



Secretary's Report 2022/2023

The 2022/2023 Management Committee (MC) was elected at the AGM held on Saturday, 23 July 2022. The new team comprised the following members:

| Title | Name |
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| President | Reza Jamal |
| Vice President | Ahmad Jahfar |
| Secretary | Renee Fostiropoulos |
| Treasurer | Mohamed Fazl Amanulla |
| Committee Members | Ammar Jahfar Shakir Hashim Shadi Sideek |

Membership

This year our subscription-fee collection was as follows.

| Membership Category | FY2022/23 | FY 2021/22 |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Individual | 15 | 10 |
| Family | 78 | 63 |
| Pensioner | 7 | 6 |
| Pensioner Family | 21 | 15 |
| Student | 1 | 4 |

I would like to welcome all new members and thank all our existing members for supporting this organisation.

Management Committee Meetings

All MC meetings were conducted via Zoom. Meetings were generally held on Wednesday evenings. In the lead-up to events, meetings were scheduled weekly to ensure seamless operation and organization of the events. The MC also communicated via the MC WhatsApp Group, to discuss ideas and utilise technology to make time-sensitive decisions in-between meeting dates. The use of technology continued to ensure the operational efficiency of MC members who were spread across Melbourne.



Subcommittees

- The Janaza Subcommittee (JSC) continued their essential service throughout the year. Their commitment to provide the community with this selfless service even at odd hours of the night should be commended. JSC managed to purchase 7 grave sites at the Bunurong Cemetery during this financial year. They also gave a hand during funerals of other Muslim communities.
- The Positive Ageing Subcommittee (PAS) organised the following events which were well received by the members.
 - Ageing and Living Well
 - Sponsored bus tour to Werribee Rose Garden & Mansion
 - Laylatul Qadr 27th Night Dinner

Events

We were excited to conduct a full year of in person events in the USMAA community. It was a pleasure to see our community come together and continue the tradition of staple USMAA events. For more details and photos of the events, please refer the USMAA website and Facebook page. See below a summary of USMAA events held in 2022/2023:

- 8th Oct 2022: Members Night was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 19th Nov 2022: Ageing and Living Well event was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 19th Nov 2022: 30th Anniversary Janaza Fundraiser Dinner was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 8th Dec 2022: USMAA hosted an educational zoom webinar in collaboration with the Wasiyyah Islamic Wills.
- 25th Feb 2023: USMAA Family Fun Day held at Bundoora Park.
- 11th March 2023: Sponsored bus tour for USMAA Seniors to Werribee Rose Garden & Mansion
- 25th March 2023: First Ifthar event was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 8th Apr 2023: Second Ifthar event was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 17th April 2023: 27th Night Laylatul Qadr event presented by USMAA Seniors was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 22nd April 2023: Eid Al-Fitr Breakfast was held at NumberNinety Receptions in Oakleigh.
- 6th May 2023: Eid Al-Fitr dinner was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre.
- 17th June 2023: Ladies Night event was held at the Mulgrave Community Centre. The theme was Oscars and money was raised to donate to school and hospital supplies in Sri Lanka.
- 28th June 2023: Eid Prayers held at Hallam Mosque followed by Eid Al-Adha Breakfast event held at NumberNinety Receptions in Oakleigh.



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The Janaza Fundraiser Dinner was attended by over 200 guests and brought in donations of approximately \$5,000. The event generously received \$3,000 of sponsorships from: IT-Mate, Melbourne Automobiles, SK Pietra Natural Stones, Hab Shifa, Souther Metropolitan Cemeteries, MINT Financial Souldtions, National Vehicles, Keys Medical Centre, Amanah Islamic Finance and further anonymous donors.

The Eid Al-Fitr Dinner event was graciously attended by several dignitaries including Hon. Tina Samarddzija (Mayor of Monash City Council), Adel Salaman (President of ICV), Azmeena Hussain (Lawyer and Community Leader) and Dr. Mohamed Mohideen (Victorian Multicultural Commissioner).

The Ladies Night event was a continued success with several performances, games and fun activities showcasing the talents of women in our community. After deducting the costs, we had generated approximately \$3,500 towards purchasing urgent school and medical supplies to send to Sri Lanka for support.

In addition, USMAA was invited to attend events organised by other organisations.

- Member Forums organised by Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) to discuss issues faced by the Community.
- Grand Opening of Ravenhall Community Centre & Place of Worship.
- USMAA VP Ahmad participated in the planning of the Celebration of 75th Anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka alongside other representatives of different faith groups. USMAA Trustee Sithy Marikar also attend the event which was hosted by the Sri Lankan Consulate.

The MC started an USMAA Volunteers group through Whatsapp to build a community of support for events. The MC would like to give a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who generously donated their time.

Grants Received

The Monash Council provided USMAA with;

- In-kind Hall Hire Grant of \$15,000 per year for 3 years to cover expenses for the hiring of the Mulgrave Community Centre and its facilities.
- A \$7,000 grant for the Positive Ageing Subcommittee aimed at providing much needed support for seniors.



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Charitable Initiatives

- USMAA raised \$1,000 for the Pakistan Flood Relief fundraiser.
- A total of \$800 was raised through USMAA and donated to the emergency appeal for the Turkey Earthquake.
- USMAA managed to collect approximately \$2,300 through Zakat-al-Fitr donations. The money was donated to Hope of Sri Lanka, Dharul Arqam, Jumamah Masjid and Mates Vision.
- \$3,400 worth of funds were raised through USMAA's Ladies Night which will be donated to schools and hospitals in Sri Lanka to obtain urgent medical and school supplies.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to thank the entire USMAA Management Committee, all Subcommittees, volunteers and everyone who contributed their hard work and time throughout the year. The continued success and operation of our organisation would not be possible without you.

Yours sincerely,

Renee
Fostiropoulos
Secretary
USMAA