familiar with the need for prompt burial under Islamic practice. Early notification helps ensure medical staff and authorities can accommodate this.

4. Obtain the Cause of Death Certificate

If the person dies at a hospital, the hospital will issue a Cause of Death certificate which is necessary for the funeral director to uplift the body and start the funeral process. This is essential. Funeral and burial arrangements cannot proceed without it.

5. If Death Occurs at Home

If the death was expected, follow the same process as above.

If the death is sudden or unexpected, contact the regular GP or call an ambulance immediately.

If the doctor can confirm the cause of death, arrangements may proceed without Police involvement.

If there is no regular GP or the cause of death cannot be determined, the Police will arrange for a government-approved funeral director to transfer the deceased to the state mortuary at Auckland Hospital.

Please notify NZMA as soon as possible — we may be able to assist and help expedite some processes.

6. What Happens at the Mortuary?

If the case is referred to the Coroner, the Coroner will determine whether a post-mortem is necessary.

In Islam, post-mortems are discouraged unless absolutely necessary (for legal or other reasons determined by the Police or Hospital). Families should inform the Police and the Coroner's Office that open post-mortems are not preferred. In some non-suspicious cases, the Coroner may agree to an external examination only.

It is also important to advise authorities of the Islamic custom of prompt burial and request assistance to avoid delays.

7. Ghustl and Preparation

Ghustl (ritual washing) and kafan (shrouding) are carried out with the utmost dignity and respect. Facilities are available at NZMA centres in Ponsonby and Ranui. Trained male and female volunteers perform the washing.

Close family members are welcome to participate if they wish — many find it a meaningful and healing experience.

Preparation usually takes place at mosque facilities. The body may be placed in a designated area for close family to spend time in reflection and du‘ā before burial.

8. Is there a funeral parlour or public viewing?

No. Preparation takes place at mosque facilities. Family may spend private time with the deceased before burial.

9. Burial Arrangements in Auckland

NZMA works alongside Auckland Council to facilitate Muslim burials in designated sections at Manukau Memorial Gardens and Waikumete Cemetery.

10. Grave Plots

There is no choice of a specific plot; Auckland Council allocates the next available grave within the Muslim section.

11. Funeral Prayer

Salat al-Janazah is usually performed at the cemetery immediately before burial. NZMA organises this and it’s normally led by an NZMA appointed Imaam. If the family wish to have a different Imaam, they should discuss with the NZMA Janaza Services Head beforehand.

12. Burial Timing

Council determines burial times due to multiple burials on the same day. While NZMA can request a preferred time, final scheduling is at the discretion of the cemetery. We aim to ensure burial occurs as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Documentation After Burial

NZMA assists families with all required paperwork, including death registration and certificates.

14. Are there costs involved

The NZMA janaza service is volunteer-based and we are all very thankful to our volunteers.

The current total cost of a funeral is approximately \$8,000. Of this total NZMA takes only \$600 to cover administrative time for all paperwork, kaffan and other supplies, and transport.

The bulk of the cost is for the Auckland Council plot (land). Other costs included in the total are digging fees, timber, and other council fees. Note there are additional changes for weekends, long weekends and after 3.30pm.

15. Can arrangements be made in advance

Yes. Families are encouraged to contact NZMA early if someone is ill or if pre-arrangements exist. You can contact the Head of Janaza Services or the NZMA Treasurer.



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Message from Janaza Services Coordinator

Tazib Hussain

Assalamalaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

In the name of Allah SWT, the most gracious the most compassionate and the most merciful and peace and blessings to our prophet Mohammad (sws).

As the crescent moon brings in this blessed Eid, I on behalf of our funeral team send our warmest greetings to all our Muslim families and the wider community. We pray this Eid brings peace to your heart and comfort to your home.

Eid is a time of celebration, and we also understand it can be a period of reflection for those who have recently lost a loved one. We pray that Allah (SWT) grants you comfort (Sabr) and fills your heart with tranquility during these holy days.

While we are celebrating Eid in peace in New Zealand, let

us not forget our brothers, sisters and children around the world who are not in this privileged position, especially the people of Palestine and other war torn countries. We pray to Allah (swt) to make it easy for them and to protect them from further hardship.

I want to acknowledge the time our Imams and all our volunteers who provide their services to NZMA funerals (burials, ghusul team, administration officials, cemetery maintenance). We are honoured to be chosen to serve our community and inshallah we will remain committed to supporting you with compassion and dignity.

May the blessings of Allah be with you today and always.

