

Date: 19th of May 2020

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“In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful”

Eid Al-Fitr Statement for the Year 1441AH - 2020

Although we have been deprived of attending the mosques during this holy month of Ramadan due to the current situation of COVID-19, Allah SWT has not deprived us from the honour of worshipping him. It has been by Allah's grace that our homes have transformed into mosques, full of the remembrance of Allah, supplication to him and the recitation of the Holy Quran. We thank Allah SWT for granting us the opportunity to worship Him throughout the month of Ramadan.

The Australian Fatwa Council is pleased to announce the following to the Australian Muslim community:

1. After consulting members of the Australian Fatwa Council and further inquiries to the local and global observatories, it has been confirmed that the new moon of the Month of Shawwal will set before sunset on Friday 22nd of May 2020, which is the 29th of Ramadan 1441 by 13 minutes, thus, the ability to sight the moon on that day in Australia after sunset is impossible.

Therefore:

Saturday, 23rd of May 2020, will be the last day of the Month of Ramadan 1441AH, &

**The first day of the Month of Shawwal 1441AH and the
Day of Eid Al-Fitr will be Sunday, 24th of May 2020**

2. The Eid prayer is a ritual on this blessed day, and we emphasise its importance to be performed by all Muslims and in congregation. Given the current circumstance, it can be held at home with a minimum number of three people, unless there is a person who can deliver the khutbah (*sermon*), it can be held without a khutbah, because the khutbah is not a condition for the validity of the Eid prayer.

The Australian Fatwa Council advises that the khutbah (**ONLY**) can be streamed from any local mosque and can also be followed via modern technology and other means of communication and social media.

3. His Eminence, the Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad and the respected Imams emphasise the importance of preserving one's health, body and spirit through maintaining the acts of worship during the rest of the year and through adhering to the health precautionary measures.

We ask Allah SWT to alleviate all hardships including this pandemic and grant us peace and security in Australia and the rest of the world.

Eid Mubarak and may Allah SWT accept your worship.

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