



QACA and AfSA End of Year Mahfil 2016



QACA President

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Welcome to the Qld Afghan Community Association first edition for 2017.

It has certainly been a busy year for the management team of QACA. The management team of QACA will continue the efforts to fulfil our developmental programs. Our recent Jashne-e-Atfal and end of the year Mahfil collaborated by the Mashal - E- Irfan Dari school, Afsa and the QACA have asserted the motivation of our community to be united and to promote our cultural conducts.

Our youth are the shine of our community. I thank them for their contribution and support of QACA. They will be certainly succeeding the role modelings of Afghan culture. I look forward to enjoy the support of each one member of our community on completion of the Afghan house building project. Our unity is the key of success and will shine the light of our peaceful tradition.

Quote of the Month:

God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.

~ Voltaire

Events coming up...

- ★ Sunday 29th, January 2017
Dari Language Classes - Holland Park State School (9am - 1pm)
- ★ Sunday 26th, March 2017
QACA Nawroz Event support by AfSA

Dari School Picnic...

In celebration of the re-establishment and success of the Mashal-e-Irfan Dari School, the Queensland Afghan Community Association (QACA) and the teachers and organisers of the Dari School hosted an end-of-year picnic at the Roma Street Parklands. The day was filled with fun activities, good food and great company! People of all ages participated in games organised by Mrs Modabera Popal and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone for making it such memorable event!



STUDENTS ATTENDING THE MASHAL-E-IRFAN DARI SCHOOL

The children were gathered in a circle ready to learn the game of 'tokhom jungi'.



TEACHERS AND ORGANISERS OF THE DARI SCHOOL

From left: Bibi Haji Aquila Watanpal, Mrs Fatima Bakhshi and Mrs Modabera Popal



STUDENTS FROM THE MASHAL-E-IRFAN DARI SCHOOL

People of all ages participated in the sack-races!

AfSA and QACA End of Year Mahfil 2016 ...



The Afghan Students Association (AfSA) and the Queensland Afghan Community Association (QACA) collaborated to host one of the biggest end of year events! Packed with back-to-back performances and entertainment, this night was truly spectacular. With over 250 attendees, the Queensland Afghan Community enjoyed witnessing different performances including a children's dance performance, fashion show and traditional attan by AfSA members.

Along with this, Emal Hamraz, a very talented singer and musician performed live on the night. Mr Hamraz is known for his songs *Sanam* and *Dil - e - Pordard*. We thank Emal for being there and making the night more special for everyone.

This end of year event aimed to gather all Afghans together as well as

expose the Afghan culture to the rest of the Australian community. By showcasing the best of Afghan culture, we can see the positive impact it has on not only Afghans themselves but the wider community. This event would not have been possible without the help from the members of AfSA and QACA. We would like to thank all who helped make this event a success and everyone who attended. AfSA and QACA wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. Inshallah this 2017 brings you joy, blessings and success.



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How to become a QACA member...

1. **PRINT** the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.
2. **FILL IN** the required details on the membership form.
3. **SEND** the completed form by scanning and emailing to qldafghancommunity@gmail.com **OR** post to 7 Fleay Street, Redland Bay QLD 4165.
4. **PAY** \$12.00 member fee for each family member, to the QACA account (details on form).
5. **DONE!** You are now a QACA family member. You will get discounts to all QACA events and gain membership for the financial year!

Afghan Myths

All cultures have folklore, superstitions and myths that either emphasise the importance of morality, or are completely odd and humorous in nature. They have been passed down generations where they are still believed and followed. The myths below are primarily for entertainment purposes, please do not take them seriously!

FIRST MYTH

It is bad luck to cut your nails at night as some say hunger and poverty will enter a house. Others say that if you cut your toe nails and finger nails on the same day, this is also bad luck for your life.



SECOND MYTH

It is not good to let someone compliment your child or loved one too much, as they may become 'jinxed' and have bad luck. This is called 'nazar' and this notion is very big within countries like Turkey and Afghanistan but can be warded off by with saying 'nazar nakona' or by wearing the 'evil eye' symbol.



THIRD MYTH

Jingling your keys will cause a fight to occur.



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Afghan Role Model of the month...

Niloofer Rahmani is the first Afghan female Air Force pilot in the history of Afghanistan.

Captain Rahmani was around 18 years old when she heard an announcement in the media about the recruitment of young women into the Afghan Air Force, including the opportunity for pilot training. She enlisted in officer training and graduated as a Second Lieutenant. In 2012, Captain Rahmani graduated from flight school and completed her first solo flight in September in a Cessna 182. Furthermore, she graduated from advanced flight training and became qualified to fly a C-208 military cargo aircraft. She was presented the International Women of Courage award for the year 2015 in Washington DC. Many stories were published about her success; however, her family received threats from the Taliban and members of her extended family - who disapproved of her career and ambition. Because of this, her family had to relocate several times in Afghanistan. Her current situation is still being confirmed but despite threats and drama, she remains determined to continue her career in the Air Force. She encourages more women to join the Air Force and pursue their dreams despite difficult times.



Niloofer Rahmani



