



United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia

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Aak dear members,

We celebrated an iftar after almost two years yesterday and could not have done it without the valuable volunteers below, who not only cooked a scrumptious meal (also self-funding the ingredients) but also provided other services for the event.

- 1) Sis Nizra , bro Nizar and sis Kadija
- 2) Bro Nuhaim and spouse
- 3) Sis Niloo
- 4) Bro Unghi and sis Naufara
- 5) Sis Shiro and bro Imtiaz
- 6) Sis Farah and bro Eddie
- 7) Sis Raliya
- 8) Sis Yasmin

9) Sis Fathahiya

10) Bro Omar (Imam)

Second (2) Iftar – 1 May 2021

Masha Allah, we are now able to host 120 heads for the 2nd iftar, due to some relaxation in the restrictions by the Council. I also thought of giving some advance guidelines to the membership who would want to attend it, as per some learning from yesterday's event.

1. If you are not a current financial member and you wish to get priority for your family, you can do so by paying your discounted subscription now.
2. To ensure we give priority to current financial members there is a complex process involved. Therefore, please be patient and kindly lower your expectations of the organisation. As yo know all of the MC are volunteers. We have day-jobs, we have children to look after and we have our own affairs. One of my tasks as the President, amongst so many, like the rest of the MC, was to be on bin duty yesterday (refer photographic evidence!). So, no one is special at USMAA and no one sits above the rest.
3. We encourage seniors to **not** help out in the heavy duties in the after-function clean-up. You have served us for 30 years and its our time to pay you back, but on the same note could I also respectfully ask members to not engage in conversations with able-bodied attendees **during** the clean-up . There is nothing more demoralising than having to swerve past members who strike up conversations in the midst of a clean-up, whilst others and the MC (who have been slaving all day) are busy with the task at hand. This is paramount to the culture we are trying to build, and I do understand that most of us do this unconsciously, but awareness is bliss in this occasion.
4. Members are encouraged to sit with their families.
5. Please refrain from embracing non-family members, thus adhering to Covid social distancing guidelines.
6. Members are kindly urged to bring their own prayer mats. We all can place a prayer mat in our vehicles, well in advance of the event.

I am sure our Vice President will list all guidelines before the 2nd event, but as the 'short-strawed bad cop' of the team, I hope you take the above constructively and understand that it is for the betterment of the organisation.

Please forgive me during this month of Ramadan, if I hurt your feelings with this message or have done so in the past.

Jzk,..Falah Shums (President)



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