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Mawlid Celebrations continue at the first ever

Multicultural Mawlid Festival in Sydney

Media Release

Over two days under the glorious summer sunshine, something very special unfolded in the heart of multicultural Bankstown. The Australian Muslim community joyfully joined together over the weekend under the umbrella of ***'Muhammad, a guide and more for every era'*** to continue their mawlid commemorations at the first ever Multicultural Mawlid Festival held in the city of Sydney.

The two-day festival held at Paul Keating Park - Bankstown on the 8th and 9th of December 2018 – coinciding with 1440 Hijri year saw thousands attending to enjoy and participate in the event which primarily involved showcasing and expressing their joy for the birth of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. The festival was attended by a large number of distinguished sheikhs, community leaders, organisations, families and friends.

The unity of Muslims was felt very strongly with the warm exchange of Mawlid greetings as they embraced one another and offered their congratulatory messages on the occasion. The festival featured a wide array of activities for kids of all ages to enjoy including those made available by the 5th ICPA Bankstown Scouts Group and the Liverpool Scout Group in addition to the variety of rides for the kids, jumping castles and face painting activities. His eminence Sheikh Fawaz Abboud gave a short religious lesson on the occasion. 2MFM Kids Show presenters also presented highly engaging live shows across the two days on the grounds of Paul Keating Park which children excitedly participated in. The festival also featured a vast variety of stalls, jumping castles, diversity stalls and much more for the entertainment of festival goers.

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On the Saturday, internationally renowned chanter, Hajj Muhammad El-Kheir delivered an exceptional live rendition with the ICPA chanting band. On Sunday, the Iraqi, Sudanese, Pakistani and youth chanting groups delivered sensational performances that manifested an expression of love and devotion to Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. A number of organisations participated in the event, including 2MFM, Muslim Community Radio who also provided a live coverage of the event.

The ICPA extends its thanking to the Multicultural Mawlid Festival Committee, participating organisations and volunteers for contributing to the celebration of Prophet Muhammad's birth and making the festival a great success. We Ask Allah to bestow this occasion upon us with all goodness and blessings.

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