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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Today we celebrate the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

For tens of thousands of Muslims across our City, and indeed around the world, it's a time to pray and reflect on their lives. It's also a time to give back to the community and help those in need.

During this period, Muslims fast from early morning until sunset and abstain from food and drink. It promotes patience, discipline and increases purity of the mind and piety.

I'm proud of our City and its vibrant culture... people from all races and religions. And grateful we have the opportunity during this important time to learn about different cultures, traditions and celebrate our diversity.

My favourite part of this time is seeing our community come together... Muslims and non-Muslims, for Ramadan Nights Lakemba.

During the holy month, Haldon Street is transformed into a global food bazaar from dusk until 3am. Thousands of Muslims will break

their fast with family members and friends, while non-Muslims alike will be welcomed for a culturally eye-opening experience.

Last year, we saw more than 1.2 million people visit the event throughout the month, and I have a feeling this year is going to be bigger than ever.

I encourage you all to come out to Ramadan Nights to taste the delicious foods on offer and see what Ramadan is all about. For those wanting to avoid the crowds, come along on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and come early in the evening, as stalls are open from 5pm. Consider taking public transport via the T3 Bankstown line to Lakemba Station or the free shuttle buses running every night.

And may we all take inspiration from this holy occasion to reflect and renew our faith.

Ramadan Mubarak!



Yours sincerely,
Clr Khal Asfour
MAYOR