

# THE TOOWOOMBA MUSLIM NEWSLETTER

December 2024



## Meeting with Toowoomba Regional Council on Muslim Prayer Room

On 27 August 2024, Garden City Mosque Imam Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam and Islamic Society of Toowoomba President A/Prof Mainul Islam attended a meeting at the Toowoomba Regional Council. The discussion focused on the facilities required for the establishment of a dedicated Muslim prayer room in the near future.



The Islamic Society of Toowoomba expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Council for its ongoing efforts to foster a multicultural and inclusive society in Toowoomba. Such initiatives play a crucial role in strengthening community ties and promoting harmony within the wider community. 🍀



## Madrasa Children's Spring Planting and Harvest

In September, our children planted a variety of vegetable seeds, including corn, cucumbers, chilies, tomatoes, spinach, and zucchini, to welcome the spring season. Alhamdulillah, by December, they joyfully harvested some of the crops they had nurtured.



Through this activity, the children not only learned about the beauty of Allah's creation but were also introduced to the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on the virtues of planting and caring for the earth. This hands-on experience instilled in them a sense of responsibility, gratitude, and the importance of contributing to nature. 🍀

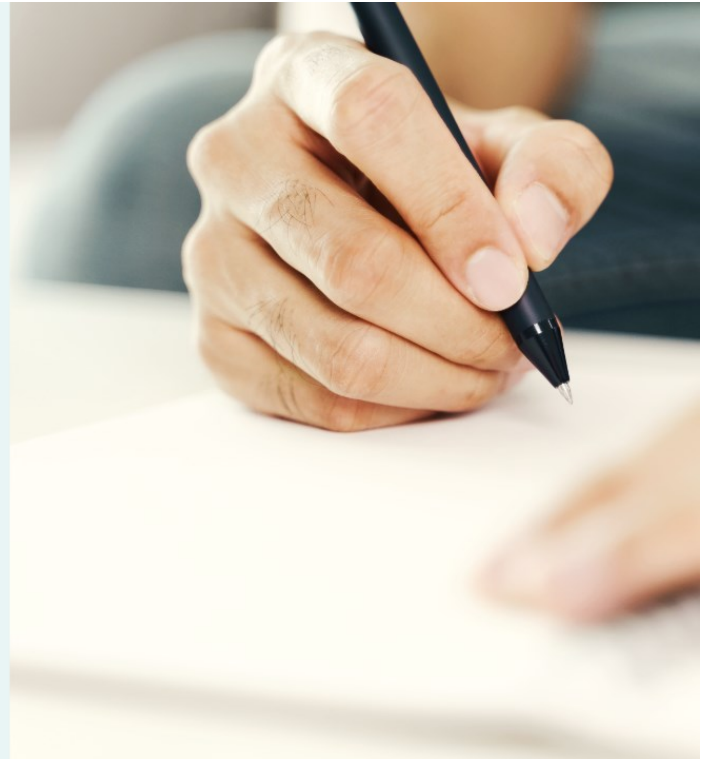
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**Assalamualaikum Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Elders,**

We warmly invite community members to share their write-ups (100 to 500 words) on topics such as teachings, experiences, programs, or events related to our mosque, or Muslim life.

Contributions are welcome from all age groups!

Use the link below to explore previous newsletters and submit your entries:

<https://toowoombamosque.com.au/publications>

We're excited to read your stories and reflections.

Happy writing! 🍀

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## Community Development

### Building Bridges: Networking Lunch with Neighbours

Our recent Networking Lunch on 30 November 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together the community and our neighbours in a warm and welcoming gathering. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated community members for their invaluable contributions in organizing, attending, and providing an array of delicious desserts and snacks. Your positive and compassionate attitude towards our guests truly made the event special.



A special thanks goes to Br. Abdul Karimuddin and his team for preparing and serving a delicious meal for around 200 attendees. Alhamdulillah, our neighbors were delighted with the hospitality extended to them.



