



17th ANIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023-2024

In Sydney, Australia

Sunday, 13th of October 2024



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL

17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023-2024

Hosted by the Council of Imams NSW

Sunday, 13th of October 2024 – 09.00am to 04.00pm (AEST)

EMPORIUM FUNCTION CENTRE - BANKSTOWN

1 st SESSION		17 TH ANIC AGM OPENING CEREMONY	
TIME	DURATION	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
09.00 - 09.30am	5min	Official Opening by MC	MC: Imam Rami Sharounah
	3min	The Holy Quran Recitation	Imam Imraan Hussain
	5min	ANIC Welcoming Speech by ANIC President	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman
	5min	Welcoming Speech by Grand Mufti of Australia	Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad
	5min	Welcoming speech by the Hosting State and Chairman	Imam Ahmed Abdo
	5min	Vote of Thanks and Conclusion	MC: Imam Rami Sharounah



17th AGM MEETING AGENDA

2 nd SESSION		REPORTS		
TIME	DURATION	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	COMMENTS
09:30 - 11:30am	5min	Reminder of the Meeting Etiquettes	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Confirmation and approval of the last ANIC AGM 2022-2023 Meeting Minutes, held on the 8th of October 2023 in Melbourne.	<i>Imam Majdih Essa</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	President's Report:	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Secretary's Report:	<i>Imam Majdih Essa</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Treasury's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approving the Financial Report of 2023-2024 • Collection of the annual membership fee. 	<i>Imam Jalal Chami</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	3min	State Imams Councils Reports:		
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council of Imams - NSW</i> 	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>	
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board of Imams - VIC</i> 	<i>Imam Khalil Hamid</i>	
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council of Imams - QLD</i> 	<i>Imam Yusuf Peer</i>	
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council of Imams - WA</i> 	<i>Imam Feizel Ghafoor</i>	
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council of Imams - SA</i> 	<i>Imam Amin Abu Samaha</i>	
	3min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council of Imams - ACT</i> 	<i>Imam Adam Konda</i>	
	3min	ANIC Sub-Committee Reports:		
	5min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Australian Fatwa Council</i> 	<i>Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>	



	10min	• Centre for Arbitration and Resolution of Disputes (CARD) State: NSW – VIC – Other States	TBC	
	3min	• ANIC Halal Authority	Imam Anas Nadwi Nagi Taleb	
	5min	• Muslim Chaplaincy	Imam Ahmed Abdo	
	5min	• Australian Islamic Education Services	Mazen Fahmi	
	5min	• ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory	Dr AbulKhair Jalaluddin	
	5min	• ANIC Women Advisory Council	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	
	3min	• ANIC Advisory Committee	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	
	3min	• Global Imams and Scholars Network	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	
	10min	Comments and Feedback on the above reports	ALL	
11:30 - 12:00pm	30min	BREAK		
3rd SESSION		OPEN DISCUSSION		
TIME	DURATION	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	COMMENTS
	5min	Muslim Community Fund	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	
	5min	Determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan Forum	Imam Tahar Mechraoui	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Reinforcement of the ANIC Imams Code of Honor	ALL	<i>Attached</i>



	10min	<p>Moving Motions on the Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imams are to promote and advocate ANIC, its principles, vision, and mission. ANIC calls upon Imams to uphold the mainstream understanding of Islam, embedded in the Quran, Sunnah, and the teachings of esteemed scholars, past and present. We urge Muslims not to compromise on the core values and principles of this understanding, ensuring the preservation of our religion’s integrity and authenticity. • ANIC and Imams unequivocally stand with the Palestinian people, advocating for their rights, dignity, and self-determination. We condemn all acts of oppression, occupation, and violence by the Israeli Occupation. ANIC strongly condemns Israel’s genocide and massacres against Palestinians and calls upon all Muslims to advocate for and support their brothers, emphasising this as a core principle in Muslims' lives. • ANIC and its member Imams stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and strongly condemns the aggressive actions and invasion by the Israeli occupation. 	ALL	
	5min	<p>Resolution on the next ANIC Annual General Meeting for 2024-2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, 5th of October 2025 • <i>City and location</i> 	ALL	First Sunday of October every year
	5min	Reading out the final resolutions of ANIC’s annual general meeting 2023-2024.	ALL	



