

## **Information for Muslims in Toowoomba**

*In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

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. The Muslim students at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), local and overseas, play a significant part in the activities of the IST.

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 big prayer area as well as separate toilets and ablution areas for male and female users. The wider Muslim Community enjoys unlimited access to this facility for all Islamic and social practices. The USQ deserves unqualified thanks and gratitude for its continuous support towards its Muslim population.

The IST manages the regular daily prayers, Friday congregational prayer, tarawi prayers in Ramadhan, and celebration of Eid prayers etc. in the Islamic Centre. It also organizes regular community meeting and dinners on every second that last Friday nights of each month. 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.

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.

### **Halal Meat Shops:**

The best way to get Halal Meat in Toowoomba is to get it from the USQ Islamic Centre on Fridays after the Jumma Prayers.

There no exclusive Halal Meat Shop in Toowoomba. However, Halal Meat is available in the following meat shops (but you MUST ASK FOR HALAL MEAT) while ordering.

**Angliss**, 109 West St (at the corner of Russel St), Toowoomba,

Phone (07) 4632 2165

*You must ensure that the shops use separate knife and chopping board for processing halal meat.*

**Jumma Prayers on Friday:** Adhan at 12:15pm and Khutbah starts at 12:30pm.

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