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# PIA NEWS FORTNIGHTLY

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## PAKISTAN VOTES 25th JULY, 2018



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Dear all,

In three days' time, Pakistani nation will elect members of the parliament and hopefully Pakistan will continue to progress. There has been a post circulated through social media where eligible overseas Pakistanis were asked to submit their details and was nothing but a hoax. NADRA has issued a press release to ignore any such call for registration.

The NADRA official said,

*“Online voting for overseas Pakistanis can experiment in by-polls. However, Pakistanis abroad will have to come to the country for using their right to vote in the general election.”*

NADRA further clarified that even after getting back to Pakistan only those overseas Pakistanis will be able to cast their vote who have registered data record in NADRA and their votes are registered. This means not every overseas Pakistani would be able to vote.

Earlier in March, Chief Justice Saqib Nisar had said that overseas Pakistanis would be provided with the right to cast their votes in upcoming elections. He further noted that overseas Pakistanis are allowed to be part of the local elections process.

However there have been concerns as Pakistan High Commission earlier has a form available on its website which was labelled as the Registration for online voters and personal details of Pakistanis residing in Australia were collected. A number of members have requested a

clarification be sought from PHC to provide details as to what was the purpose of the data collection and where that data is stored.

Three more requests have been received from the members this week related to PHC. One was related to urgent visa for Pakistan while the other two were related to verification of driving license. Thanks to Mr. Attozai who promptly actioned for the visa while the second student was also contacted immediately by the Office. We are still waiting for the third issue to be resolved.

Please note that anyone with an expired Pakistani passport and/or NICOP can still travel to Pakistan if they hold a valid Australian Passport and there is no need to send the documents to High Commission. We can also confirm that Passport and National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis are issued urgently by NADRA and are usually received within ten days.

## GROUP UPDATES

### *WA Community Crime Prevention Grant:*

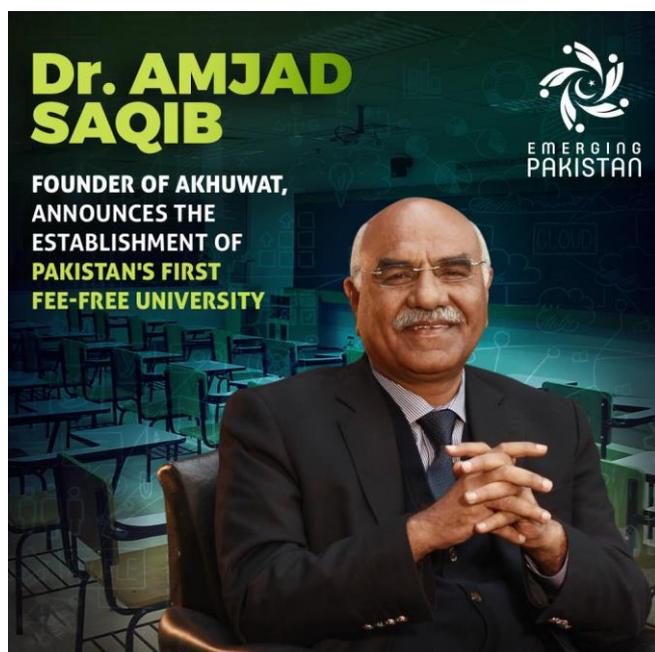
We have applied for an extension to use the remaining funds from the grant after successful acquittal and a bowling night is planned for members and newly arrived students. The event will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August at Warwick Bowling Club to coincide with Eidul Azha. We will be individually contacting all the members however feel free to write us back if you are interested.

### *Children Week 2018:*

An outdoor event is planned for the last week of October subject to the grant which will include outdoor activities.

### *Seniors Week 2018:*

During the last week of November, we will host the annual event "Matters of the Heart".



**PAKISTAN'S FIRST FREE UNIVERSITY WILL REVOLUTIONISE HIGHER EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN:** Pakistan's first fee-free university will start from 14th August in Kasur!

