



MAZ ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTRE  
مركز التعليم الإسلامي

# Maz Islamic Education Centre

A project supported by the Lakes District Muslim Community Trust

## About us

The Maz Islamic Education Centre was established in March 2020 to support our local Muslim community and young people to learn about their faith.

Our aim is to be a focal point where the public can come and learn about Islam as well as providing travellers with a place to pray in the heart of Queenstown.

We have free Qurans in English and a wide variety of books and literature on Islam.

We connect with other Islamic networks such as Auckland-based Voice of Islam, visiting Imams and university professors around Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

## Our Queenstown Lakes community

We work with the Queenstown Islamic Centre (mosque) on Gorge Road to connect with the Muslim families living in the area, including Wānaka, Alexandra and Cromwell. They are mainly from Fiji, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Pakistan, Turkey and Bangladesh.

## Our events and activities

- » In March 2023 we organised the posting of an Imam from Indonesia to conduct Quranic classes and lectures during the holy month of Ramadhan.
- » In December 2022 we organised the first interfaith dialogue on the topic of depression and anxiety with a panel of four speakers including a psychotherapist, Māori elder, Catholic bishop, and Muslim imam.
- » In July 2022 we organised a briefing for Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) and funeral stakeholders on Islamic burial rites; followed by a practical training on Islamic rules for the body cleansing of a deceased Muslim.
- » In April 2022 we held an event for the breaking of the fast, called Iftar, during Ramadhan. Members of the public, support services agencies and QLDC gathered for a night of togetherness and to share the meaning behind a blessed dinner (Iftar).
- » In January 2021 we held an open day for the wider community with Mayor Jim Boulton as a special guest.
- » In December 2020 we answered questions from non-Muslims on Islam, organised by the Catalyst Trust.



## Keep connected

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