

11 April 2023

Eid Al-Fitr Statement for the Year 1444AH – 2023

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 in 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 to the Australian Muslim community the following:

It has been confirmed to the Australian Fatwa Council after further inquiries to the local and global observatories, in Sydney, the new moon of the month will be born on Thursday, 20th April 2023 at 2.12pm AEST, the sun sets on the same day at 5.27pm while the new moon will set on the same day and time at 5.27pm from the horizon. In Perth, Western Australia, the new moon of the month will be born on 20th April 2023 at 12.12pm AWST, the sun sets on the same day at 5.50pm while the moon will set at 5.54pm, this is **not** a sufficient time to sight the new moon of the month of Shawwal on that night, **Therefore:**

Friday, 21st of April 2023, will be the last day of the Month of Ramadan 1444AH

**The Day of Eid Al-Fitr will be on Saturday, 22nd of April 2023,
and the first day of the Month of Shawwal 1444AH**

The method in which the Grand Mufti of Australia and the Australian Fatwa Council had determined the end of the month of Ramadan, the first day of Shawwal and day of Eid Al-Fitr is based on the calculated birth of the moon before sunset, the duration of the moonset after sunset and the possibility of sighting the moon. This is a method that many prominent and reputable global scholars councils have adopted.

The Australian National Imams Council and the Australian Fatwa Council acknowledge, understand and respect the Imams and scholars who may hold a different opinion, and request all Muslims to respect the different opinions on this matter and work towards the unity of the Muslim community in preserving the common values and interests that they all have and share.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad, and the member 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

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