



Australian Muslim Welfare Centre Inc.

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On 5 April, 2014, AMWC, the largest community organisation of Bangladeshi Ethnic Origin in Australia, has successfully performed an historic opening ceremony of the craft Centre towards establishing an Islamic Centre. The event was attended by a large number of Bangladeshi muslim and local community people. Our Hon NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell attended as the Chief Guest and formally opened the craft centre. NSW State MP, Bryan Doyle was present as special guest who was gladly welcomed by all corners of our community for his great contribution to the centre. The event was also attended by Federal MP Laurie Ferguson and Russell Matheson, NSW MP Dr Andrew Macdonald, GM of Liverpool City Council- Mr Faruque Portelli, Principals of local schools, as well as many other distinguished guests of different religions of the society.

The Program was started by recitation of the Holy Quran followed by Dua. Then the GS of AMWC, Zahurul Quazi in his beautiful welcoming address has described the aims and objectives of the Islamic centre. He praised NSW Gov particularly Bryan Doyle, the State MP in Campbelltown for funding us of around \$60,000/- to the craft centre. He also appealed to NSW Gov for more support to help build up the Islamic Centre. He firmly voiced that our young generations are the bright future of Australian Society and our future cornerstone.

The President of AMWC, Dr Mohammad Ilyas in his beautiful passionate speech appealed to Hon Premier to support AMWC to remove the Zoning restriction of the City Council so that we can get the opportunity to a build a successful multifaceted Islamic Centre including a place of worship which is an absolute need of our rapidly expanding community. He expressed in strong voice that we the Bangladeshi people are smart citizen of the society, ready to sacrifice their life, skills, knowledge and energy for this great nation of Australia. He also further praised Bryan Doyle for his enormous support and contribution and regarded him as a close friend of Bangladeshi community.

Bryan Doyle the State MP was very much thankful in his speech for the honour that we have shown to him. He praises the remarkable contribution of Bangladeshi community to all aspects in Australian Society. He reiterated his ongoing support to Australian Muslim Welfare Centre in the time ahead as our close friend.

Hon MP Premier Barry O'Farrell in his speech expressed his firm commitment and support to our community. He described Australia as a country where we have always freedom of speech and religion. His speech was very much positive, informative and meaningful for all of us expressing his co-operation and support to further develop AMWC in future. He also provided us some guideline information how to proceed.

Towards the end, the Premier handed over the Crest on behalf of AMWC to Mr Mofazzel Hossain Bhuya, the current VP for his enormous contribution to AMWC for the last several years. The whole program was competently presented by Naeef Mustafa.



