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To Whom It May Concern:

The Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) has worked together with the Hume Islamic Youth Centre (HIYC) for a number of years now. We commend the work HIYC have been doing, particularly in the fields of youth and adult engagement, and promoting religious development.

I wish them every success for their future endeavours, in particular their ambitions for the existing centre, and the upcoming lecture event.

May Allah bless their efforts, grant them success, and continue to make their organization a source of benefit for both the Muslim community and all Victorians.

The Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) is the peak body for Muslim organisations in Victoria. The ICV represents Victoria’s more than 150,000 Muslims, through its 53 member organisations located throughout metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Our vision is to foster and enable a vibrant Muslim community that enriches society through the values of Islam.

Yours sincerely,

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President
Islamic Council of Victoria
Appreciation letter from CFA Craigieburn

26 February 2014

Dear Mohamed,

Emergency services visit to HIYC

Thank you for the great opportunity to visit HIYC and meet many of the families from our local Muslim community. Your recent event came at a fortuitous time for our fire brigade as we have recently recognised the need for better engagement with the culturally diverse communities that we service.

We were impressed by the scale and quality of your centre in Coolaroo and the varied services that you provide for the community. The gymnasium, prayer rooms, educational facilities and restaurant were indicative of a desire to provide for all of the cultural needs of the youth and families you serve. We were welcomed in your restaurant area where we enjoyed a very nice coffee and mingled with the other emergency service personnel you had invited to your event. It was clear that the centre has strong ties with the Australian Federal Police, Ambulance Victoria, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and we hope now with us at CFA. Clearly the HIYC is committed to building these relationships which are mutually beneficial to the community and the emergency service organisations.

I sensed that the educational content of the information provided by both MFB regarding home fire safety and the bushfire and grassfire safety information provided by ourselves was well accepted. The attendees were attentive and inquisitive and it was a pleasure to provide that information to an audience that was clearly interested and engaged. I noted that there were a wide range of nationalities represented among the HIYC community so I am hopeful that we are not only reaching people of the Muslim faith but also people from various ethnic backgrounds and their families. It was also fantastic to have the opportunity to provide a practical display of our skills by demonstrating our approach to a motor vehicle accident involving entrapments and injured occupants. Our audience was again attentive and inquisitive with many questions about our equipment and procedures. I believe our demonstration illustrated the seamless working relationship between the emergency services and hope that it provided confidence to those watching that we have their safety and care as our highest priority. By developing trust between the emergency services and our culturally diverse communities we are better able to service those in need.

I sincerely hope we can continue to grow our relationship with the Muslim community and HIYC into the future and look forward to our next opportunity to share information with one another.

Yours sincerely

Peter Spicer
Senior Station Officer
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About ASWJ
(Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama’ah)

History of ASWJ
The umbrella organisation of HIYC, Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama’ah Association of Australia (ASWJ), has been involved in the da’wah of Australia for 27 proud years.

Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama’ah established in 1987 in its initial phase aimed to serve the community of Australia by providing avenues to showcase what Islam is all about.

Reflect on what we’ve achieved together!
The success that the community has been enjoying cannot be captured in a few words except to say a generation of great da’wah and support to Islam in Australia!

Branches
Twenty-seven years on since its inception, Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama’ah (ASWJ) as an organization has now 11 centers across Australia by the will of Allaah.

Its main presence remains in NSW, with 4 main centers in suburban Sydney. In addition, ASWJ also has 2 centers in Victoria and one in Western Australia. The organization also enjoys strong ties with many other Mosques and organizations across Australia.
About HIYC  
(Hume Islamic Youth Centre)

Who is HIYC
HIYC has established a safe and friendly environment that caters for the youth, with activities and programs, usually free of charge. HIYC encourages the development of a virtuous character by conducting educational workshops promoting a healthy mind, body and spirit based on Islamic principles.

With the help of the Muslim community, HIYC has rapidly grown over the last years.

Aim - Value proposition (Family oriented)
HIYC is different because we are the first of its kind to successfully provide a complete combination of both moral and religious teachings as well as a relaxed and friendly environment for the youth to ‘kick-back’. These include a gym, billiards, table tennis, restaurant, cafe and various class topics on a daily basis all under one roof.

This never before seen combination is designed to both entertain and enlighten the youth who will be the future leaders of our community.

In addition, our services for women in the community are also unique and accommodating as we provide them with exclusive classes, exclusive gym times and exclusive restaurant booths for women to eat in peace and privacy.

Finances
Financially, it draws on the pockets of ordinary Muslims who donate their hard earned money to help the organization function. All of its members, including the Sheikhs (religious leaders), work on a voluntary basis.

Sponsorship from local business also play a part in helping the HIYC providing larger events.
HIYC carries out a number of community based projects. Hume Islamic Youth Centre runs a range of services to support the needs of individuals and groups in our community. Our priority lies in the betterment of the society by giving good guidance to the youth, and in general providing them with sound support. The aim of working towards forming a strong brotherhood amongst the people of our community. Our volunteer team at HIYC is also dedicated towards helping those affected by calamities across the world.

Prayer
The prayer area (musalllah) at HIYC can accommodate hundreds, with segregated men and womens ablution area (wudu) and prayer areas. The 5 regular prayers are offered daily, Jummah prayer & Taraweeh prayers. The musallalah is also used for quraan classes, lectures, fiqh & tafseer lessons. With close and plentiful parking, it makes it easy for all patrons to attend.

