



# Toowoomba Muslim Newsletter

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### Recognition of President

#### POWER 100 2020: Toowoomba's most influential people

These are Toowoomba's most influential people, the men and women who make our city what it is today.

#### 49. Shahjahan Khan

Professor Shahjahan Khan is one of the few public faces of social and religious harmony in Toowoomba.

The Toowoomba Islamic Society founder has been a strong advice for the city's Muslim community and helped fundraise tens of thousands of dollars for the rebuilding of the city mosque after it was damaged in two separate arson attacks.

He has broken down the barriers of ignorance and xenophobia, opening the mosque to the wider public for food festivals and other events.

He has publicly condemned terror attacks and acts of extremism, no matter where it comes from.

On top of his religious activities, he specialises in statistics in the School of Science at the University of Southern Queensland.

Shahjahan placed 65 in the last Power 100.



Professor Shahjahan Khan (Middle)

### New logo and website launched, google search option updated

The Islamic Society of Toowoomba has created a new logo and launched a new [website](http://www.toowoombamosque.com.au) for Toowoomba Mosque fundraising. The website provides valuable information about the Muslims in Toowoomba, history of Toowoomba Mosque, and various activities and support services of the Society. A USQ Research Fellow, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society, Dr Wahid Ferdous with the assistance from President, Professor Shahjahan Khan, has set up the website as a volunteer.

The website allows people to make online donations via credit card. It also includes information about the bank account details for those who want to make direct account transfer. The url of the new website is <http://www.toowoombamosque.com.au>

Toowoomba mosque is now identifiable via google search. The contact number and website information are updated for easy communication.



New logo for Toowoomba Mosque



- Home
- About us >
- Committee >
- Our Mosque >
- Our Activities >
- Our Support >
- Our Engagements >
- Our Communications >



New website for Toowoomba Mosque ([www.toowoombamosque.com.au](http://www.toowoombamosque.com.au))

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### Toowoomba Mosque

[Website](#) [Directions](#) [Save](#) [Call](#)

4.8 ★★★★★ 38 Google reviews  
Mosque in Harristown, Queensland

You manage this Business Profile

**Address:** 217 West St, Harristown QLD 4350

You visited in January

**Hours:** Closed · Opens 5:15PM

**Phone:** 0470 623 403

[Edit your business information](#)

Google search information about Toowoomba Mosque

### Work Progress



The builder working with the plasterer to fit the drop bolcet.



Completion of earth filling after connecting the new sewerage line.

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Connection of new switchboard to the main power line.



Cabling for sound system and security camera, surveillance and alarm.

## Fundraising progress – Second Stage

To complete the Second Stage of Toowoomba Mosque the Society has launched a local fundraising for the shortfall of \$60,000. We are asking 60 local families to contribute \$1000 over the next two months. Already many Muslims have committed to contribute \$1000 each to cover the shortfall. We still need about 45 families to come forward to make donation. Please contact Imam Abdul Kader or any of the EC member if you wish to help or have any suggestions to achieve the above target.

## Mohr Money donated to Mosque

One sister in Toowoomba has decided to donate \$3000 from her Mohr (dowry gift) to the rebuilding of Toowoomba Mosque. This is a great act of goodness and an inspiration to the community. May Allah accept her charity and other ibadat and reward with the best in both worlds.

Early in the year, another sister from Indonesia also donated her Mohr money to Toowoomba Mosque. Please pray for both sisters.

## Online Fundraising for Third/Final Stage

The Third/Final Stage (car parking) work is expected to start after finishing the Second Stage (internal fittings) work within the next two months. The estimated cost for the Final Stage is about \$400,000. The Society of preparing for the online fundraising for the project. Dr Wahid Ferdous has already create a new homepage (website for Toowoomba Mosque) for this purpose. Associate Professor Dr Mainul Islam has provided PayPal and Stipe accounts to enhance online fundraising.

Our plan is to launch an online fundraising in early October via different electronic and online platforms including social media Facebook, Google, YouTube etc.

## Queensland Government Grant

Toowoomba Islamic Charitable Trust has received a State Government Grant of \$3850 to support victims of Domestic and Family Violence, create awareness about the problem with the community, and support youth activities.



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### Visitors for Flower Show

The biggest annual event in Toowoomba, the Carnival of Flowers, attracted thousands of visitor to the very beautiful gardens and parks of the Garden City of Australia from 19-27 September. Lots people from Toowoomba, Brisbane and other parts of Queensland gather to enjoy the diversity of design, size, shape and colour of so many kinds of flowers in bloom. People from all colour and ethnicity came together to see the gardens and take photos.



The main attractions included Botanical Garden, Laurel Bank Park and Japanese Garden.

Many Muslim visitor to the Carnival of Flowers offered their prayers in Toowoomba Mosque. We plan that in future, Toowoomba Mosque will an official visiting site during the annual Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.

### Funeral contribution and donation of Br Hasan Salkicevic

During a recent visit of Imam Abdul Kader in a Nursing Home in Toowoomba, a terminally sick Muslim of Bosnian origin, Br. Hasan Salkicevic, has recently donated \$6600 to cover his funeral costs and use the balance as donation to the Mosque. Please make duwa for Br Hasan and his family.

