



# Toowoomba Muslim Newsletter

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### Meeting with DESBT – Jobs Connection for community

On 14 October 2021 representatives of Islamic Society of Toowoomba again met with senior officials of Queensland Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT), Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, and Multicultural Australia at Toowoomba Mosque to discuss job opportunities for our community. Regional Director of DESBT, Ms Jenelle Choyce and her colleague Mr Scott Christ; Manager of Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, Ms Georgie Carswell; and Ms Kelly Buckingham and Ms Tanja Miljevic of Multicultural Australia joined Professor Shahjahan Khan, Mr Mohamed Ali and Mr Mohamed Abdulkareem of Islamic Society of Toowoomba in the meeting.

The meeting agreed that there are many government funded opportunities for training, apprenticeship, upskilling etc to help people job-ready and the community should get the benefit from them. The visitors suggested that every Australian including non-citizens should know about what opportunities are available and how govt officials could work with the individual families to create personal link to enhance job opportunities.



The employers in Toowoomba are finding it difficult to recruit staff for their businesses. Also, the employers often do not look for specific degree/certificate. In many cases they are looking for good workers simply with demonstration of commitment to job, punctuality and work ethics. The meeting also emphasised that the employers require to open themselves to the culturally diverse staff and look beyond any discrimination. It also agreed that lack of local experience should not be an issue for the new migrants and refugees. They should get the job if they able to do their duties as per Australian standard and quality.

The meeting decided to organise a community BBQ lunch at Toowoomba Mosque on Saturday 20 November 2021 to link potential job seekers and families with young people to the officials who could personally guide and help them. We hope this initiative will help many members of our community and the local employers and businesses.

### Join Free Community BBQ to connect Jobs and Training

**TOOWOOMBA MOSQUE AND ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF TOOWOOMBA**

**TOOWOOMBA MOSQUE**  
— EST. 2014 —

## Community BBQ

Family BBQ event - with a purpose.  
Information to help you navigate employment, apprenticeship options and study pathways.

Opportunity to meet and talk directly to:

- Department of Employment, Small Business and Training - DESBT
- Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce
- Multicultural Australia

Get face to face and personalised guidance for becoming job-ready.

**JOIN US:**  
**SATURDAY 20/11/2021**  
**FROM 11 AM - 2 PM**  
**TOOWOOMBA MOSQUE**  
**217 WEST STREET**  
**HARRISTOWN**

COVID CHECK IN MUST BE COMPLETED UPON ENTRY.

EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY  
DESBT



Everyone is requested to **register** for the free BBQ Lunch via the QR Code or link below  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/198788250007>



## Second Dose Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic

The second covid-19 vaccine clinic was held at Toowoomba Mosque on Saturday, 16 October 2021. Many of the 105 people who were vaccinated in the first clinic took their second dose on the day.

**Pfizer Vaccine Clinic at Toowoomba Mosque**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dose**

Date: Saturday, 16 Oct from 10am to 6pm

- Provided at no cost
- Must be 12 or older

- ✓ Must bring Completed Consent Form from 1st Dose
- ✓ Bring a photo ID
- ✓ Medicare Card or Health Insurance ID
- ✓ People could get their First Dose if interested

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## Toowoomba Mosque welcomes St Vincent's Hospital Managers

On Friday, 29 October 2021 Dr Mark Copland, Mission Executive of St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba led a team of nine managers to visit Toowoomba Mosque. Many of them have never visited a mosque or know much about the faith of Islam at all.

The visitors were interested to know different aspects of Islamic faith related to dealing with sick and hospitalised people so that Muslim patients can be treated with respectfully and appropriate cultural sensitivity. Topics covered palliative care, Ramadan fast and breakfast, euthanasia, rituals for terminally ill patients, employment of Muslims in hospital, visit by Imam and other members of the community, funeral arrangements, services in nursing home and home care for old parents etc.



## Mosque Reconstruction Project

The builder has organised a local electrical company to complete the electrical work of the reconstructed Mosque building including connecting power from the main line, setting up meter box, connecting with solar inverter, ducted air conditioning etc. The work is expected to be completed by the end of November.

## Call for Concreting Quotations for Mosque's Carparking

As the reconstruction of Toowoomba Mosque moves to the Final Stage, we are looking for quotations from the interested parties for 42 sealed carparks, two driveways, retaining walls etc. If you are interested in the job or you know anyone who may be interested in submitting quotations, please contact the Project Coordinator, Eng Waqar Butt by emailing on [wbutt123@gmail.com](mailto:wbutt123@gmail.com)



## Abrahamic Faiths Gathering

The quarterly gathering of the Abrahamic Faiths Community will be held on Wednesday, 17 November 2021 starting at 5:45pm in St Anthony's Hall at 3 Memory St, Harristown. If you are in Toowoomba, please join the event with your family for discussions on Prophet Abraham (AS) in the scriptures of the Jews, Christians and Muslims.



