

Church becoming Masjid in Toowoomba – Need your help

Surprisingly the church building at 217 West St, Toowoomba, Queensland is exactly facing the Kaaba since it was built in 1968. Islamic Society of Toowoomba is under contract to buy the property to set up the first mosque in the city/region. The plan is to settle the purchase of 2765sqm property with three buildings by the end of the year.

This will be the first mosque for city's over 1,000 Muslims. The local community is covering one third of the cost, and many of them are committed to donate one month's salary. Toowoomba is a major regional city of around 150,000 people with very fast growing Muslim population.

The Toowoomba Regional Council has issued a letter to the Society confirming the ongoing use of the property as a place of worship on transfer of ownership. We also have received letters of support from the (1) Grand Mufti of Australia, (2) Mayor, Toowoomba Regional Council, (3) Vice Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, (4) President, Islamic Council of Queensland, and (5) President, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC).

With very active participation and collaboration of the Muslims in Brisbane the fundraising for the project is progressing well, Alhamdulillah. To cover the current shortfall to complete the \$925,000 project, we need **\$400 for each of the 300 *sujud***. Any financial contribution to the Masjid project will be highly appreciated (account details below).

Plans are under way to set up necessary number of toilets and ablution places for men and women as well as a washing facility for dead body on the property.

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Commonwealth Bank, Toowoomba Plaza Branch

A/C Name: Toowoomba Islamic Charitable
Organisation BSB No 064459, A/C No 1034 1586
Swift Code: CTBAAU25XXX

Heritage Bank, Toowoomba Branch

A/C Name: Islamic Society of Toowoomba
BSB No 638060, A/C No 1300 9958
Swift Code: HBSLAU4T