### In Defence of our Prophet Muhammad SAWS

We Muslims love our Prophet Muhammad SAWS more than our love for ourselves. Our love for him is our identity and is an essential part of our faith. If our Prophet is vilified by some arrogant-ignorant, it will not but exponentially increase our love for him SAWS. It will not but make us more devoted to his lifestyle, sunnah. It will not but make us more caring and compassionate to the vulnerable ones in our community. It will not but make us study his character Al-Quraan more than ever. It will not but guide us to his SAWS character of converting pains and hurts into forgiveness and compassion. It will not but make us become more active ambassadors of Islamic mission Da'wah in our everyday life. It will not but increase our submission in prostration before Allah SWT. And obviously it will not but increase our insistence to totally ignore the arrogant-ignorant. If the Prophet Mohammed were living among us encountering vilification, he would have commanded us to do the same. And such is the command of Allah SWT in surah 15 verses 97-99: "We are well aware that you are disheartened by what (blasphemous things) they say. but celebrate your Sustainer's limitless glory and praise Him, and be of those who prostrate themselves [before Him] in adoration. And worship your Sustainer till death comes unto you."

### Children Arabic Lessons: At Masjid and Online

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Children are learning Arabic language and fundamental Islamic knowledge through both options: Online and face-to-face sessions. A good number of Children are attending at Masjid during learning sessions. However, many families still prefer online option of learning. Families can combine between options as well if they wish. They have still the option to learn online if they cannot bring their children at masjid. We have been using Zoom ID: 379 889 2083. The sessions now run on those days from 5:30pm till 7:30pm. The overall progress and outcome of having two different options of learning is very promising and satisfactory. During September 2020, 4 students (3 girls and 1 boy) were promoted to Qur'aan reading level. We hope to get another 2 students get Qur'aan in october inshaaAllah. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children during the online lesson. This boosts learning capacity of the pupils and helps overcome communication limitations due to network issue. Please feel free to contact Imam if they need more information in this regard. Suggestions and feedbacks are always welcome.



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### Domestic Violence Awareness Online Workshop

The Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP) has been operating in Queensland for the past 28 years, producing resources and running workshops for church and faith communities. Recognising that domestic and family violence is often a hidden evil in these communities, our workshops bring together clergy, faith leaders and laity to examine ways in which to address violence, bringing this into the light of truth and healing. This series of workshops welcomes participants of all faith groups.

Date/Time

Oct 14, 2020 07:00 PM

Oct 21, 2020 07:00 PM

Oct 28, 2020 07:00 PM

Registration via <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwufuyspjkG9BEwfQAEsFbykm5-V4LuWYE>

### Home and Aged care facility visits

We have a number of community members need special care and supports. During September, we have visited those members in their aged care facility and homes. We also helped a number of refugee families, and provided support to victims of domestic violence. We have supported them socially, emotionally and financially. May Allah accept and bless. Aameen.

### Community Services

- Halal Meat Delivery – Contact Br Murad on 04 0669 1749
- Toowoomba Police Contact Officer Tony Rehn 04 1269 7555
- 1800 RESPECT [www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)  
Support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse. Interpreter 13 14 50
- Business advertisement contact: [Shahjahan.Khan@usq.edu.au](mailto:Shahjahan.Khan@usq.edu.au)

### Communication with Mosque via Technology

Imam Abdul Kader: [gadergsis@yahoo.com](mailto:gadergsis@yahoo.com)  
General contact email: [admin@toowoombamosque.com.au](mailto:admin@toowoombamosque.com.au)  
Website: [www.toowoombamosque.com.au](http://www.toowoombamosque.com.au)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ToowoombaMosque](https://www.facebook.com/ToowoombaMosque)  
WhatsApp: Toowoomba Mosque Matters / MSA Toowoomba  
Madrasah: via Zoom, Meeting ID: 379 889 2083





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### Mosque Open day and Food Festival

**7th** GARDEN CITY MOSQUE  
**OPEN DAY**

Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.  
www.toowoombamosque.com.au

**TOOWOOMBA INTERNATIONAL Food Festival**  
FOOD FUN FRIENDSHIP FAITH

**SATURDAY 14th November**

**11am-4pm**  
217 West St,  
Harristown Q 4350

**FREE ENTRY!**

- YUMMY FOOD
- GUEST SPEAKERS
- LADIES ACTIVITIES
- KIDS GAMES & FUN

Supported by Queensland Government

## GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

- CR PAUL ANTONIO**  
Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council
- HABIB JAMAL**  
President of Islamic Council of Australia
- BISHOP ROBERT MCCUCKIN**  
Catholic Bishop of Toowoomba
- WAYNE BRISCOE** Executive Director  
Department of Local Government,  
Racing and Multicultural Affairs Queensland
- GALILA ABDELSALAM CEO**  
Islamic Women Association of Australia
- PROFESSOR SHAHJAHAN KHAN**  
President of Islamic Society of Toowoomba
- IMAM ABDUL KADER**  
Imam of Garden City Mosque, Toowoomba

For more information Contact  
Br Mohamed Ali 0431120 654 and  
Dr Mainul Islam 0432 533 550

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