Ahmadiyya Imam welcomed by Mayor Frankston City Council

Cr. Darrel Taylor, Mayor Frankston City Council welcomed newly appointed Ahmadiyya Imam and discussed future plans

On Monday 4th of August a delegation of four members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Victoria met Cr. Darrel Taylor Mayor Frankston City Council in his office. Mayor had sent a special invitation to the newly appointed Imam Syed Wadood Janud of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association and invited him to the council chambers who has recently
being appointed by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, fifth Khalifa and the Supreme Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Movement in Islam.

The meeting started with formal introductions where Imam Janud first thanked the generous invitation by the Mayor and explained him the role and responsibilities of the Imam.
Imam Janud said that his primary role, being an Imam, is to lead prayers and train members in religious matters but he would also work for interfaith harmony and to build bridges between communities. He informed the mayor that during his 8 years stay in Canada, he has represented the community in interfaith events across the Greater Toronto Area and has actively participated in various charity and youth training events. Imam Janud received his degree in ‘Islamic Theology and Comparative Religions’ in May 2013 from the ‘Ahmadiyya Institute of Islamic Studies’, located in Maple, ON, Canada.

Councillor Taylor thanked Imam for presenting himself to the council for the meeting and welcomed him by giving Frankston City’s souvenirs and gifts. Cr Taylor said that he is very happy about the ‘Harmony Creek Project’ which is coming along in partnership between Frankston City Council, Melbourne Water and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. He said that council is really proud that Ahmadiyya Community has called Frankston home and has done a great job in dropping the barriers and presenting their peaceful and harmonious teachings of ‘love for all, hatred for none’. Mayor further added that turning an abandoned building (Ahmadiyya Centre Melbourne, Leisureland Drive) into a mosque and a community place is such a brave effort that the Ahmadiyya community should be proud of it. President AMA Victoria Javed Safdar Choudhary added that the community has saved at least AUD 450,000 by doing volunteer work and has brought the building into the current shape.
At the end of the meeting mayor toured the delegation of the council chambers and showed old pictures of the Frankston city. President AMA Victoria Javed Choudhary once again thanked Cr Taylor for the invitation and his time and his generosity and assured his full support for the council and its projects.