On behalf of NZMA Funeral team
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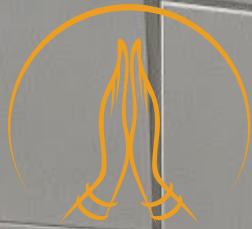
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Planning Your Legacy: The Importance of an Islamic Will in New Zealand

By **Shafraz Khan** – Partner, Fortune Manning Lawyers

In Islam, preparing for the hereafter includes thoughtful planning for what we leave behind.

The Quran commands us: “Prescribed for you when death approaches any of you is that if he leaves wealth, a bequest is made for the parents and near relatives...” (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:180). Writing a Will (wasiyyah) is not just recommended—it is a religious duty to ensure our estate is distributed justly, debts are cleared, and loved ones are provided for according to Allah’s guidance.

Why an Islamic Will Matters

An Islamic will safeguards your family and fulfils Shariah principles while complying with New Zealand law. Key reasons include:

- **Religious Obligation:** The Quran (Surah An-Nisa 4:11–12) details fixed shares (fara’id) for heirs—spouses, children, parents, and others—with sons generally receiving twice the share of daughters in many cases. Up to one-third of the estate can be bequeathed freely (wasiyyah) for charity, non-heirs, or special needs.
- **Clarity and Peace:** A clear will prevents family disputes, ensures prompt Islamic funeral rites (e.g., quick burial without embalming), and covers debts/funeral costs first.
- **Protection in a Non-Muslim Country:** Without a valid will, New Zealand’s intestacy rules (Administration Act 1969) apply, which may not align with Shariah—potentially disadvantaging certain heirs or directing assets contrary to Islamic law.
- **Legal Safeguards:** New Zealand allows freedom in Wills, but the Family Protection Act 1955 and Property (Relationships) Act 1976 enable challenges if close family feel inadequately provided for. How to Create an Islamic Will in New Zealand.



Follow these practical steps:

1. **List Assets & Debts** — Inventory property, savings, investments, and liabilities.
2. **Appoint an Executor** — Choose a trustworthy person (family member, friend, or professional) to administer the will.
3. **Specify Funeral Wishes** — Request prompt Islamic burial, no embalming (unless required), and contact your local mosque or organisation like NZMA for assistance.
4. **Include Wasiyyah (Bequests)** — Allocate up to one-third for charity (e.g., to NZMA or mosques), non-heirs, or causes—ensure it doesn’t harm obligatory heirs.
5. **Detail Fara’id Distribution** — Specify Shariah shares for heirs after debts, expenses, and wasiyyah. Use an Islamic inheritance calculator or consult a scholar for accuracy.
6. **Meet NZ Legal Requirements (Wills Act 2007):**
 - a. Write it clearly.
 - b. Sign in front of two independent witnesses (not beneficiaries).
 - c. Witnesses sign in your presence.
7. **Seek Expert Help** — Consult a New Zealand lawyer familiar with Islamic estate planning and an Islamic scholar for Shariah compliance. NZMA can guide you to appropriate resources.

For more information or templates, visit nzma.kiwi.nz or contact your local **NZMA mosque**. May Allah guide us all to fulfil our responsibilities with sincerity. Ameen.

Delivering Your Compassion and Commitment to Gaza



Message from FIANZ Humanitarian Aid Team

Mukhter Boya

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Wassalatu wassalamu ala sayyidina Muhammad (SAW)

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barkatuh our NZMA brothers and sisters

As we mark the conclusion of this year’s Ramadan, our team extends our most sincere prayers for the continued growth and success of NZMA and its members. It is through your steadfast support and trust in our FIANZ Humanitarian Aid Team that we can reach the most vulnerable areas of Gaza, ensuring that aid is delivered through the most trusted and internationally recognized channels on the ground.

Your contributions have been truly comprehensive, addressing both the immediate hunger and the long-term survival of those in crisis. Together, we have successfully delivered clean drinking water, flour, and dates for Iftar, alongside fresh vegetable food baskets and daily hot

**FIANZ
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meals. Beyond nourishment, your generosity provided the warmth of winter clothing and the security of emergency shelters. In the medical sector, your support reached the front lines by equipping surgical teams and fully sponsoring mobile clinics that provide care where it is needed most. We were also proud to include wellbeing materials for children, offering a vital sense of protection to the youngest victims of this crisis.

We want to be clear that every bit of recognition our team receives, both at home and abroad, is a success we share with you. Our ability to serve is entirely dependent on your confidence in us. We urge you to

continue this partnership as we look toward the challenges ahead; together, we are not just delivering aid but providing the foundation for resilience and dignity. Thank you for your continued trust in our mission and team.

