**PRESS RELEASE TO CD NEWS**

**Gippsland Muslim Community BBQ raises funds for Royal Children’s Hospital**

On Good Friday the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community held a BBQ where they raised $600 for the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. The BBQ aptly was held at Immigration Park after the Friday prayer, which attracted a large number of Muslim families. The BBQ was catered by volunteers from the Morwell Neighbourhood Watch – Safer communities Group. This group has now provided the Muslim community with wonderful support over a number of functions.

The Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV),with the aid of other mosques including GAMCI raised over $20,000 for the worthy appeal. The ICV also runs a Hospital Chaplaincy Program.

The ICV president Dr Mohammed Mohadeen started that “The Muslim community is very charitable and we are proud of that. Giving alms is one of the pillars of Isalm”. Last year the grandchild of GAMCI president Mr Tanveer Hasan was unfortunately hospitalised at the Royal Children’s for a number of weeks. Mr Hasan and his family were very pleased with the care and treatment provided to their grandson at this world renowned facility. GAMCI was proud to donate to the worthy cause.

Pictured are volunteers from the Morwell Neighbourhood Watch – Safer communities Group catering at the BBQ.

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