

Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.

Toowoomba Muslim Newsletter: Issue 02, March 2020



Annual General Meeting 2019

An annual general meeting (AGM) of the Islamic Society of Toowoomba was held on the 9th February 2020. After the recitation of the Qur'an, President, Prof Shahjahan Khan presented the Annual Report and then Treasurer, Mr Hamed Ali CA tabled the Financial Report. Questions from the floor were answered. The following executive committee was elected for the 2020/2021 year:

President:	Professor Dr Shahjahan Khan
Vice President:	Dr Tarek Zarrook
Treasurer:	Mr Hamed Ali
Assistant Treasurer:	A/Professor Dr Mainul Islam
Secretary:	Mr Mohamed Ali
Assistant Secretary:	Eng Shabbirul Mujib
Executive Member:	Mr Mohamed Abdul Kareem
Executive Member:	Dr Omar Saleh Alajarmeh
Executive Member:	Dr Wahid Ferdous
Executive Member:	Mr Muhidin Hadzich
Executive Member:	Mr Ismail Mohammed Imran

Garden City Mosque Maintenance – “Only those shall maintain Allahs mosques, who believe in Allah and last Day, and establish prayer and give zakat and fear no one except Allah. They, hopefully, will be among the guided.” (9.18)

Every week a dedicated team of volunteers and/or contact tradespeople clean the Garden City Mosque for safety and cleanliness. Tasks range from carpet cleaning, toilet cleaning, garden/grass maintenance, litter collection and general safety maintenance so on. There is an aspect of expense that is incurred by ISOT and we seek for your monetary support. Please utilise the donation boxes within the prayer areas to support the maintenance activities for our community mosque. Also please be mindful to keep our mosque clean and tidy during your regular visits.

Garden and lawn maintenance teams have been prepared by our cleaning coordinator Br Mohamad. Please take note of your communities scheduled month and inshallah we can have a 'inter country challenge' of the best garden and lawn maintenance crew for 2020.

March: Egypt, April: Eritrea & Somalia, May: Jordon & Palestine, June: Iraq, July: Syria, August: Bangladesh, September: Pakistan, October: India & Sri Lanka,

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November: Afghanistan & Iran and December: Turkey. Garden City Mosque Maintenance Continued...

In February Brother Muhidin and Brother Rashid have been working hard to have our prayer hall exterior sanded and prepared for a fresh coat of paint before Ramadan.



Thank you and Jazak Allah Khair to all the brothers and sisters who donate their time to beautifying and maintaining our Garden City Mosque.

2020 Christchurch Mosque Memorial

The Islamic Council of Queensland (ICQ) and all its member organisations along with the Council of Imams Queensland (CIQ) invite you to commemorate and honour the victims of the Christchurch terror attack. “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please share widely - all welcome. #ChristchurchRemembered
Inshallah Garden City Mosque intends to facilitate live streaming of the Islamic Council of Queensland from 10.30am to 13.00pm on Sunday 15th March.

Food Festival and Mosque Open Day 2020

The 7th Annual Toowoomba International Food Festival and Garden City Mosque Open Day will be held from 10:30am – 3pm on Sunday, 22nd Mar 2020. You and your family must prepare for the day to join the community to engage with guests from wider community. Every community is encouraged to organise a team to prepare and sell food at the event. All proceeds go to the Mosque Rebuild Project.

For stall bookings, please contact Event Coordinator Eng. Shabbir Mujib on 0488336636.



Madrasah 2020

Class time changes effective immediately:
 Beginners Class: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
 Intermediate Class: 5.30pm to 6.30pm
 Advance class: 6.45pm to 8.15pm

Supervision IS NOT available outside of the class room.

Parents please arrive to collect their child / children 5 minutes before class finishes, please prearrange a time to talk with Imam, outside class times, about your child's progress and needs. He is able to attend to his classes diligently to ensure all curriculum is completed. Examinations are fast approaching so please encourage your child to attend every class and also discuss their lessons at home.

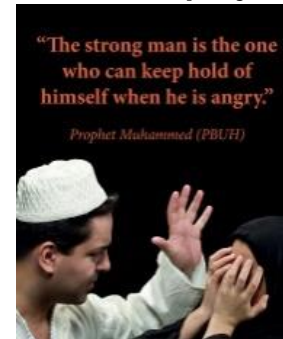


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Queensland women's week

On Friday 13 March ISOT will celebrate Queensland women's week 2020, sweet and savoury items as well as fresh flowers will be available to purchase for your wife/sister/daughters by donation. Profits will go towards the Garden City Mosque.