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## MUSLIM MEDIA WATCH

**WE URGE THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO REPORT ANY ARTICLE, OPINION PIECE, NEWS ITEM, COMMENTARY, BLOG, SOCIAL MEDIA POST, ETC., THAT IS BIASED AGAINST OR VILIFIES ISLAM OR THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA.**

**THE ALLIANCE OF AUSTRALIAN MUSLIMS (AAM) WILL TAKE ALL REPORTS SERIOUSLY AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS.**

**REPORT BY VISITING [WWW.MUSLIMWATCH.COM.AU](http://WWW.MUSLIMWATCH.COM.AU)**

We also acknowledge the impactful efforts of our Imam, Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam, whose guidance from planning to execution played a pivotal role in the success of the event. Jazakumullahu Khairan to everyone involved, whether mentioned here or not — your unwavering support is the backbone of our community.

We look forward to continuing this good work together, for the sake of Allah SWT and His Deen, InshaAllah. 🍀

## Fundraised for Bangladesh Flood Relief

The Islamic Society of Toowoomba (ISOT) organized a successful fundraising effort to support those affected by the devastating floods that recently struck several southern districts of Bangladesh. Alhamdulillah, a total of \$4,527.22 was raised. The collected funds were distributed primarily through As-Sunnah Foundation (Bangladesh) and partially via Islamic Relief Australia, ensuring timely and effective assistance for the flood victims. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to this noble cause. May Allah SWT reward your generosity abundantly. 🍀

## Fundraising Appeal for Children in Gaza

Gaza remains one of the most heart-wrenching places on earth for humanitarians. Over the past 14 months, more than 14,500 children have tragically lost their lives, with thousands more injured. This generation faces the brutal violation of their rights, enduring unimaginable suffering and the destruction of their futures.



Image: UNICEF/UNI589800/Subieh

As winter sets in, the plight of Gaza's children has worsened. They are cold, wet, and barefoot, many still wearing summer clothes. Without cooking gas, families are scavenging for plastic scraps to burn for warmth. Diseases are spreading rapidly, exacerbated by the lack of medicine, medical supplies, and doctors.

Hospitals are overwhelmed, operating under near-total electricity blackouts and relying on minimal fuel supplies for survival.

The children of Gaza desperately need our *duas* and donations. The Islamic Society of Toowoomba (ISOT) is raising funds to provide vital support for these children during the harsh winter.

### Donation Details:

**Account Name:** Islamic Society of Toowoomba

**BSB:** 064459

**Account No.:** 1000 3579

**Reference:** Gaza Children Support

Your contributions will make a significant difference. May Allah SWT accept your charity and grant relief to the suffering children of Gaza. Let us continue to pray for the forgiveness of all His creation and for the protection of humanity from suffering and calamities worldwide.

For further insights into the crisis, please see this detailed report:

[UNICEF: The Ongoing Nightmare for Children in Gaza](#) 🍀



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## Events

### Celebrating Our Imam's PhD Achievement

Our community is profoundly blessed by Allah SWT to be guided by an exceptional leader, **Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam Azhari**, as our Imam. It is a rare privilege for Muslim communities in Australia and globally to have an Imam who has achieved the highest academic distinction—a PhD in Islamic education. This remarkable accomplishment reflects his unwavering dedication and scholarly excellence.



In recognition of this milestone, the mosque, in collaboration with community members, organized a special congratulatory session for Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam Azhari. The event took place after Isha prayers on Friday, 20 December 2024, to honour his significant achievement. 🍀



### Farewell to Br. Mamun

On 11 Nov 2024, we bid farewell to Br. Mamun, one of the mosque's longstanding and dedicated volunteers. After years of service to the mosque and its community, he is leaving Australia permanently to reunite with his family.



