

Gippsland Australian Muslim Community celebrates and donates to Australian farmers



Pictured are Muslims at the Traditional Eid Ul Adha Prayers

The Gippsland Australian Muslim community recently celebrated the second of their Islamic holidays with the arrival of the Eid Ul Adha. Also called the "Festival of Sacrifice", Eid Ul Adha acknowledges the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to

God's instructions.

The Eid Ul Adha prayers were conducted at Kermot Hall in Morwell, with over 130 Muslims coming together in congregation on Tuesday August 21.

This was followed by the traditional Eid Dinner held on Saturday August 25 at the

Federation University Lounge in Churchill.

These two significant events brought Gippsland Muslim communities together from Sale to Pakenham.

A significant part of the Muslim culture is the provision of charity. Many

mosque and Islamic centres across Australia used the holy festivities to raise funds for affected farmers and their families.

Dr Ibrahim Abu Muhammad, the grand Mufti of Australia, encouraged the entire Australian Muslim

community to work together in partnership with farmers. He stated "For they are our fellow human beings and our brothers, they are our partners in this country."

The Gippsland Australian Muslim community responded to this call for charity in a positive way and

collections from the prayers and the dinner raised over \$600 to be sent to Australian Farmers.

During Eid prayer the Muslim community across Australia simultaneously prayed for rain to help drought-affected Australian farmers.