Our Mission and Vision:

- Bendigo Islamic Community Centre (BICC) is dedicated to assist all Muslims to practice their religious and cultural values through a comprehensive approach, which incorporates the teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah (the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- Provide an innovative, dynamic and collaborative community hub that offers inclusive, sustainable programs and services, promoting community participation and inclusion.
- To promote humanitarian values which underpin the teachings of Islam (compassion, love and peace).
- Increase public awareness of Muslim social and cultural values.

Our Aims:

- Focus on the needs of the diverse Muslim community and ensuring services are open to all.
- Meet the needs of the local community by promoting sports facilities and employment opportunities.
- To provide a family-friendly facility where people, young and old, men, women and children are treated with respect and equality.
- Provide Muslims and non-Muslims with the opportunity to learn and understand Islam, through dialogue, discussion and social interaction.
- A venue for all faith communities to interact in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere.
- A Centre where humanitarian and charitable causes are supported.
- To Promote Tolerance and Oppose extremism, racism and terrorism.
- To have a facility that respects the environment in which it is built and pays homage to the vibrant goldmining history of Bendigo.

" Sadaqah wipes out sins like water extinguishes fire."
(Tirmdhi)



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Current Projects under Implementation.

After purchasing a parcel of land in the historical area of Bendigo in Victoria. with the help of State government federal government and communities of Victoria and NSW, we have started the project in stages.

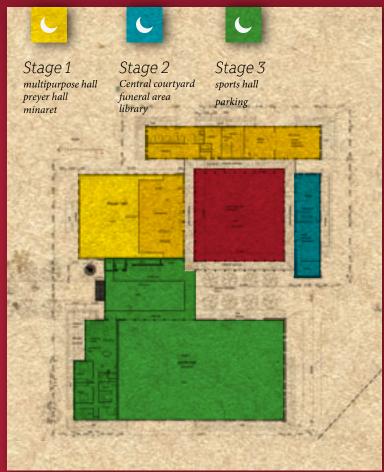
<u>stage 1a and 1b</u> this stage includes but not limited to a multipurpose hall. weekend class rooms.Kitchen and ablution areas for male and females.(nearly completed)

<u>Stage 1c</u> includes the prayer hall, the first MASJID in Bendigo for men and women and minaret.(already started)

<u>Stage 2</u> will include centra courtyard a funeral area for Muslims (only Muslim funeral Centre in Bendigo) and a library.

<u>Stage 3</u> indoor sports hall and stadium. with a cafe. Here the wider community of Bendigo can come together for different activities.

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Why we your help.



We ask Allah SWT and then appeal to you, to assist us in making this project possible. It would be a great achievement for all involved to create a place where Muslims can gather to the call of prayer and help in teaching their children the core Islamic values in such an environment. Bendigo is one of the fastest growing city in Victoria, located 150km from Melbourne. The population growth means more people from Islamic background, adding value to the multicultural nature of this community. The community comprises of different ethnic backgrounds such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Afghanistan, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Middle East and from other countries of the world.

The nearest mosque from Bendigo is over 100 km away. Bendigo Islamic community have been using a small hall as prayer rooms "Musallah", located at the La Trobe University Bendigo for over 10years. Over the last 5 years, the Muslim population has increased dramatically in Bendigo. Because of the limited space and lack of necessary facilities, attendance of Muslim women in the prayers is zero.

It is evident that this facility has become inadequate to meet growing demand with the growing population. For Eid prayers and celebrations, community halls are hired to accommodate the growing Islamic community.

It has become essential for the Bendigo Islamic community to develop a permanent facility to accommodate the growth, and to facilitate the participation of the Greater Bendigo region. Bendigo Islamic community and Australian Islamic Mission are working towards building The Bendigo Islamic Community Centre (BiCC). The building will be constructed in stages over a period of time.

It will allow 375 people to perform prayer at the same time. The innovative proposal also include Community Sports/Recreation Hall, office, space for cafe, and caretaker accommodation. It is expected that the Centre will function as a community facility, welcoming members of the public for cultural events, and will facilitate understanding and awareness of the rich heritage of Muslim cultural traditions, for the benefit of the community in general.