Counselling
(Marriage / YouthIssues / Family Disputes)
AT HIYC the mashayakh devote a lot of their time for the needs of the community, with depression on the rise across Australia, divorce rate increasing in the Muslim community and youth troubles across the board there is an ever strong need for the guidance and advise from our trained mashayakh. Doors are always open for the community in need.

Dawah Information and services
HIYC offers a wide range of ofdawah information from free pamphlets and CD/DVD’s for public use.

Hajj & Umrah packages
Annual Hajj groups are also organized by ASWJ. The campaign has been ongoing for the last 13 years and is well known to be amongst the best Hajj groups in Australia.

HIYC Islamic Super Store
Food, gifts, clothes, books, zam zam water and a service with a smile. Yes, our super store has it all and with the latest range of books catering to the needs of our adults and also the little ones. Ranging from history to the present day issues, you will surely find books that will not only entertain but also enlighten you. With fresh supplies of dates and other halal confectioneries, the whole family will have something to nibble while you spend your time at HIYC. We also stock in wall hangings and other decorative items that could just turn up to be a good gift idea for someone special. Not to mention our modest clothes, stocked with the latest in fashion we have everything for the young and the old.

Social Media
Catering to the needs of the Y generation, we are actively involved in promoting our services through social media.
Social Media plays an important role in advertising the centre’s events.

Reception & Function Rooms
There is a dedicated reception area available to the Muslim community for hire at a low rate, fully equipped with kitchen, tables and chairs it can be used for many different types of events.
Activities

Eid Celebrations
For over a decade the organization has been holding Eid prayers outdoors in accordance to the tradition of the Prophet. Eid prayers attract thousands of worshippers followed by fun activities for the children.

International & Local Fundraising
Other community projects include the sponsorship and support of orphans and widows, annual Qurban project, Quraan competitions, yearly camps, monthly family picnics.

International & Local Guest Speakers
Through the year the HIYC uses its strong ties with the international Muslim community to invite revered speakers from around the world.

Youth Conferences & Weekly Activities
Every year the HIYC holds a youth conference with activities for very young children to late teens, with informations sessions from MFB, CFA, AFP and live demonstrations from SES the event is jam packed with activities. During the event many guest mashayakh and prominent Muslim entertainers are invited to address the youth.

Annual Youth Camp
Every year the youth camp gets better, with amazing locations and activities, the camp brings together the youth from across the different states. Let the pictures do the talking!
Family Entertainment and Socialising

Kids Zone
The HIYC kids play area is ideally located at the rear of the restaurant where the parents can keep an eye on their kids while they enjoy their meals. Kids up to 5 years can indulge in their imaginative play at the same time the parents can be assured of their safety as the play area is covered with soft padding to prevent the kids from being hurt.

Sisters’ Lounge
Sisters can enjoy their private space on the first floor of the showroom, right above the restaurant. This space is dedicated for the sisters to have their Islamic classes with the sheikh. The HIYC sisters are very active in holding various functions and fundraisers aimed at engaging women of all ages and interests to work towards the escalation of the women in the Muslim ummah.

HIYC Restaurant & Cafe
Offering tantalising western style meals, the restaurant is a leader in providing quality halal meals. Open for lunch and dinner, the chefs aim to please! The restaurant also has family friendly rooms, kids play area, cosy atmosphere for those deep thought provoking talks plus a range of cakes and cookies for the sweet tooth!
Cooking demonstrations, open kitchen design, exciting and affordable menu will surely impress the critics. Remember to try the weekly special!

Gym
Paramount to a healthy lifestyle is to have a healthy body. Yes, our gym caters to the needs of our youth without undermining the privacy of our women. With dedicated time slots for women, our women now have a place where they could go and train. We have a team of trainers, who have proven to be some of the very best trainers in Melbourne. From strength training to Martial arts, HIYC Gym really has something for everyone regardless of your fitness level or your age. Located at one of the rear quadrants within the centre with easy accessibility, both from the outside and inside, we operate from sunrise to the late hours of the night, making sure that our community is fit.

Games Room
The youths of today are the leaders of tomorrow. At HIYC sports area, we organize team based events to help our youths hone skills that will help them in their future. We have an indoor avenue filled with billiard and table tennis tables. A coffee maker who serves with a smile some killer coffees for those not so active spectators.
Education

HIYC Learning Centre
Empowering people by imparting knowledge is the key to success. The HIYC prides itself in offering sound Islamic knowledge be it by the main sheikh Abu Ayman himself or various other scholars of ahlus sunnah wal jamaah. Almost every day of the week the musallah is occupied for a dars (classes) between maghrib to isha.

Islamic Education
Education is one of the priorities at HIYC, its teachings are based on the Qur’an and Sunnah, following closely the understanding of the pious predecessors. The organization directs most of its efforts towards lessons, lectures, seminars and educational circles.

The task of education is carried by a group of Sheikhs who are not only well versed in the Islamic Sciences, but also have vast experience and involvement in the Australian community. Of the Sheikhs and teachers who are part of the organization, the most renowned are Sheikh Muhammad Omran (Abu Ayman).

Quraan Classes
At the HIYC, Quraan classes are held 4 days / week for the children. Adults courses also are held at different times through the year.

Arabic Classes
The centre also has a class rooms dedicated for the learning of the Arabic language training courses and other activities.

Tutoring
At HIYC we also offer free tutoring for VCE students in order to help them with their school studies.
The tutoring service is also available to high school students throughout the year.
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