Red bench project, a collaboration of ISOT & Red Rose Foundation



Toowoomba Islamic society has collaborated with the Red Rose Foundation, Red Bench Project, for women's week 2020 to make a pledge to addressing domestic violence. The Red bench project aims to build a permanent reminder that domestic violence occurs in all communities. The presence of a red bench in a public location aims to raise public awareness and provide an opportunity for this important issue to remain visible. Islamic society of Toowoomba actively supports Islamic Women's Association assistance with the implementation of programs such as Parenting through cultural differences, healthy relationships and the Queensland Governments Triple P Parenting Program, these all assist in building stronger and positive family units. Islamic Society of Toowoomba stands and supports our brothers and sisters to stop domestic violence; it is our responsibility of setting a good example to the wider community.

The unveiling of the red bench will occur on Friday 6 March 2020 at Jumah Prayers.

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 15th March: 2020 Christchurch Mosque Memorial: Community BBQ

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENT – PREPARE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 22nd March: 7th Annual Toowoomba International Food Festival and Garden City Mosque Open Day (from 10:30am – 3pm) 24th April: Final Madrasah lesson until after Ramadan.

24th April: Start of Ramadan* depends on the announcement of the Grand Mufti of Australia.

25th April: ANZAC Day; Mothers Memorial 106 Margaret Street Toowoomba Dawn Service 5.30am, Citizens Wreath Laying Service 9am, and Citizens Commemoration service 10.20am

6th September: Toowoomba Language and Cultures Festival

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Halal Meat Delivery – Contact Br Murad on 0406691749
- Toowoomba Police Contact Officer Alex Singleton 0422 503 691
- 1800 RESPECT www.1800respect.org.au
Support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse. Interpreter 13 14 50
- Business advertisement available; please contact Sr Ellisa 0449921881

Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day 25th February 2020

An invitation to attend Shrove Tuesday at Saint Anthony's Catholic Parish was accepted by the society. Shrove Tuesday, also known as pancake day, is the day before Ash Wednesday which signifies the last time to 'gorge' or 'fat eat' before the fasting period for lent. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the Christian celebration of Easter. Professor Shahjahan Khan and Imam Abdul Kader were joined by a group of Muslims in the event. Father Nanadana spoke about the essence of fasting in Christianity and Prof Khan spoke about the fasting in Islam. He also highlighted the long history of such invitation of Muslims in such a function from the churches in Toowoomba on this occasion.



ISOT Youth Activity March 2020

On Sunday March the 1st, ISOT youth attended the Toowoomba Company of Archers at Charlton. A lot of inquisitive questions and comments came from the group as well as some healthy competition with fruitful encouragement. The Toowoomba Company of Archers have another come and try day on April 4th, they mentioned they would really enjoy our well-behaved youth to visit again and how impressed they were with their natural talent.



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1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND OUR OBLIGATIONS TO ACT:

Teachings from Islam and Abrahamic Faith Traditions

Join us to discuss and better understand the global environmental crisis – climate change, wildlife extinctions, mass pollution and how our religious principles and values can be applied.



Saturday 14 March 2020 | 8am - 5pm
 Multi-Faith Centre (N35), Griffith University, Nathan campus, Brisbane

Internationally renowned speakers include

- Professor Odeh Al-Jayyousi - Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain; UN Advisor; Author "Islam and Sustainable Development"
- Ibrahim Abdul-Matin - Author "Green Deen"; Founder, Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment, USA
- Mark Delaney - Author "Low Carbon and Loving It"; international development specialist
- Dr Daud Batchelor - Climate Reality Leader; Fellow, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies

For more information visit: facebook.com/events/182650846147780
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Eid DOWN UNDER Festival

June 8th 2019
 10AM - 9PM
(Official ceremony 12pm - 1pm)

Massive RIDES!
 Helicopter RIDES!
 Fireworks!
 Live Nasheeds
 Stage Shows
 Superheros
 Cartoon Characters

Food Fashion & Retail
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 SINGLE RIDES: from \$2

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 45 Acacia Road, Karawatha.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
 STALLS & SPONSORS EMAIL: EID@ICQ.ORG.AU

ISOT will be again hosting a stall at Eid Down under. Please discuss with your family if you can donate some time to host the ISOT stall during the course of events.

Please contact the coordinator for more details.