4th SESSION		ANNOUNCING AND ENDORSING THE NEW ANIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM OF – 2024-2027 (3 Years)		
01.30 - 01.50pm	10min	The ANIC Executive Committee and Office Bearers position: 1. President 2. Vice President 3. Secretary 4. Assistant Secretary 5. Treasurer 6. Assistant Treasurer 7. Executive Committee Members X 14		
	10min	Fatwa Council Members Update		
5 th SESSION		CLOSING CEREMONY		
01.50 - 02.00pm	5min	Statement by the President of ANIC and Vote of Thanks to all the attendees		
	5min	Statement by the Mufti of Australia		
	5min	Closing of the AGM with Dua'a.		
NOTE		<i>Note: The Imams are kindly requested to stand next to each other during the Press Conference to showcase unity, solidarity and support for one another</i>		
END OF THE ANIC 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023-2024				
<i>Thank you for attending and may Allah reward you greatly and keep us united. AMEEN</i>				



The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) Annual General Meeting Program 2023-2024

Time	Program	Comments
08:00am	Arrival of Imams to Sydney	<i>Imams must have their booking arrival before 7.30am in Sydney</i>
08.00am - 09.00am	Member Imams Registration & Breakfast	<i>All Imams are to register their attendance at the registration table.</i>
09.00am - 09.30am	Opening Ceremony	<i>1st Sessions</i>
09.30am - 11.30am	1st Sitting: 17th AGM Agenda Meeting	<i>2nd Sessions</i>
11.30AM - 12.00pm	Break	
12.00pm - 01:30pm	2nd Sitting: 17th AGM Agenda Meeting	<i>3rd Sessions</i>
01:50pm - 02.00pm	Closing Ceremony Press Conference and End of the 17 th ANIC AGM	<i>4th Sessions</i>
02.00pm - 04:00pm	Thuhur Prayer Lunch	<i>Thuhur Salat at 2pm</i> <i>Lunch with Imams and NSW Community leaders</i>
04.00pm	Departure of Imams from the Meeting venue	
05.00pm	Departure of Imams from Sydney	<i>Imams to have their booking departure after 4pm from Sydney</i>

We Appreciate your Cooperation and Understanding



The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)
Lunch with Imams and Community Leaders
Program 2023-2024
From 2pm to 4pm

Time	Duration	Program	Presenter
01:30pm		Arrival of Guests	
2.00pm - 2.10pm	5min	Opening Ceremony and Welcome	<i>MC: Imam Rami Sharounah</i>
2.10pm – 2.17pm	7min	Word by the President of ANIC	
2.18pm – 2.26pm	7min	76 Years of Ongoing Genocide and Occupation	<i>Ramia Sultan</i>
2.27pm – 2.36pm	7min	Action Against Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment	<i>Mariam Ardati</i>
2.37pm – 2.45pm	7min	Word by the Grand Mufti of Australia	<i>Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>
2.45pm	45min	Lunch	
3.30pm		Vote of Thanks	<i>MC: Imam Rami Sharounah</i>
3.45pm		Conclusion and Networking	

We thank you for your Attendance



"وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا" (سورة آل عمران - 105)

Australian National Imams Council AGM Etiquettes:

1. **Sincerity** to Allah the Almighty, in attendance, **unity** and giving opinions.
2. Have a **positive** outlook and optimistic sentiment at the AGM and thrive towards the **prosperity** and advancement of ANIC and all Imams.
3. The **unity** of the Imams under ANIC is of utmost **importance**.
4. Follow and **keep to** the discussion of the AGM Agenda.
 - *NO discussions other than the items on the agenda will be entertained.*
5. Due to the limited time, please make your suggestions and opinions **short** and **concise**.
 - *Contributing Imams will be given a maximum of **2 minutes** in the open discussions.*
6. Due to the limited time, please **avoid repetition** of opinions, comments and statements made by others.
7. Please **respect** others while they are talking and **refrain** from interrupting anyone while speaking.
8. Please **raise your hand** if you wish to speak or give your opinion and wait for the chairman's permission.
9. Be **respectful** of the opinions of others. Although we may differ in our approach, we all share the same concerns and aim to **achieve** the **same goals**.
10. Please **SWITCH OFF** your phones or place them on silent during the meeting.
11. No public statements are to be made regarding the AGM, unless it's decided on by the Imams.
12. No distribution of any materials, pamphlets or flyers at the AGM.
13. Please refrain from taking photos of the AGM and the attendees.

