



Sisters Seren Eter, 3, and Aleen, 2, of Glenfield, enjoy the Eid festivities at Koshigaya Park.

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## Community celebrates end of Ramadan

**AFTER** a month of fasting, spiritual discipline and reflection, the Macarthur region's Muslim community celebrated the end of the Holy month of Ramadan at Koshigaya Park on Thursday.

Macarthur Diversity Services celebrated Eid with Muslim families who enjoyed a barbecue, children's games and face painting. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims

fast from dawn to sunset every day. Ramadan is a time for inner reflection, devotion to God and self-control.

Services family settlement worker Sana Al-Ahmar said Eid celebrations were a way of helping recent Muslim refugees feel part of a community.

"It is a way of bringing people out of isolation. It's a chance to celebrate something they always celebrated at home,"

she said. "This event also usually has a lot of people who haven't seen each other in a long time."

The event was funded by the Building Bridges partnership project between NSW Police and Macarthur Diversity Services, which focuses on counteracting intolerance towards Muslim Australians.



**FEAST AND FUN:** See more pictures of the Eid celebrations at Koshigaya Park at [macarthurchronicle.com.au](http://macarthurchronicle.com.au)