

FAMSY Youth Spiritual Night- An Uplifting Experience

Approximately 150 young Muslim brothers and sisters came to Kuraby Mosque last Saturday the 12th of September for the youth spiritual night organised by FAMSY (Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth).

The night kicked off at 10pm with an inspiring talk from Imam Akram Buksh of Kuraby Masjid. He spoke about the fruits of having iman and the importance of unity amongst Muslims. He said we could ‘move mountains’ if we were all united. Thereafter many joined the beautiful qiyamul layl prayers where the quran at length was recited in salah. There was a midnight sausage sizzle which continued till about 1am. There after our youth either engaged in personal ibadah or rested until Mufti Zeeyad Ravat delivered his encouraging talk before suhr. He spoke about powerful role models of justice in our Islamic history such as Umar ibn Kattaab (R.A.), the taabi’ee Shurayh AlQab, Salahuddin Ayubi and Alamgir Aurangzeb. The spiritual night ended with suhr and Fajr prayers.



Imam Akram Buksh imparts words of wisdom



Huddling around a smoking barbeque on the cold night

The FAMSY youth spiritual night got youth from many different backgrounds together and mixing. Zaahid Hurst, 15, noted that there was indeed a lot of socializing at the sausage sizzle.

But socializing wasn’t the only benefit. Osama El-Mezin, 20, observed that “this sort of night motivates the youth to come to the mosque. Instead of being somewhere else at night, like coffee clubs, we’re at the mosque, in an Islamic environment... there’s a lot of fitnah nowadays”

The timing of the night was also highly important. Umar Batchelor, President of FAMSU, said “The night was done in Ramadhan, a time of blessing and spirituality and a time to increase in taqwa- that was basically the intent behind it- to encourage the youth, to increase their spirituality in Ramadhan and the last ten days.”

Furthermore, Umar Batchelor said “the youth need to engage with the imams, and this was an opportunity for the imams, in this case, Imam Akram and Imam Ravat, to engage with the youth.”

Insha Allah we can expect more important events in the future for our youth. Umar Batchelor said “FAMSU is an organisation that focuses on developing the youth and students and we’re hoping to have various programs in the future for the purpose of Islamic leadership development.”

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