

## ABOUT THE USQ ISLAMIC CENTRE AND ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF TOOWOOMBA

The University of Southern Queensland has provided the Islamic Centre on Toowoomba campus for its Muslim students and staff. The Centre is run by the Islamic Society of Toowoomba (IST), and is used for all the religious needs of the local Muslims. It is open to all interested persons.

The IST is responsible for managing daily prayers, congregational prayers on Fridays, tarawi prayers in Ramadhan, and celebration of Eid prayers etc. in the Islamic Centre. It also organizes regular community meetings, dinners etc. each month. The ITS also runs a community service to supply Halal meat to Muslim families and students. Every year many school/college students and community groups visit Islamic Centre for information sessions on Islam and other contemporary issues.



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Everyone welcome to

# USQ ISLAMIC CENTRE OPEN DAY 2009

DATE: SATURDAY 25 JULY 2009

TIME: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Venue: Behind Steele Rudd College, USQ



Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.  
and  
USQ Multicultural Centre



The Islamic Society of Toowoomba (IST) Inc. is organising an Open Day at the USQ Islamic Centre for people of all faiths, particularly for our fellow non-Muslim members of the community. The event is scheduled from 10am to 3pm on Saturday, 25 July 2009, and is supported by the Multicultural Centre at the University of Southern Queensland.

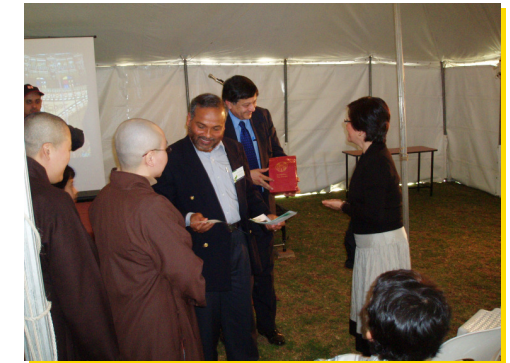
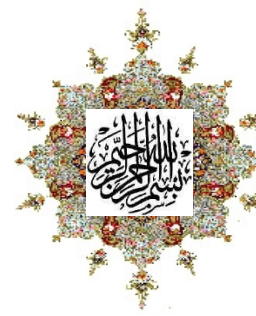
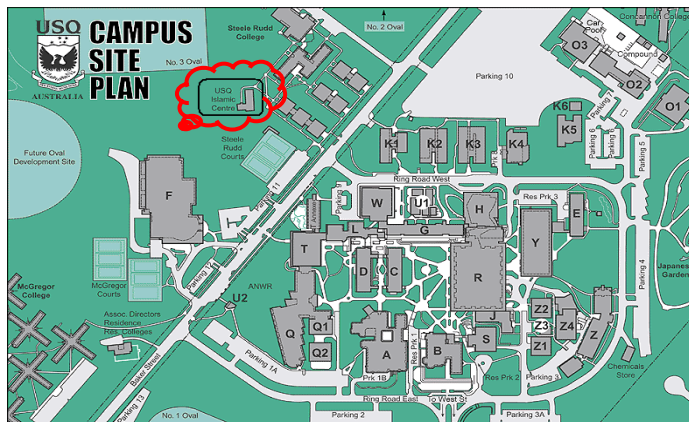
Open Day is an opportunity for our non-Muslim friends and fellow members of the wider community to mix and talk with local Muslims and find out more about the followers of Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) who was described, in the Quran, as a mercy to humanity.

The event is open to all ages, and childcare is provided for those families who wish to use it for part or all of the day. Non revealing/modest dress would be appreciated. Activities and displays include posters of Islamic art and architecture, calligraphy, Islamic arts and crafts, brief presentations, information booths, stalls, mosque tours, distribution of information sheets and light refreshments.

We are privileged to have special guest speaker Dr Mohamad Abdalla, Co-Director of Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies, Australia, who will give talk about Islam as a Universal Faith.

Please come and join many others to experience a day of difference in your life. You are encouraged to talk, ask questions and have a first hand look at the Islamic worshipping. Your presence will help strengthen the community harmony and understanding in Toowoomba.

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## PROGRAMS & SPEAKERS

10.00 – 10.30 Arrival, welcome, tea, socialization

(1) Main Program: 10:30am-12:30pm

Quran recitation & translation

Welcome address, Opening address, Guest Speakers, Key-note address, entertainment, questions and answers

(2) Speakers: Bobbie Brazil, Chancellor of USQ

Dr Shahjahan Khan, President of IST Inc

Eng Ikebal Patel, President, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils

Mr Gary Page, Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs Qld

Dr Mohamad Abdalla, Co-Director, National Centre for Excellence of Islamic Studies, Australia

Dr Krzysztof Batorowicz, Director, USQ Multicultural Centre

(3) Prayers: 12.30 – 01.00pm

Prayer and Islamic Centre tour

(4) Lunch and other activities: 01.00 – 02.45

General discussion, poster display & information booths, Arabic calligraphy, kids' entertainment

2.45 – 3.00 Closing, feedback

(5) Parallel Program (for Kids)

10.00 – 10.30 General gathering

11.00 – 11.45 Art competition and calligraphy

1.45 – 2.45 Kids' entertainment and competition announcement

