

**Newsletter of the**  
**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF THE A.C.T.**

	Update to 22 June 2005
<b>Title</b>	<b>News</b>
Air-conditioning for women	The women's prayer area is now installed with air-conditioning systems.
Community Hall	We intend to build a community hall adjacent to the mosque to be use for functions and as additional prayer area. If you can help with any aspect of it, plans, construction or ideas, please contact any member of the committee.
Daawah	We have written to the ACT Government for confirmation that Qur'ans can be presented to government employees and prayer/religious lessons can be conducted at government work premises in accordance with ACT laws.
Emergency Door	An emergency exit door is being installed in the men's prayer area.
FUNERAL SERVICES.	<p>We provide funeral services to any Muslim in Canberra.</p> <p>Concrete slabs and blocks for the grave will be provided and where possible, relatives can reimburse a modest amount for these materials to the Society.</p> <p>The main contact person is Br. HAGI HIRAD SHIRSHORE on 6248 5200 (H) or 0423 257 809.</p> <p>You can also contact any other of the society's committee members</p>
Gas Heaters	We thank the brother who provided the gas heaters for use in the courtyard
Interfaith	The Order of Australia Association (ACT) Inc approached us with the aim to conduct an interfaith meeting at the mosque. The society has instead offered them the opportunity to attend the mosque to learn about Islam, but they are not to sing or preach at the mosque. The society has provided to them an English translation of Surah Baqarah (chapter no.2) to read as pre-reading and have advised them of the planned open day.
Lighting	Suitable lighting has been installed in the courtyard and car park
Locks	Please contact the Society if you would like to donate any dead locks for the various doors of the mosque building.
New Mosque	We are helping the North Canberra Muslim Community with raising funds to build a new mosque in the Belconnen area. We thank the community for their generous donations every jumma.
New Name	We thank the brother who provided the new sign for the new name of this masjid: ABU-BAKR MOSQUE
Open Day	<p>We have received an ACT Government grant to put on an open day for the whole ACT community. It is planned that the open day will be conducted on or about Saturday 5 November 2005. This date is after Ramadan and just after Eid.</p> <p>Anyone who would like to help with the planning of the open day, please contact any of the society's committee members.</p>
Painting	We thank the brothers who have painted the mosque.
Qur'an	We have asked the Daawah Office to provide copies of English/Arabic Qur'an to present to members and the ACT community to facilitate daawah
Shed	A new shed has been installed behind the mosque for storage
Solar Hot Water System	We have received an ACT Government grant to purchase and install a solar hot water system.
Web Page	<p>We have set up an internet page for ISACT: <a href="http://ISACT.ORG.AU">HTTP://ISACT.ORG.AU</a></p> <p>Anyone who would like to help or suggest issues regarding content and presentation, please contact any of the society's committee members.</p>
Women's entry	The ladies' entry has been modified to provide adequate screening.

Authorised by the Secretary