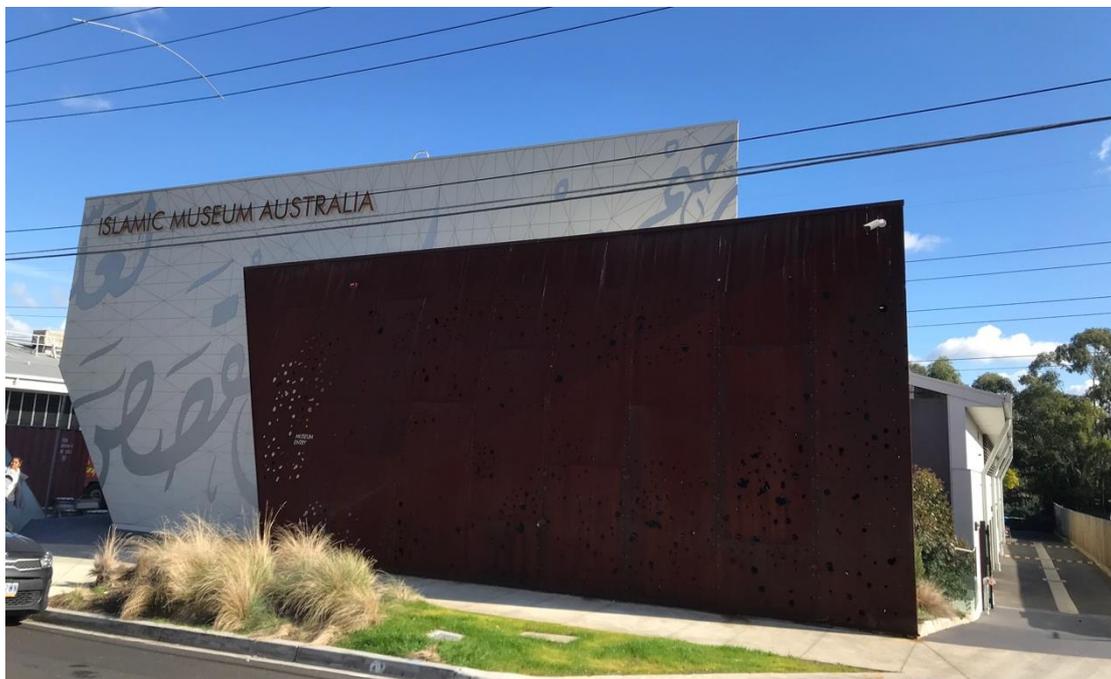


Islamic Museum of Australia

A guide to the Museum's five permanent galleries

Since its opening in 2014, the Islamic Museum of Australia (IMA) has become renowned for providing insightful educational and cross-cultural experiences. Thousands of visitors have flooded through the Museum's doors over the years to explore the artistic and cultural heritage of Muslims in Australia and abroad.

The five permanent galleries include Islamic faith, Islamic contributions to civilisations, Islamic art, Islamic architecture and Australian Muslim history. Each of the five galleries offer a unique glance into the contributions of Muslims to both Australian society and globally in a warm and friendly family environment.



ISLAMIC FAITH

The Islamic Faith gallery encourages reflection and personal interpretation through its panels and objects, including a Qur'an which is over 200 years old. In this gallery, guests can learn more about the Islamic faith including the five pillars: declaration of faith, daily prayer rituals, charity payments, fasting during Ramadan and pilgrimage to Mecca.

ISLAMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILISATIONS

A journey through this gallery highlights Islamic contributions to society from as early as 1000CE and the original innovations made during the Islamic Golden Age. These contributions range from medicine, engineering and chemistry to philosophy, literature, astronomy and much more. The gallery also shines a light on Muslim inventions such as the concept of numbers, algebra, alkaline soap, the camshaft and the pinhole camera, just some of the Islamic discoveries over history which influenced European culture.

ISLAMIC ART

From exquisite mosaic artworks, to surfboards with artwork adorned with Islam-inspired designs, the Islamic Art Gallery boasts a space that is tranquil and serene. Many of the objects on display are the work of contemporary Australian artists who explore themes of identity, faith and culture through their craft.

ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE

Islamic architecture is admired all over the world for its radiant colours and rich patterns. This gallery showcases religious buildings such as the historical Blue Mosque in Turkey, the Great Mosque of Cordoba in Spain and the modern Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Dubai. Guests can learn more about Islam's rich architectural history and modern developments.

AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM HISTORY

Makassan fishermen have been interacting with Australia's northern indigenous populations since the 16th century. We know they traded tools, shared language, food and culture. Since this time, Australia has seen waves of Muslim migration from countries around the world. The gallery highlights Australian Muslim history and contributions. Through the Museum's Boundless Plains display, the Museum also traces the history of Australian Muslims – from the Makassans to the Afghan cameleers and beyond.

For more information on the latest news and upcoming events at the IMA, visit: islamicmuseum.org.au.

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