Speaking to Khaleej Times, Dr. Amjad Saqib told that the university will run on the basis of long-term Qarz-e-Hasan. He revealed that students will get the education from the university for free but can pay the fee after 5,10, or even 20 years or whenever they are able to return it. Read more: <https://bit.ly/2MCg3Rn>  
Source: *Consulate General of Pakistan in Sydney.*

## MEDIA RELEASE FROM HIGH COMMISSION FOR PAKISTAN

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Subject: **Art and Culture of Pakistan Gala Reception in Australia**

The High Commission for Pakistan in Australia intensified efforts to promote the positive image of Pakistan through the effective utilization of the various facets of cultural and public diplomacy. In this regard, the Mission organised an event entitled “Art and Culture of Pakistan Gala Reception” at the Pakistan High Commission Building in Canberra. The High Commission invited people from diverse sections of the Australian society which included government officials, Australian Defence Personnele, academia, sports, businesses and media.

Pakistan’s rich cultural heritage, diversity and tradition of hospitality and tolerance were portrayed through various performances and activities. Several pieces of art work, handicrafts and artefacts from different regions of Pakistan were showcased. The rich culture of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Balochistan and Kashmir were exhibited through short films, dances and dresses. The arrival of cameleers in late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century in Australia from the regions, which later became part of Pakistan, was emphasized to connect Australian history with Pakistani people thus virtually creating space for Pakistan at the local cultural landscape. The captivating live work by the Pakistani artists living in Australia illustrating myriad facets of Pakistani art and culture especially enthralled the audience.

Dr. Muhammad Khalid Ejaz, the Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan in Australia highlighted the historical evolution and economic progress of Pakistan. He also inaugurated a 12 foot mural entitled ‘a salute to Pakistan’s founding fathers’ depicting the Pakistani flag as well as Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Mohammad Iqbal. The mural was painted by a Pakistani Artist on the façade of the Chancery building. Dr Ejaz assured that the High Commission will continue to patronise Pakistani artists in Australia and would continue to showcase their art work to a wider audience.

Air Vice Marshal, Tracy Smart, Australian Surgeon General also spoke at the occasion, recalling fond memories of her wonderful visit to Pakistan. She also appreciated the hospitality and love of the people with whom she interacted. The First Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia Ambassador Paul Myler traced the history of Pakistan-Australia relations and appreciated the efforts of the High Commission in bringing the people of the two countries closer than before. The Defence Adviser Brigadier Asim highlighted the sacrifices of the Pakistani nation and the armed forces for keeping the country safe.

The Acting High Commissioner, Dr Muhammad Khalid Ejaz, also distributed certificates and prizes among the artists and the guests. Cuisines and drinks from different parts of Pakistan were served to the participants during the events. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the event, enthusiastically taking photographs of dresses and handicrafts on the display. The female visitors also availed themselves of the free henna (mehndi/henna tattooing), which was offered at the cultural gala. The event greatly contributed towards presenting cultural heritage of Pakistan in Australia and was appreciated by the Pakistani community.

## PAKISTANI MOVIES

### TEEFA IN TROUBLE

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Village Werribee  
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Village Fountain Gate

**WA**  
HOYTS Gardens City

**QLD**  
Events BCC Myer

**SA**  
HOYTS Tea Tree

**ACT**  
HOYTS Belconnen

## IN NSW

The first aged care facility in Sydney dedicated to serving the needs of elderly from Muslim and culturally diverse background commenced its first intake from Monday 2 July 2018. Gallipoli Home is an upmarket 102-bed residential complex located next to the iconic Gallipoli Mosque on [11 Gelibolu Parade, close](#) to Auburn train station. *Source: AMUST*

## IN WA

## Shaukat Khanum Networking Event in Perth

Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Foundation Limited Australia  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at the

### Shaukat Khanum Networking Event

with  
**Dr. Faisal Sultan**  
Chief Executive Officer, SKMCH&RC

on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
at The Rise Maylands 28, 8th Avenue, Maylands

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**Shaukat Khanum**  
Memorial Cancer Foundation Limited  
(a Not-for-Profit Organisation)

This is an open event for everyone in the community to join us for an evening of socialising and networking



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Surah Al-Haj

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