

# **Visit the Auburn Gallipoli Mosque**

**15-19 Gelibolu Parade (Formerly known as North Parade), Auburn**

**All Welcome**

**Join the Phillip's Landing  
Women's Group on a tour of the  
Mosque**

**Thursday 29 September 2011,  
10.30am**

**Depart from the Captain's Club  
10.00am**



## **Visitor Guidelines from the Tour Services Manager**

Thank you for choosing to visit Auburn Gallipoli mosque.

For Muslims, a mosque is the traditional centre of the community. It is not only a place for daily ritual prayer but also represents a place of weekly gathering of all Muslims in the community. It is a place for all Muslims to gather without distinction; all must sit on the same floor, 'the beggar next to the merchant'. The mosque is also known as the 'House of God' in a figurative sense because Muslims worship the one and only God in its spiritual atmosphere. Therefore, Muslims treat a mosque with profound respect.

Your donation of \$5 per person would be greatly appreciated. Method of payment: cash, money order or cheque to: NSW AUBURN TURKISH ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE. (Please pay Ingrid on the day.)

### **Recommended Clothing and Manners**

The mosque is regarded as the 'House of God' and hence it is a sacred place for Muslims, the following minimum guidelines apply to visitors and worshippers alike.

- Men are requested to wear shirts and long pants, (no singlets).

- **Ladies are requested to wear long sleeved shirts & dresses or trousers.** Please be advised access to the mosque may NOT be granted to those who are not suitably dressed. **It is also courteous for women to wear a head scarf in the mosque,** however this may be optional for new visitors. (It is not essential for members of our group to wear a scarf.)
- Shoes will need to be removed and placed on the racks provided before entering the internal area of the mosque. Rubber mats are provided to step on after removing shoes and before entering the mosque. Outside the mosque shoes are to be worn at all times.
- No food or drink may be consumed inside the mosque and mobile phones should be switched off.

Also note that some tour guides may wish to refrain from shaking hands with members of the opposite gender due to personal pious conduct. One should not take offence if this inadvertently occurs.

(If you prefer not to sit on the floor, chairs are available.)

Looking forward to hosting you soon.

## **Afterwards, join us for lunch at 12noon at Mado's.**

Mado's is a Turkish Cafe in Auburn at

**63 Auburn Rd Auburn, 9643 5299**

Set Menu Lunch \$25 - \$30, or a la carte

No alcohol

## **RSVP**

Please RSVP to Ingrid at [ingrid.paling@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid.paling@gmail.com) or 9744 6623.

Let me know if you're coming to the Mosque or lunch or both.

Last day to RSVP is Wed 28 Sept.

If you would like a lift please let me know by Wed 28 Sept.

# The Auburn Gallipoli Mosque

is an Ottoman-style mosque in Auburn. The mosque attracts about 800 worshippers every week and is primarily used by [Turkish Australians](#). The Mosque took thirteen years to construct and was largely funded by the Turkish community in the area.

The name of the mosque reflects the legacy of [Gallipoli](#) in [Turkey](#) and the shared bond between Australian society and the Australian Turkish Muslim Community who constructed the mosque.



<http://www.gallipolimosque.org.au/Default.aspx>

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## Listen to the “Encounter” Program about Auburn

broadcast on ABC Radio National on 19 June 2011

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/encounter/stories/2011/3234661.htm>

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This week Encounter takes a trip to the western Sydney suburb of Auburn which has been declared a Refugee Welcome Zone. We find out how local community groups and people of faith are helping new arrivals to settle and get on with their neighbours.