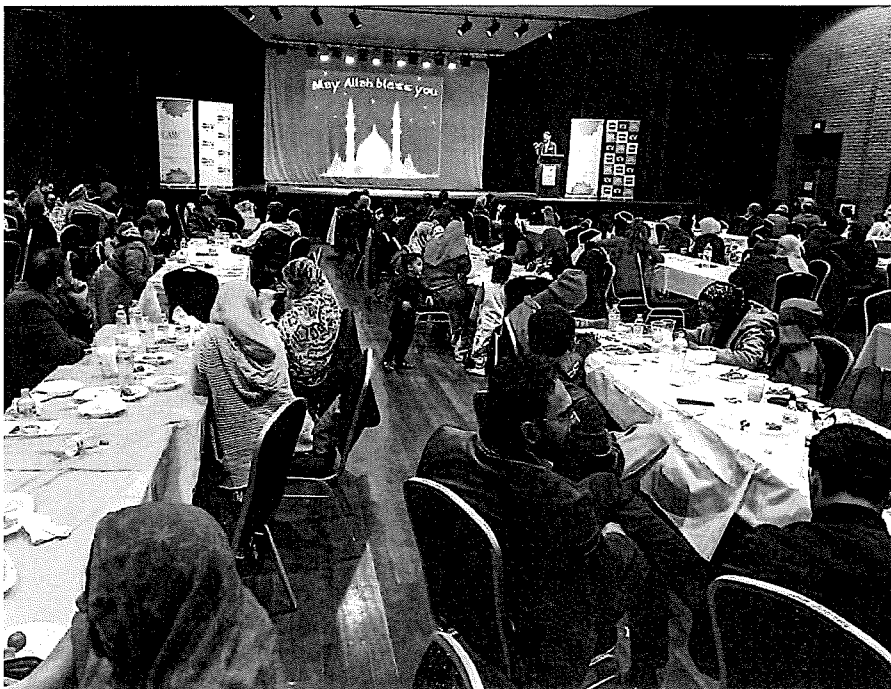
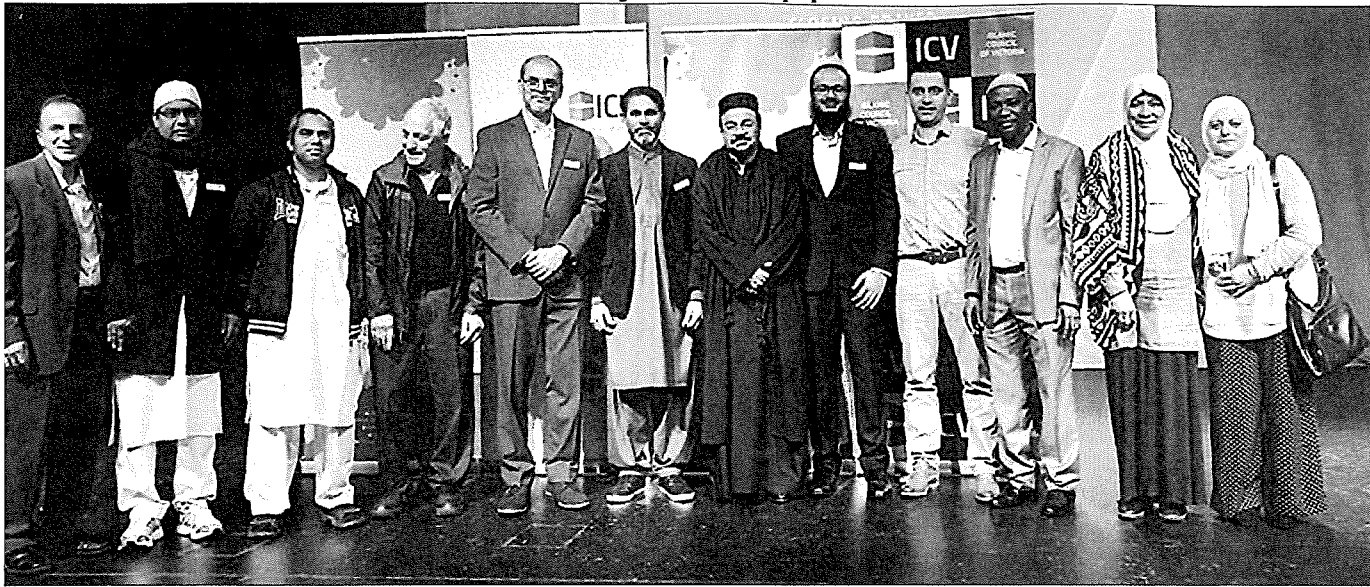


Ramadan under way for Gippsland Muslims



Ramadan - the holiest month of the Muslim calendar began early in May. During this month the world's one billion Muslims abstain from food, drink and other pleasures from sunrise to sunset.

The month is also a time of togetherness, and it is customary for Muslims to break the fast with others at an "Iftaar". Iftaars have now become a popular way for other members of the wider community to break fast with Muslims in congregation and to understand more of this way of life.

In Gippsland, Iftaars are held every weekend during Ramadan and this is usually held at Federation University's Student Lounge. The community Iftaars were organised by the Federation University students at Federation University and the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Incorporated (GAMCI).

This Ramadan the Iftaars were sponsored by GAMCI president Dr Zafar and family; the Bangladesh community of Gippsland, and the United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley (UMSLV).

This year also saw the annual Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) interfaith Iftaar being jointly organised and sponsored by the ICV, GAMCI, and the Australian Federation of Islamic Council (AFIC).

This event was held in Morwell's Kernet Hall

and was very well attended by Gippsland's Muslim community as well as members of the local interfaith community, councillors and the ICV Board. Speeches were made by the Hon Russell Northe, MLA for Morwell; the Rev Sharon Hollis, who is the Moderator for the Uniting Church; Father Andrew from Ararat and Dr Iqbal Zafar GAMCI president. ICV President Dr Mohamed Mohideen spoke of the need to work with the community and to ensure that we all keep an open mind and continue to have a dialogue to promote harmony and respect of each other's faiths. A presentation was made on the activities carried out in Gippsland by GAMCI and concluded with a thank you from GAMCI Secretary and ICV Board member Dr Abdel K Halabi. The night was well presented by MC Tanver Hasan.

The holy month of Ramadan ends with the sighting of the new moon in early June. This will then be the end of Ramadan and Muslims will celebrate with early morning prayers, and visiting friends and relatives. This is called Eid Ul Fitr (festival of breaking the fast). The Gippsland Muslim community will again get together in congregation at the end of Ramadan to celebrate this event.

Pictured is the ICV interfaith Iftaar held on May 11 this year.



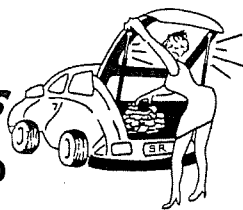
CHURCHILL BOWLS CLUB Annual General Meeting

The Churchill Bowls Club will be holding its A.G.M at our Gaskin Park clubrooms Churchill, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, commencing at 7.00pm.

Written nominations for Executive and Ordinary Committee members, plus all Notice of Motions to be presented at the A.G.M, are required to be with the club secretary by close of business Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

No business received after this time will be considered. A committee meeting will be held after the A.G.M. *All welcome to attend.*

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