

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

## RAMADAN 2015

I am pleased to provide this message on the occasion of Ramadan.

Marking the month in which the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed, Ramadan is a time for forgiveness, reflection and the renewal of faith.

It is a time for charity, generosity and kindness towards others.

The practices of Ramadan reflect a deep commitment, and I respect the devotion and discipline of all who fast for their faith.

Ramadan is also a time for strengthening bonds between family and friends as Iftar dinners are shared to break the fast each day.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of the Muslim-Australian community to our nation.

We live in a country that has long been an exemplar of how people of different faiths and cultures can not only live harmoniously together but find unity in diversity.

I send my best wishes to everyone observing the holy month of Ramadan.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP Prime Minister of Australia

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