## Abrahamic Faiths Gathering

Date: Wednesday, 17th November 2021

Time: 5.45pm, followed by light dinner

Venue: St Anthony's Community Hall,  
3 Memory Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350

The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on "Abraham in Scripture".

- Dr Shahjahan Khan, President of Islamic Society of Toowoomba.
- Ariel Heber, President and Community Liaison, Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc.
- Fr Jamie Collins, Parish Priest at St Anthony's Catholic Church.

## JP Service on Fridays in Mosque

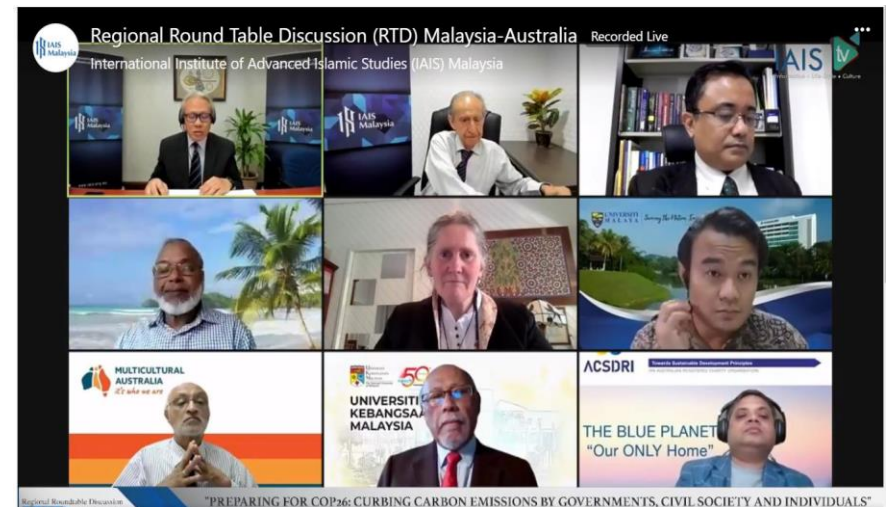
Toowoomba based Justice of the Peace, Mr George Helon is helping with attestation and certification of documents to the members of the community on every Friday from 11:55am to 1:15pm in Toowoomba Mosque. If you have any documents to be certified, bring it to George. This valuable service is highly appreciated by the community.



## Participation in Regional Malaysian-Australian Round Table Discussion

On 12 October 2021, President of Islamic Society of Toowoomba, Professor Shahjahan Khan participated in the Regional Malaysian-Australian Round Table Discussion on "Preparing for COP26: Curbing Carbon Emissions by Governments, Civil Society and Individuals" as a discussant. It was jointly organised by Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia; Better Futures Australia; Australian Religious Response for Climate Change; Multifaith Assoc. of South Australia; and Islamic Thought, Legacy and Renewal Group.

It was a very enlightening and productive exchange of information and ideas of experts, scholars, practitioners, activists, religious and community leaders.





### Toowoomba Mosque uses Composite Bars instead of Steel Bars

The concrete slab at Toowoomba Mosque will be made from Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) bars, which are corrosion resistant, durable, lighter, more sustainable and stronger than traditional steel bars. Research has shown that GFRP reinforced structures emit 43% less carbon-dioxide than steel reinforced structures and reduce energy consumption by almost 50%. Dr Omar Alajarmeh partnered with private industry to source this at the same cost as steel. This initiative is a crucial step toward achieving the Australian Government's 2050 plan for net zero emissions.



GFRP bars for concrete slabs

### Toowoomba Mosque Madrasa and Language Class Timetable

The classes on Islam and Basic Arabic are held from 4:00pm until after Magrib (40 minutes each lesson) every week from Monday to Thursday. For details, please contact Br Abdu Mohamed on 0469026540.

The Arabic Language classes are held from 4:00pm on every Friday and Saturday. For details, please contact Br Omar AlSakit on 0434284241.

Bangla Language classes are held on Saturdays at 11:00am. For details, please contact Br Kabir Ahmad on 0424591316.

### 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

Sharing your story: [Shahjahan.Khan@usq.edu.au](mailto:Shahjahan.Khan@usq.edu.au) (If you have a story to be included in the Muslim Community Newsletter please contact Prof Shahjahan Khan)

General contact email: [admin@toowoombamosque.com.au](mailto:admin@toowoombamosque.com.au)

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WhatsApp: Toowoomba Mosque Matters / MSA Toowoomba

Madrasah: via Zoom, Meeting ID: 379 889 2083