May Allah SWT bless him with a prosperous and fulfilling life both in this world and the hereafter. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their continued support and prayers. 🍀

When asked about the best of the believers, the Prophet May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him replied,

***"They are those who have the best character and manners."***

(Jami' at-Tirmidhi: 1162; Sunan Abu Daawood: 4682)

## Interfaith Dialogue Explores "The Concept of God"

On 6th November 2024, spiritual leaders from three faiths gathered at St Anthony's Community Centre, Harristown, for the quarterly interfaith dialogue organized by Downs & Toowoomba Churches Together. The event featured discussions on the theme, "The Concept of God," with presentations by: Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam Azhari, Imam of Garden City Mosque; Ariel Heber, President and Community Liaison, Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc.; Fr. Jamie Collins, Parish Priest at St Anthony's Catholic Church. The dialogue fostered mutual respect and deeper understanding, offering attendees a unique opportunity to reflect on shared and distinct spiritual beliefs. 🍀

## Kids' Corner

### We Are Proud Muslims

*Syeda Muhayyatul Juwayryah Aqsa | Year 3*



Assalamualaikum everyone! My name is Aqsa. I go to Toowoomba East State School. At our school on Friday's, we have Islamic Religion class. And every day on second lunch break we do Dhur prayer. And I like being a Muslim because if we were bored, we could do something good like Quran for example. And little good things give you more rewards than you expect. And the more rewards you get the highest Jannah you'll be in. I hope all of us get to be in Jannah. But we must do good things first! It feels good to be a Muslim. Because when you do prayer, you feel calm, and you also talk to Allah. And when you are reciting Al-Quran, you're actually listening to Allah's commands. You also get lots of rewards from Allah. 🍀

## Gallery



*Youth activities*



## Spotlight on Muslim Businesses in Toowoomba

Our vibrant Muslim community in Toowoomba is enriched by local entrepreneurs who provide a variety of services. Here are a few businesses that you might find helpful:

### Pharmacy4less Toowoomba

**Type:** Retail Shop

**Description:** Offering a wide range of pharmacy products and services.

**Address:** Shop 26, 7 Margaret St, Toowoomba City, QLD 4350 (Grand Central Shopping Centre)

**Contact:** 07 4599 9166 |

Toowoombadisp@pharmacy4less.com.au

**Website:** [www.pharmacy4less.com.au](http://www.pharmacy4less.com.au)

### Archs3D.com.au

**Type:** Builders, Architects, and Designers

**Description:** Experts in 3D visualization, virtual reality tours, and design assistance for engineers and project developers.

**Address:** Gostwyck St, Newtown, Toowoomba

**Contact:** 0403 897 684 |

Archs3d.info@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.Archs3D.com.au](http://www.Archs3D.com.au) 🌱



## Call for Information on Muslim Businesses in Toowoomba

We are excited to announce our plan to publish a comprehensive directory of Muslim businesses in Toowoomba. This initiative aims to empower and benefit our community by fostering connections and promoting local enterprises.

To achieve this, we are conducting a brief survey to gather the necessary information. We kindly request your participation in this survey to help the community connect with your business.

[Click here to Participate in the Survey.](#)



Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated. Together, we can build a stronger and more connected community. 🌱

## Regular Program

### ✓ Madrasa

- Islam and Basic Arabic classes for kids and youth
- When: Monday to Thursday, after Maghrib prayers until Esha prayers (60-minute session).
- Contact: Imam Dr. Mohammad Aminul Islam or Br. Syed Saad Hamid

### ✓ Monthly Sisters-Only Islamic Discussion: Qalbun Saleem (Pure Heart)

- Led by Sr. Rafiza, focusing on spiritual growth and community.
- For updates, check the Mosque WhatsApp Group or contact Sr. Rafiza.

### ✓ Weekly Quran Learning Session for Brothers

- When: Every Sunday after Maghrib.
- Coordinator: Br. Montasir Rahman.
- A chance to deepen your understanding of the Quran in a supportive environment. 🌱

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