(One Dedicated brother will take photos and then later on share with everyone.)
14. Keep all discussions in the AGM **confidential** and not to be shared by anyone outside.
15. **ONLY** ANIC Members will be permitted to attend the AGM.

We appreciate your Cooperation and Understanding

JAZAKOM ALLAHU KHAIRAN FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION



Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)

16th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2022-2023

Uniting the Imams in Australia

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 8th October 2023

At the BOIV Office In Melbourne

Hosted by:
Board of Imams VIC

ANIC 16th AGM 2022-2023 Opening Ceremony

1. SESSION ONE – OPENING CEREMONY:

Official Opening by MC – Imam Saeed Warsame

The 16^h ANIC AGM 2022-2023 started with an official opening ceremony at 09.20am with a special welcome by the MC to all the Imams, and participants.

Followed by a recitation from the Holy Quran by Imam Hatim from Canberra.

President of ANIC – Imam Shadi Alsuleiman – Welcoming Speech:

This was followed by the official ANIC 16th AGM welcoming speech by ANIC President Imam Shadi Alsuleiman on behalf of the Executive Committee and all members, who he warmly thanked and welcomed every participant to the **16th ANIC AGM 2022-2023**.



Finally, Imam Shadi thanked the ANIC Executive Committee for their efforts, unity and confidence in the organisation's leadership, and hoped for a productive, constructive and fruitful discussion at the AGM for Islam and the Muslim Community.

Grand Mufti of Australia - Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad – Welcoming Speech:

Dr Ibrahim commenced by sending praises to Allah and His Messenger and sought blessings for the AGM and thanked all the participants for their attendance. Dr Ibrahim emphasised the importance of striving for the truth and working in a unified manner. He also mentioned that the member Imams have a great responsibility as well as rewards for being true guardians of the faith and the future of the Ummah locally and worldwide and the work that they do. He also stressed on the importance of everyone coming together and being united on all matters of concern to the Muslim community. He also prayed for the success of the gathering and the AGM.

Chairman of the Council of Imams VIC – Imam Isse Abdo – Welcoming Speech:

Imam Isse welcomed all Imams on this blessed day and participants for their attendance and mentioned the blessings of having the Imams together in person and online. Importantly, Imam Ahmed noted that the physical gathering is not only the purpose, but the purpose is also to gather together for goodness, which is the sunnah. Finally, Imam Isse welcomed all the Imams and participants on behalf of the Board of Imams VIC to the 16th ANIC AGM 2022-2023. He hoped for an open discussion, a productive day and a united outcome.

Vote of Thanks and Conclusion- Imam Saeed Warsame

Meeting Agenda and Resolutions:

2. SESSION TWO - REPORTS:

- 2.1. At 09.55am, SESSION TWO commenced after a quick reminder of the etiquettes of the Meeting and an overview of the AGM's program and agenda by the Chairman of the AGM, Imam Shadi Alsuleiman.
- 2.2. Confirmation and approval of the [Meeting Minutes](#) of the last **15th ANIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021-2022**, which was held on the **2nd of October 2022**,
 - 2.2.1. Motion Moved to accept the meeting minutes by Imam Saeed Warsame and seconded by Imam Hatim.
 - 2.2.2. Unanimously voted to approve the 15th ANIC AGM Meeting Minutes 2021-2022.

