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## EID Mubarak

**Community and Media Statement: 10 July 2021**

Sunday 11 July 2021 marks the first day of the holy month of Zul Hijjah, the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Hijri calendar. This day heralds the imminent arrival of Eid-ul-Ad-Ha, the festival of sacrifice which will be on Tuesday 20 July 2021 in shaa Allah.

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are the best days of the year, according to our beloved prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, Allah loves to see people doing even more and more good deeds on these days. The 9<sup>th</sup> of these days is the day of Arafat, a day whose fasting was recommended by our beloved prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, for all the seekers of forgiveness from God.

The tenth day illustrates the willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for the love of obeisance to God.

For many of us in Australia, we approach these ten days whilst experiencing strict lockdowns that have been imposed by government on the advice of medical experts. In remembering the sacrifice of prophet Abraham, peace and blessings upon him, we must contemplate the sacrifice that we can make to keep our society and our nation safe. We appeal to our wonderful Muslim community to respect government directives on COVID restrictions, social distancing and lockdowns. For our brother and sisters in Sydney, our hearts and prayers are with you, this is a sacrifice that is imposed on us in the hope of keeping society safe.

This is also a time to increase the frequency of saying Takbir (Allahu Akbar), Tahlil (La Ilaha Illallaah), Tahmid (Alhamdulillah) and Tasbih (Subhanallah).

AFIC will continue to stream Jum'a services on Friday in shaa Allah in order to maintain the Sunna and give valuable religious advice.

Don't forget the importance of offering your Qurban (sacrificial animal). Our beloved prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, advised us that the Qurban is incumbent on every person who can afford it. There are many reputable Muslim charities selling Qurban coupons and sending the meat to the poor and needy in less advantaged communities, take this opportunity to spread the goodness.

Finally, we wish everyone a most blessed Eid, Eid Mubarak to all, may Allah bless you and bless our nation and free us from this pandemic and its impact.

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