Eid-ul-Fitr Mubarak



FIANZ Porchester Road Community Centre Development

By Umarji Mohammed

ISLAMIC CULTURAL AND DAWAH CENTRE AT 463 PORCHESTER RD, TAKANINI - A PROJECT OF FIANZ



In 2013, a 10-acre site was purchased by FIANZ with the vision of establishing a landmark Islamic, Cultural, and Dawah Centre to serve the Muslims of New Zealand.

This iconic project, once completed, will include:

- **A Masjid and Dawah Centre**
- **An Early Childhood Education Centre**
- **A School**
- **A Playing Field**
- **A Swimming Pool**
- **Residential Units**

The Masjid/Dawah Centre will feature a small Islamic Museum and library, creating a space for learning, reflection, and community engagement. It will also provide facilities dedicated to supporting new Muslims on their journey in Islam. Short courses conducted by qualified Ulema will be offered, and participants will be accommodated in the residential units during the duration of their studies.

Alhamdulillah, Resource Consent has been obtained from Auckland Council for the entire development. The earthworks, drainage, playing field, and six residential units have already been completed.

The next phase is the construction of the Masjid/Dawah Centre, which has now commenced.

This blessed month of Ramadan is an opportunity to earn immense reward. We humbly appeal to you to contribute generously and help bring this centre to reality.

Donations can be made to:

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ISLAMIC CULTURAL & DAWAH CENTRE



Project Cost - \$4.6million



ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Renowned Muslim architect Aladina Harunani has masterfully blended Māori and classical Islamic architecture in his design.



SPECIAL FEATURE

The minaret's structure is designed to resemble a tree trunk, with a spiral staircase leading visitors to a summit platform. This elevated vantage point offers a wider view, ideal for observing the new moon. The staircase itself is a three-dimensional interpretation of the "Koru," a Māori symbol representing "growth," "renewal," and "new beginnings."



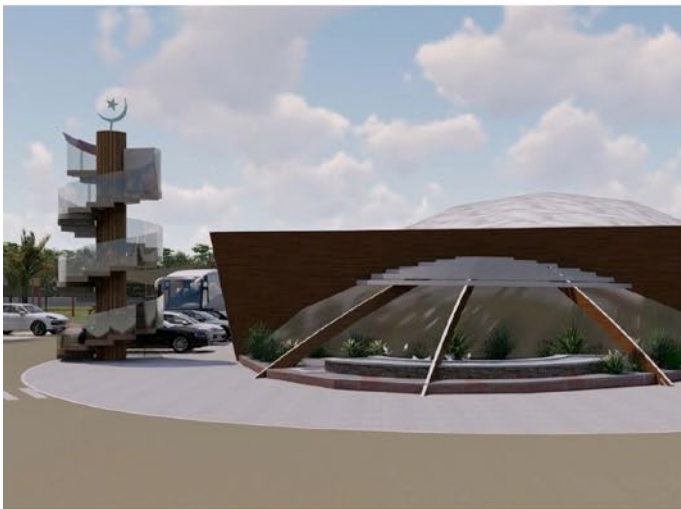
STRUCTURAL CONSTRUCTION

Currently constructing the main structure of the mosque, including foundations, floors, walls, roofing, and essential infrastructure.



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March 15 2019 was a major wake up call for all of us. That a terror tragedy of this magnitude could befall our 'clean, green and safe' nation was unimaginable. What followed and continues till today, has been an effort by state agencies, civil society and community organisations to address the challenges faced for our collective safety, security and social cohesion.

Global events have also been impacting on the local context. We also had to address the threats and ever-increasing intrusion of the toxic-web.

Guided by the practical focus of our faith, FIANZ has chosen a strategic pathway to address this new reality. Our advocacy aims to ensure that Muslim voice is included in national programmes and government policy. We have chosen a path of positive engagement through dialogue, evidence-based reporting and on-going formative monitoring. Our particular focus is on Muslim youth and their contribution to NZ society as leaders of the future. We also support and acknowledge the pioneering work of IWCNZ.