[VIEW Meeting Minutes](#)



2.3. Reports

2.4. Executive Committee Reports:

2.4.1. President's Report: By Imam Shadi Alsuleiman: [VIEW REPORT](#)

2.4.2. Secretary's Report: By Imam Majidih Essa: [VIEW REPORT](#)

2.4.3. Treasury's Report: By Imam Jalal Chami: [VIEW REPORT](#)

2.4.4. ANIC 2022-2023 Financial reports were accepted and approved.

2.4.4.1. Motion Moved to accept the financial report and agreed by all the attendees.

2.4.4.2. Votes: unanimous.

2.4.4.3. Collection of the annual membership fee.

2.4.4.4. Comments:

2.4.4.5. It was noted that ANIC aspires to be independent and, self-sufficient, and less reliant on donations.

2.5. State Imams Councils Reports:

2.5.1. Board of Imams VIC by Imam Nawaaz Saleem (Board Member):

2.5.1.1. Imam Nawas spoke about the different activities of the BOIV, including the Youth Programs, Sister Programs, Chaplaincy programs, CFAM (Arbitration), and the opening of the new centre in Thomastown.

2.5.2. Council of Imams QLD by Imam Yusuf Peer (Chairman of the Council):

2.5.2.1. Imam Yusuf mentioned that there are several positive initiatives taking place.

2.5.2.2. The Council's primary focus is to work diligently with the rest of the Imams and ANIC.

2.5.2.3. Have set several discussions that are challenging the community.

2.5.2.4. The activities of CARD and its progress in QLD.

2.5.3. Council of Imams SA by Imam Mohamed Sayed (Council Member):

2.5.3.1. Council's meetings have been productive and emphasised the unity of all.

2.5.3.2. Working together as a collective with Imams and other organisations.



2.5.4. Council of Imams ACT by Imam Adam Konda (Council Member):

- 2.5.4.1. The number of member Imams and members has increased.
- 2.5.4.2. Imams are facing several challenges in the local community and working on resolving them.
- 2.5.4.3. The Council intends to connect more robustly with ANIC as well.
- 2.5.4.4. More efforts are being made to unify the Imams and the community and to have regular meetings.
- 2.5.4.5. Also, in coordination with AIES, the Council had established Scripture programs for local public schools under ANIC.

2.6. ANIC Sub-Committee Reports:

2.6.1. Australian Fatwa Council (AFC) by Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed (Chairman):

- 2.6.1.1. The Council met several times in the past year.
- 2.6.1.2. Topics varied from the beginning of Ramadan, Hajj season, HECS and other topics in current discussions.
- 2.6.1.3. The Determination of the Beginning and End of the Month of Ramadan Forum.

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2.6.2. ANIC Halal Authority by Dr Anas Nadwi (General Manager):

- 2.6.2.1. Significant improvement and growth in the past 12 months.
- 2.6.2.2. ANIC Halal Authority currently has Singapore and Malaysian recognition renewed.
- 2.6.2.3. ANIC halal report on the GAS stunning and poultry.

2.6.3. Australian Islamic Education Service by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

- 2.6.3.1. Imam Shadi gave a brief report on the current scripture program NSW with 54 volunteers, 34 schools, 101 weekly classes and 2859 students.
- 2.6.3.2. Special Religious Education (SRE), is a NSW-based program for scripture learning in NSW public schools.
- 2.6.3.3. Roughly, there are 50,000 Muslim students in the public system in NSW.
- 2.6.3.4. ANIC is playing a vital role with other faith communities and the importance of teaching religious education in the public system.
- 2.6.3.5. The challenge with the scripture program is the lack of Muslim volunteer teachers and resources.
- 2.6.3.6. The intention to expand in other states.



2.6.4. ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory (AIFA) by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

- 2.6.4.1. ANIC established ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory (AIFA).
- 2.6.4.2. AIFA aims to support the Islamic financial services industry in Australia. It offers services on Shariah compliance certificate, accreditation, industry standardisation and advice.
- 2.6.4.3. It also provides advocacy and research to promote Islamic finance for fulfilling Australian Muslims' financial and banking needs.
- 2.6.4.4. AIFA will certify financial products issued by entities duly licensed by the relevant Australian regulatory authorities for the products offered or duly delegated by a licensed operator.
- 2.6.4.5. AIFA is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), Australia's peak body of Imams and Muslim scholars.
- 2.6.4.6. Aim to launch AIFA in early 2024.

