

community care services.

Minister for Ageing and Disability Services Faye Lo Po' said this is great news for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

"The Carr Government has a record of actually getting things done to improve the lives of many people with disabilities. This funding will build on our record."

Mrs Lo Po' also announced that the Northcott Society has been chosen as the provider of new respite services across the region.

"The Northcott Society will provide flexible respite services with a range of supports tailored to meet the needs of the person with a disability and their family or carer."

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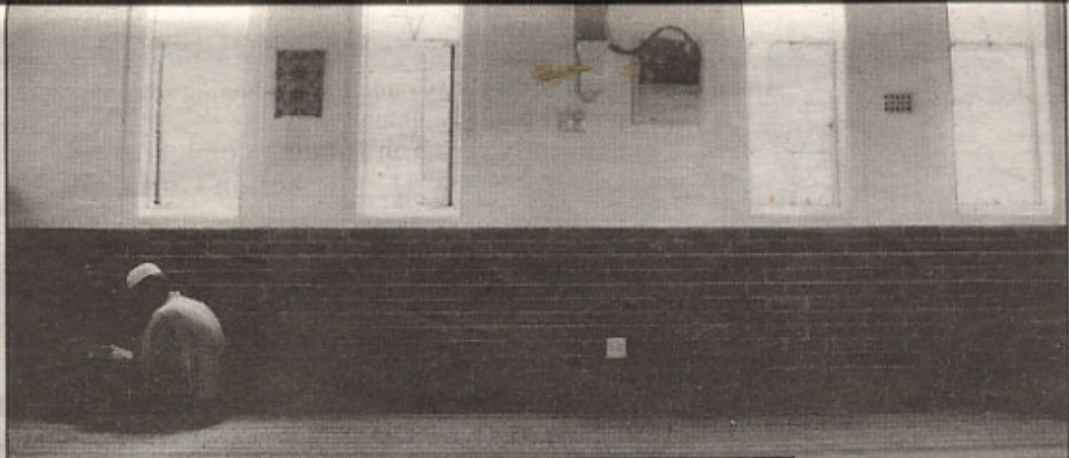
The sale price of a parcel of land in Bankstown was amended at the November 28 meeting - following concerns from a councillor.

Part of 24 Homedale Road Bankstown had been valued at \$55,000 by council officers but following some concerns about the valuation raised by Cr Alan Winterbottom, it could actually be valued at closer to \$90,000.

The council had initially concluded that the land could not be subdivided.

But a council report stated that "subsequent advice and more detailed scrutiny of council's code concluded that subdivision is in fact possible."

Council's valuers have been asked to revisit their assessment and determine the impact of this advice on their initial advice," the council report stated.



Ramadan is here and thousands of Muslims in the area will be fasting during daylight hours from November 27 until December 27.

The month of daylight fasting is meant to be a spiritually cleansing time for Muslims and it culminates with the Eid-UI-Fitr feast.

Islamic Council of NSW Chairman Ali Roude said the fast meant there was no eating, drinking or sex

for Muslims from dawn to dusk.

"It is a very holy month for Muslims," he said.

Ramadan also gave people an appreciation of the lives of those suffering from hunger and a heightened sense of self discipline.

Pictured above are Muslims at prayer in the Bangladesh Islamic Centre mosque in Helen Street, Sefton.

Councils agree

Bankstown Council was among 15 councils represented at an airport campaign meeting at Marrickville Council chambers last week.

Organised by the Southern Sydney Organisation of Councils (SSROC), the representatives resolved to form a coalition to fight any plans to expand Sydney Airport and to move regional airlines to Bankstown Airport.

President of SSROC and Marrickville Mayor Barry Cotter said resolution would form the largest coalition of councils ever brought together for an airport campaign.

"Forcing regional airlines out to Bankstown effectively makes rural NSW second class citi-

zens and we, as a Coalition of Sydney Councils, are pledging out support for rural NSW," he said.

The meeting agreed to a broad campaign strategy

aimed at raising awareness in the community over the coming weeks.

Canterbury City Council was not represented at the meeting.

Couple honoured

Bankstown's Lena Gustin was recently honoured during radio station 2KY's 75th anniversary celebrations.

Affectionately known as Mamma Lena, Mrs Gustin and her husband Dino hosted Italian programs on the station from 1973 to 1983.

They received a medal of acknowledgment from 2KY management and a biography on Mamma Lena was included in the souvenir book published for the occasion.

Lena and Dino, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 27, migrated to Bankstown in 1956.

In December, Mr and Mrs Gustin will launch the Mamma Lena Foundation whose charter is designed to continue the charitable work done by this pair over four decades.

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