



Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.

Building faith and finding peace

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Help establish the first Masjid in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Place of worship

Muslims are living in Toowoomba for over two decades without any Mosque. Due to significant growth of Muslim population in the city the community has been trying to setup a Mosque for the last 2-3 years. The task has been particularly difficult because of very strict council regulations for a place of worship. Recently the property at 217-221 West St (corner of Stephan St) Toowoomba Australia with a church, came to the market for sale. It is located about 5km from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), less than 1km from Toowoomba hospital and within 2km from the city centre. The total land size of the property is 2765sqm. The price is AUD\$900,000 (AUD\$1 = USD\$1.03), on top we will need to pay 10% GST and about \$40k stamp duty. The existing church fits our current needs for the first Mosque in Toowoomba. We believe this is a rare opportunity, and we could not afford to miss it.

Attached supporting letters on reverse side from the (1) Grand Mufti of Australia, (2) Vice Chancellor of USQ and (3) Australian Federation of Islamic Councils testify our Society and Masjid project.

Toowoomba - The Garden City

Toowoomba, the Garden City of Australia, is 1.5 hour driving distance from Brisbane, capital of Queensland, Australia. The population of the city is around 150,000 of which over 1000 are Muslims. There has been a 20% growth of Muslims in the city in the recent 2012 census. There is no Mosque in Toowoomba or Lockyer Valley and Darling Downs regions.

The nearest Mosque is in Brisbane. Currently, all Muslims in the city/region worship in a temporary facility provided by the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) which no longer meets the current and future needs. So the Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc, a Government registered non-profit Islamic organisation, has decided to purchase the property to meet the growing need of a Mosque in the city, and has initiated a major fundraising at home and abroad.



Muslims in Toowoomba

The Muslim Community in Toowoomba is united under the banner of the Islamic Society of Toowoomba (IST) Inc. It is a registered non-profit organization to serve the needs of Islamic practices of the Muslims in Toowoomba and its surroundings. Many Muslim settlers and students at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), prior to their arrival, contact IST to enquire about facilities for Islamic practices. The IST is a member of the Islamic Council of Queensland (ICQ), a forum of the Muslims in the state of Queensland in Australia. The ICQ is a part of the Federation of the Islamic Councils in Australia (AFIC), an umbrella organization of the Muslims of Australia.

The University of Southern Queensland has provided an Islamic Centre on its Toowoomba campus for its Muslim students and staff. The Centre is run by the IST, and uses it for all the religious needs of the local Muslims. This Centre has a prayer area as well as separate toilets and ablution areas for male and female users. The USQ deserves unqualified thanks and gratitude for its support towards its Muslim population. However it is time for the Muslims to have a Mosque of their own to meet their religious obligations.

The IST manages the regular daily prayers, Friday congregational prayer, tarawi prayers in Ramadhan, and celebration of Eid prayers. It also organizes regular community meetings and dinners. The program includes sharing of varieties food, discussion on Islamic and Community issues and lessons from the Holy Qur'an. The IST also organizes community picnics, raises funds to help distressed people around the world as well as collects and distributes Zakat and Fitr as per Islamic practices. It also runs Qur'an teaching classes for children.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information about the Muslim Community in Toowoomba, or if you need any assistance on or before arriving to Toowoomba. For further details about Muslims in Toowoomba please visit our website: www.isot.net.au

Appeal for Donations

We need AUD\$925,000 to cover the purchase price and cost of essential modifications to make the buildings suitable for worship. Alhamdulillah, many Muslims in Toowoomba have committed to donate one month salary for the Masjid. To make the fundraising drive a success, your active involvement/support/contribution is absolutely essential. Muslims in Toowoomba request you to get the words out to potential donors in the local, national and international level with an appeal to make significant financial contributions (please see the account details below).

We urge you and your family to pray to Allah so that He accepts our efforts and help establish the first Masjid in the city. Your direct contribution and drive to collect funds from other contributors will be highly appreciated. Please don't miss to buy a piece of paradise/jannat with your generous donation. Medium term interest free loan will also be helpful.

May Allah Subhanahuwata'ala accept your support and reward you unboundedly in both worlds. *Fiamanillah and JAK*. For further information: **Contact** Prof. Shahjahan Khan on +61 421 081 048 **or write** to Islamic Society of Toowoomba, PO Box 336, Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Qld 4350 Australia.

Bank Account Details for Mosque Project

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