



# Islamic Society of Queensland Inc.



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## **Support Document for ISQ Inc.**

### **Mission :**

- The general aims of the Society shall be to promote the teachings of the religion of Islam and facilitate the acquisition of Islamic knowledge among the Muslims through the medium of the Holy Quran.
- This is also done through the teachings (Hadiths) of the holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) to foster and promote good relations in an effort to create a greater understanding of the welfare and wellbeing of its members, in particular the community which they live in, generally.
- Society exists to bring together members of the greater Brisbane Muslim community for monthly prayer meeting gatherings
- Giving members the opportunity to socialise and share their religious practices and common cultural values
- Strengthen and consolidate members' religious knowledge and routine practices through teachings by learned Imams and Maulanas through these get-togethers.

### **Background:**

- Society has been successfully organising these monthly gatherings and other annual Islamic programs since 2003.
- Managed to attract Muslims from many local community groups including Fijians, Indians, Pakistanis, Somalis, Sudanese, & other African & Middle Eastern members.
- Welcomed & hosted many newly arrived migrant Muslim groups from New Zealand, USA & Canada as well as refugee groups from many countries (helped them assimilate & become part of our community).



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## **Achievements :**

- Monthly prayer gatherings (except during the month of Ramadan), Iftar dinner during Ramadan, celebrating Prophet Mohammed's birth, Eid celebrations and Senior Citizens picnic outings.
- Important events in the Islamic calendar are co-ordinated as a program by the Society to ensure that our Muslim brothers & sisters are able to participate at no cost. (Society has been doing this for many years).

## **Goals & Objectives:**

- One of the constitutional objectives of the Society is to promote a better understanding of Islam among the Muslims and in particular the wider community, generally by interfaith programs.
- To increase our membership base by attracting a much wider cross section of the Muslim community from all age groups.
- Consolidate our monthly religious educational programs and improve the promotion of all our programs throughout the year through a much widespread publicity.
- The celebration of Prophet Mohammed's birth is one of our major programs where we host over 250 people, providing free dinner after the program (as we do for all our programs).

## **Strategies for Success:**

- Focus on improving the presentation of the programs to make them more appealing to a wider age group of the Muslim population.
- Continually improve the calibre and quality of our educational material through the presentation by highly learned Maulanas who deliver the teachings eloquently.



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- Society assumes the responsibility of passing on the religious knowledge to the youth and the young families so they may continue these practises into the future.
- Society's administrative strategy be fine-tuned to the 'modern-day' best practise methods which may require additional resources and support.
- The Society needs sponsorship both in cash and in-kind to continue providing these programs to a broader community group.
- Feedback from participants has proven that our programs have a positive impact not only on their religious beliefs but also on their spirituality and their positive attitude.

## **Structure & Financial :**

- Membership varies from year to year, ranging from 100 to almost 200 with an annual subscription of \$20 per adult family member.
- The total cost to the Society for hosting each monthly program, including catering, venue hire and other expenses, can exceed \$1200 per program.
- The Executive Committee comprises of 11 members who are elected at the AGM every 2 years. Among the Executive Committee are some very senior and foundation members, many businessmen, professionals, tradesmen and some very dedicated long-time members.
- Currently the Society doesn't own any property, but we have equipment and furniture worth about \$3000 and some cash in bank which includes a building fund.
- At this point in time, the Society leases the Bosnian Mosque at Eight Mile Plain for our monthly prayer meeting programs. As such, we are often restricted for time and space which impedes our flexibility and comfort for utilising those resources.



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## **Future Plans:**

- As the challenges of the 'modern-day' influences to the youth and young families increase, we need to find new ways and means of attracting members and keeping the current ones involved. As the older generation moves on, the Society needs to train and engage the younger generation to take over the management and administration of this not-for-profit charitable organisation.
- New attractive programs and activities need to be devised and implemented to generate new enthusiasm among the growing Muslim population. We should be continually trying to reinvent newer strategies to create interest and attract the younger families to our programs.

## **Vision:**

- Is to acquire its own property from which to facilitate our programs enabling us to manage our resources more productively and efficiently.
- Ongoing efforts for fundraising for its ambitious project of purchasing their own premises.
- Launched a process of marketing and publicising our programs and events more widely (both online and through social media) to reach the grass root members).
- Implement best-practice administrative procedures that is followed by leading charitable not-for-profit incorporated community organisations focussing on value to its members.