

TOWNSVILLE ISLAMIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 reminders:

- Maintain a distance of 1.5m between yourself and others
- Wash your hands regularly with soap
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell
- Sign in when you arrive at the mosque



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

24 Madrasa reopening

JUNE

19-21 Toowoomba Islamic Society President visiting Townsville

26 TIS AGM

SHAWWAL

29 Moon sighting on Castle Hill

MONTHLY AYAS - FINDING STRENGTH IN TIMES OF HARDSHIP

And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient, Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return."

Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided.

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ وَلَنُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سُلُوكَهُمْ وَلَنَجْجزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُم بِأَمْرٍ غَيْرِ الْمَمْتَدِّينَ

-Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 155-157

For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease.

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So when you have finished [your duties], then stand up [for worship].

And to your Lord direct [your] longing.

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا
إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا
فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ
وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

-Surah Al-Sharh, Ayah 5-8

Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned. "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِن نَّسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إَصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

-Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 286

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The TIS AGM proposed date is Saturday the 26th of June.
- Madrasa will be resuming on Monday the 24th of May, InshaAllah.
- Brother Wasi Ahmed, a valued member of the TIS Executive Committee and Townsville Muslim community, is leaving Townsville on the 18th of May. We would like to extend a sincere thank you for everything he has done for the community and wish he and his family all the best.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted over the last few months with the Saint Margaret Mary's College school visits. InshaAllah these will be only the first of many school visits to come.
- Thanks to an initiative by Dr Omer Shareef on Eid, TIS was able to raise \$2000 for the mosque which will go towards improving our sound system. May Allah SWT reward the generous donors.
- Alhamdulillah, NQ Ummah Care did a magnificent job organising further fundraising for Br Sohaib Ahmad's blood cancer treatment. Nearly \$49,000 was raised. Do not forget to claim during tax return as donation to NQ Ummah Care is 100% tax deductible.
- Through a grant provided by the Queensland Government, TIS was able to successfully hold a community iftar dinner during Ramadan with local dignitaries and special guests.
- Alhamdulillah, A Townsville Moon Sighting Committee was formed during Ramadan. The committee will be going to the top of Castle Hill on the 29th night of each Hijri month to sight the moon. If you are interested in joining the committee or attending a moon sighting trip, please contact Br Robi on 0422 439 017 or Br Rezaul on 0469 019 274.
- A seven member Imam Selection Panel is going to begin interviewing shortlisted candidates ASAP to find the right imam for Townsville, InshaAllah.
- TIS has undertaken two outreach programs in the past few months. The first was the school visits which are now complete. The second was prison visits to Muslim inmates which is still ongoing. We have been able to provide copies of the Qur'an to both the male and female libraries in the Townsville Correctional Centre.
- Weekly Zoom sessions will most likely resume on Wednesday the 26th of May. Keep an eye on TIS socials for further updates.
- The mosque needs reliable volunteers to help out with events and general mosque maintenance. If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please provide your name and contact information to Ss Ferzana (0425 000 822) or Br Abdiaziz (0432 411 535).
- Message for parents: TIS is considering organising parenting lessons/workshops. If this interests you, please let us know by contacting us via email.
- Farm Works vacancies for men and women. Local labour hire is going to pay workers. Quick registration available via phone 0469 821 393 or email info@uhc-medical.com. Register now to get called first for work. For more information, contact the phone number or email address listed above.
- A local meat industry is looking for a Muslim meat worker. Please contact Professor Usman Malabu (0407 586 026) or Br Ahmed Osman (0435 854 117) for more details.
- Message for TIS members: Please email info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com with your current email address if you wish to receive our monthly newsletter and other important information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Madrasa Uthman Ibn Affan and TIS hosted their first Qur'an recitation competition at the beginning of May. Plenty of youth got involved and demonstrated their impressive memorisation and recitation skills.



The fourth and final group of Saint Margaret Mary's College students visited the mosque on the 13th of May. The girls did a quiz about Islam and listened to a very informative talk.



Members of the newly formed Townsville Moon Sighting Committee journeyed to the top of Castle Hill to sight the moon on the 29th night of Ramadan.



TIS hosted a community iftar dinner during Ramadan using a grant provided by the QLD Government. Some special guests included MPs Phil Thompson and Les Walker.



Eid al-Fitr was celebrated in Townsville at Aitkenvale Park on the 13th and 14th of May.



Iftar dinners looked slightly different this Ramadan. Due to Covid restrictions, all of the food had to be pre-packaged, but that didn't stop the community from coming together to enjoy some lovely meals.



MADRASA TIMETABLE

Teachers: Brother Osman, Sheikh Abdelkhani, Sheikh Abdikarim

BOYS' BEGINNER CLASS

(cannot read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

BOYS' ADVANCED CLASS

(can read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Maghrib and Isha

ALL CLASSES HADITH

> Every Friday between Asr and Maghrib

GIRLS' BEGINNER CLASS

(cannot read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

GIRLS' ADVANCED CLASS

(can read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

ALL AGES ZOOM SESSION

> Every Wednesday between Maghrib and Isha. New topic each week. Join in person at the mosque or on Zoom.

Please enrol your child/children according to their most suitable group.

All classes are managed by the teachers.

Monthly payment is \$50 per child.

For more information, kindly contact Br Osman on 0466 549 811.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APRIL

General account - amount received: \$8,667

General account - amount spent: \$14,724

Imam account - amount received: \$4,895

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MOBILE: 0400 561 341

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DONATE TO THE TIS GENERAL ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823

ACC: 1077 9034

DONATE TO THE IMAM FUND ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823

ACC: 1104 4507

JAMA'AT PRAYER TIMES

Fajr 5:30

Zuhr 13:00

Asr 16:30

Maghrib soon after sunset

Isha 20:00

Jummu'ah 13:00