Since 2023 FIANZ Advocacy, as part of its strategic programme support, has also initiated a number of specialised directorates/entities and organisations. These include:

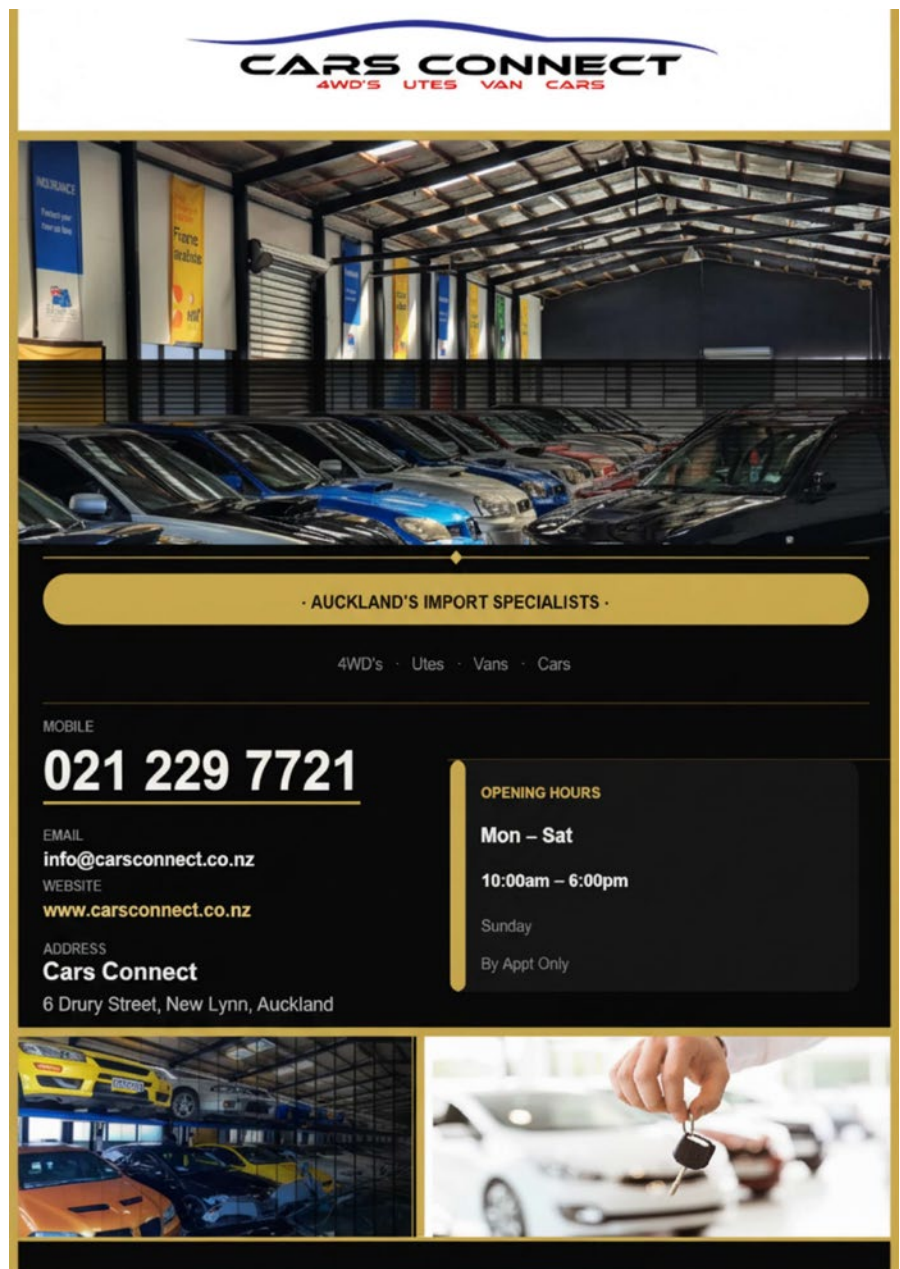
- National Muslim Educators Collective - Currently 130 Muslim educationalists across various sectors
- Muslim Business Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (MBAANZ) - Now fully registered with national coverage.
- Academic Think Tank - First national conference held with 105 participants. The Think Tank is composed of academics and scientists, working in NZ tertiary academic and research sectors.
- Human Rights Advocacy Directorate - First meeting organised recently held in Wellington with appropriately qualified and experienced Muslim professionals.
- National Safety and Security Collective - First meeting held in Wellington with brothers and sisters from all over NZ and an initial team of about 25 persons.

- Muslim Medical Professional Council - Some initial meetings, however more progress expected in 2026.
- FIANZ Youth Support Collective - Over 130 youth from across the country, in close liaison with NIYA. It has been a year where over 16,400 voluntary hours were spent on advocacy work by our small team. This included over 92 separate meetings with various external organisations, individuals and government agencies. A brief account of some of our work may be accessed through the link below or by scanning the QR code.



or tinyurl.com/fianz2025
If you would like to join/participate in any of the FIANZ national programmes or be part of any of the FIANZ Directorates, please send an email to info@fianz.com with your area of interest and contact details.

May Allah SWT guide us all to the Seeratul Mustaqeem.



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