

28 April 2022

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Eid Al-Fitr Statement for the Year 1443AH – 2022

All praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet Muhammad.

We thank Allah (SWT) for giving us the ability to fast the Month of Ramadan, the ability to worship him, and the ability to fulfil our religious and worldly obligations.

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

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 be born on Sunday 1st of May at 6.28am AEST, the sun sets on the same day at 5.14pm while the new moon will appear on the same day after sunset for 14 minutes until 5.28pm where it will disappear thereafter from the horizon. In the city of Perth, Western Australia, the new moon of the Month of Shawwal will be born on Sunday 1st of May at 4.28am AWST, the sun sets on the same day at 5.38pm while the moon will appear on the same day after sunset for 18 minutes until 5.56pm where it will disappear thereafter from the horizon: **Therefore:**

Sunday, 1st of May 2022, will be the last day of the Month of Ramadan 1443AH

**The Day of Eid Al-Fitr will be Monday 2nd of May 2022
and the first day of the Month of Shawwal 1443AH**

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad, and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, acknowledge the different opinions amongst the scholars on this topic and that not all Imams and schools of thought agree on the criteria and methodology used in determining the beginning and the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan, including prominent member Imams from the Australian Fatwa Council and Australian National Imams Council. Therefore, the Australian National Imams Council and the Grand Mufti of Australia call upon all Muslims to respect these differences by avoiding debates that lead to disagreements and misunderstanding amongst the Muslims. We urge the Muslim community to focus on their unity and what brings them closer to Allah the Almighty and their religion.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad, and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, wish the Muslim community a happy, joyful and blessed Eid Al-Fitr. We also encourage the Muslim community to engage with their fellow neighbours and friends in displaying the true and peaceful image of Islam.

May Allah accept your fasting and worship in the Month of Ramadan & EID MUBARAK

**The Grand Mufti of Australia
Chairman of the Australian Fatwa Council
Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad**