

Crescent Times newspaper



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A little Bird told me..

Once again this little bird has been out and about watching and listening and as usual witnessing strange, funny and sad events in our community.

Firstly, early in the month, this little bird was surprised to learn that rather than being a bird (or even a human) this little bird is, in fact, one-third daffodil. Apparently genetic studies have demonstrated that humans and daffodils share one third of their genetic material. This is a bonus for humans who could hope for some daffodil characteristics such as reliability, good looks and low maintenance. It isn't such a good deal for the daffodil though – can you imagine a troop of daffodils launching missiles? or mini daffodils fighting in the playground? Perhaps they should make the most of the other two thirds of their DNA!

What is worse – taking photographs after Eid prayers or punching someone at the mosque? This little bird went to Eid prayer at Perth mosque, after the prayer there was an opportunity for people to mingle in the courtyard and enjoy the sunshine and food provided. A Muslim brother sought to capture the joy of the day by openly taking photographs outside the mosque showing his fellow Muslims socialising. A much better scene than the usual stereotyped media photographs of Muslims praying (the infamous “bums up” pictures)! So why did he get punched – who knows! Shame on the brother who punched him – and double shame on him for doing such a thing on Eid day at the mosque!!

“Thank you for wearing hijab”

A sister recently reported a conversation she had with a female member of the public. This lady stopped the muslim sister in the street after noticing her wearing hijab and a long abaya. The usual questions followed (where are you from, isn't it hot under there, why do you wear it). The sister answered all of these questions (and more) in a polite and friendly way, emphasising the things she had in common with her questioner, such as their shared concern for family and involvement in the community. The conversation touched on why hijab is important and the sister explained and indicated that she had recently started wearing hijab when she became Muslim. The response from this stranger in the street? “Thank you for wearing it.” Why did she say that? “So that people can see that you are Muslim.” And why is it good for people to see that? “Because most people in Australia have never even talked to a muslim and until they do they will just believe what they see on TV.”

So a conversation with a stranger in the street turned into an opportunity to reach out. Wear hijab and smile sisters - it's a great advertisement for the deen!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allowing men and women to pray in the same hall

I felt very disappointed when I read about your article regarding allowing men and women to pray in same hall of course may be in different lines.

When I was in university, I noticed that, my (non-Muslim) friends/class-mates used to go to temples/churches etc, with lot of preparation. Well dressed, good haircut, perfumed etc etc. Do you know why? Because it's an opportunity to meet/see/talk to girls. Moreover they too may come with similar preparation.

I don't imply that everyone will behave in similar way. But, by allowing women/girls to pray in same hall, a day will definitely come, when a mosque would become place of meeting especially for youngsters (boys and girls). For e.g. no one will indulge in binge drinking all of a sudden. First he will start with just smelling alcohol.

In your article you have taken a bad example of a lady who was given a dirty corner of mosque to pray. Why can't we built a nice separate hall with all the facilities for ladies and off course with a separate entrance?

I would like to reiterate that, we should not modify Islam as per our convenience. Let us not turn our

mosques into community centers. Ladies/girls should be provided with separate hall to pray rather than mixing them with gents.

I shall do further literature search on this matter and get back to you.

Thanking you
Dr Shakeel Mohammed,
Balcatta

Edition wealth of information

Editor in Chief: Tarek Chamkhi & Local News Editor. Tamara Swann.

My sincere congratulations on the professional presentation and creative outlay with the second issue of the Crescent Times December 2008. The edition was a wealth of information, exciting and a much needed project for the state of WA Muslim community.

It is with hope that the local Muslim Businesses will participate in fully supporting this much needed Newspaper, which will in turn offer informative opportunities for everyone.

May you continually be blessed with courage and creativity long term to produce an exciting newspaper both for the Muslim Community and non Muslims who are interested in Islam.
Zalina Kennedy, MWSC

Mosques, prayer rooms & Islamic Organisations in WA

*Albany Musalla and Islamic Centre:

1/116 Serpentine Road
Albany - Ph: 08 9841 2790

*Al Hidayah Mosque:

Hepburn Heights Mosque- 64 Walter Blvd- Padbury 6025 -
Ph: 08 9403 7548

*Beechboro Mosque:

Bosnian – Hercegovian Muslim Society
289 Beechboro Road- Beechboro 6063
Ph: 08 9377 7133

*Canning Mosque & Islamic Association:

237 Welshpool Road- Queens Park 6530
Ph: 08 9451 8699

*Cannington Masjid Al Sunnah- Daawah Association of

WA:
45 Kent Street, Cannington 6108
Ph: 08 9258 4781

*Curtin Muslim Students Association (& Mussalah):

Kent Street - Bentley Ph: 08 9266 9266

*Crawley UWA Musallah:

Eastern Side Winthrop Hall - UWA 35 Stirling Highway -
Crawley Ph: 08 9380 3838

*Geraldton Mosque:

172 George Road- Geraldton 6530
Ph: 08 9964 1318

*Madrasa Talimuddin Darul-Iman:

126 Sultana Road West- High Wycombe 6057 - Ph: 08 9452
2892

*Islamic Council of Western Australia:

PO Box 70- Burswood WA 6100
Ph: 08 9362 2210

*Katanning Mosque:

2 Warren Road- Katanning 6317
Ph: 08 9821 2627

*Kenwick Musalla and Islamic Centre:

Lot 30, 408 Bickley Rd, Kenwick 6107 Ph: 08 9459 0476

*Islamic centre of WA:

Maylands Shopping Centre -Guildford Road- Maylands
6051 Ph: 08 9271 3332

*Mirrabooka Mosque- Masjid Al Taqwa, Noorul Islam So-
ciety:

Lot 433, Boyare Avenue Mirrabooka 6061 Ph: 08 9248
8559

*Mt Lawley ECU Musalla:

2 Bradford Street, Mt Lawley
Ph: 08 9370 6111

*Murdoch University Musallah:

Murdoch University, Murdoch
Ph: 0421249422

*Newman Mosque:

Lot 1563 Abydos Way, Newman 6753
Ph: 08 9845 1225

*Nollamara - St Mary's Mosque :

Nollamara Avenue, Nollamara 6061 - Ph: 08 9440 1928

*City West Musalla:

840 Wellington Street Perth 6050

*Perth City Musalla:

Trinity Arcade, Room 32, Level 2, 671 Hay St, Perth 6000
(Special code to enter the room)

*Perth Mosque:

427-429 William Street, Perth 6000

Ph: 08 9328 8535

*Port Hedland Mosque and Islamic Association Of North
Western Australia:

34 Trumpet Way, South Hedland

Ph: 08 9172 2528

*Queens Park Turkish Islamic Association of WA Inc:

243 Welshpool Road, Queens Park WA

Ph: 08 9451 8699

*Rivervale Masjid & Islamic centre:

7 Malvern Road, Rivervale 6103

Ph: 08 9362 2210

*Ar-Rukun Mosque and Islamic Centre, Ar Rukun Society:

4 Atwood Way, Rockingham 6168

Ph: 08 9527 8633

*Thornlie - Australian Islamic College

24 Clancy Way, Thornlie

Ph: 08 9452 3531

HALAL WATCH

IN

businesses recently certified as halal

- 1- Pretzos Gateway, Beeliar
- 2- Pretzos Galleria, Morley
- 3- Pretzos Rockingham

OUT

businesses no longer halal certified

There are rumours circulating about the halal status of Ingham chicken. ICWA confirms that Ingham chicken in WA IS NOT HALAL

Perth, WA Prayer Schedule January/2009

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	Thu	4:36	6:14	1:21	5:01	8:27	9:59
2	Fri	4:37	6:14	1:21	5:02	8:27	9:59
3	Sat	4:37	6:14	1:21	5:02	8:27	9:59
4	Sun	4:38	6:16	1:22	5:02	8:27	9:59
5	Mon	4:39	6:17	1:23	5:03	8:27	9:59
6	Tue	4:40	6:18	1:23	5:03	8:27	9:59
7	Wed	4:42	6:18	1:23	5:04	8:27	9:59
8	Thu	4:43	6:19	1:24	5:04	8:27	9:59
9	Fri	4:44	6:20	1:24	5:05	8:27	9:59
10	Sat	4:45	6:21	1:25	5:05	8:27	9:58
11	Sun	4:46	6:22	1:25	5:06	8:27	9:58
12	Mon	4:47	6:23	1:25	5:06	8:27	9:58
13	Tue	4:48	6:23	1:26	5:06	8:27	9:57
14	Wed	4:49	6:24	1:26	5:07	8:27	9:57
15	Thu	4:50	6:25	1:27	5:07	8:27	9:56
16	Fri	4:52	6:26	1:27	5:07	8:26	9:56
17	Sat	4:53	6:27	1:27	5:08	8:26	9:56
18	Sun	4:54	6:28	1:28	5:08	8:26	9:55
19	Mon	4:55	6:29	1:28	5:08	8:25	9:54
20	Tue	4:57	6:30	1:28	5:09	8:25	9:54
21	Wed	4:58	6:31	1:28	5:09	8:25	9:53
22	Thu	4:59	6:32	1:29	5:09	8:24	9:52
23	Fri	5:00	6:33	1:29	5:10	8:24	9:52
24	Sat	5:02	6:34	1:29	5:10	8:23	9:51
25	Sun	5:02	6:34	1:29	5:10	8:23	9:51
26	Mon	5:04	6:36	1:30	5:10	8:22	9:49
27	Tue	5:05	6:36	1:30	5:10	8:22	9:49
28	Wed	5:07	6:37	1:30	5:11	8:21	9:48
29	Thu	5:08	6:38	1:30	5:11	8:21	9:47
30	Fri	5:09	6:39	1:30	5:11	8:20	9:46
31	Sat	5:10	6:40	1:31	5:11	8:20	9:45