

Canterbury Somali Association Inc.

Jaaliyada Somalida Canterbury New Zealand

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Letter of Introduction

I'm writing on behalf of the committee of the Canterbury Somali Association to introduce our organisation and let you know our contact addresses.

Following the March 15 attacks last year in which members of our community together with many others, suffered extreme hardship and loss, the association was founded with the key purpose of promoting, protecting and enhancing the interests of the Somali Community of Canterbury through advocacy, encouragement and enablement of families and individuals. Our intention is to support the Somali community so that it is outward looking, engaged and enabled to fully participate in society as proud New Zealanders.

We have received some funding enabling us to begin a community development programme which will help us to achieve these aims and we have been encouraged by the support we have received. We look forward to working with a wide range of organisations and groups in the future.

Please feel free to contact me at any time and if you think we can assist you in any way please get in touch

Yours sincerely

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