2.6.5. ANIC Advisory Committee by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

- 2.6.5.1. Imam Shadi acknowledged the outstanding work of the advisory committee, the time and effort they put towards ANIC and serving the Muslim community, and the value that they had added to ANIC and changed the image of the Muslim community.
- 2.6.5.2. There is a gap in coordination and unity in dealing with issues facing the entire Muslim community, and the ANIC advisory committee focuses on overcoming these gaps and challenges.
- 2.6.5.3. The advisory committee is composed of a professional, multi-tasked team of brothers and sisters with a dynamic nature and diverse expertise.
- 2.6.5.4. Imam Shadi offered special thanks to the Advisory Committee for their outstanding work and tireless effort.

2.6.6. ANIC Women's Advisory Council (AWAC) by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

- 2.6.6.1. ANIC Women's Advisory Council strives to maintain a stronger connection with the peak body, the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), its member Imams and Australian Muslim Women leaders and prominent Muslim community members.
- 2.6.6.2. The objective of the advisory Council is to proactively hear the concerns, feedback, and suggestions from the council members for what is in the best interest of the wider Australian Muslim community. This includes (not limited to) surrounding issues and affairs that concern Muslim women in the Australian community.



2.6.6.3. It is encouraged to nominate more prominent Muslim women from other states who meet the criteria.

2.6.7. Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC) by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

2.6.7.1. The Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC) is a platform that unites Muslim Scholars and Imams Councils from around the world, primarily from countries where Muslims are minorities.

2.6.7.2. ANIC played a significant role in establishing the Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC).

2.6.7.3. Monthly meetings are held to discuss the affairs of the Muslim world and community.

[GISC PORTFOLIO](#)

3. OPEN DISCUSSION

3.1. Moving Motions on the Following:

3.1.1. Imams to promote and advocate ANIC

3.1.2. Recognition of the State of Palestine

3.1.3. Endorse and Support [Muslim Community Fund](#)

3.1.4. Support the establishment of a research team/centre to explore and preserve Muslim Identity

3.1.5. Launch the Determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan Forum

3.1.6. Reinforcement of the ANIC Imams [Code of Honor](#)

3.2. National Zakat Foundation (NZF) and ANIC Partnership – Munir Abdella

3.2.1. Munir spoke about NZF's contribution and projects in the community.

3.2.2. The partnership between NZF and ANIC.

3.2.3. Importance of funding local projects and initiatives.

3.3. Resolution on the next 17th ANIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2023-2024.

3.3.1. Sunday, 13th of October 2024,

3.3.2. At the ANIC Office in Sydney.

4. Conclusion of the 16th ANIC AGM 2022-2023.

4.1. The 16th ANIC AGM concluded with a vote of thanks to all ANIC members and attendees for their participation and, constructive and open discussion, and confidence in ANIC and its leadership.



- 4.2. The Imams were commended for their service to Islam and the Muslim community and for their ongoing support and solidarity with one another.
- 4.3. The 16th ANIC AGM ended with a Dua'a.

END OF THE 16th ANIC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022-2023

"سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، نَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ نَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ"

We thank all the member Imams for attending, for their sacrifice and cooperation.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ANIC President's Report 2023-2024:

Imam Shadi Alsuleiman

All praise is due to Allah, and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah.

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Barakatuh,,

In 2023-2024, Allah SWT blessed me with the opportunity to serve Islam, the Muslim community, the Imams, and the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) in many ways and opportunities.

I recognise that my position as the President of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) is both a responsibility and an honour to serve my fellow Imams and community. I also complement the ANIC Executive Committee members for their confidence, trust, effort and cooperation in their support and achievements of ANIC.

On behalf of the ANIC Executive Committee, I deliver this annual report.

Areas of Key Focus and Achievements in 2023-2024:

- **Imams Network:** ANIC has constantly communicated with all Imams in Australia, to maintain the bond and brotherhood and provide ANIC's updates and progress with the Imams. We worked tirelessly to ensure the Imams were constantly updated and included in all significant matters and concerns of ANIC and the Muslim community. We also kept an open forum for the Imams to communicate and give their feedback and suggestions freely and openly.
- **Local Community Engagements:** ANIC has constantly engaged with key stakeholders from the Muslim community, in particular, the Imams, Dua'at, leaders, Islamic organisations and centres. We exerted all efforts to include community leaders in discussions and consultations on the affairs of the Muslim community and its future.
- **Media and Public Statements:** ANIC issued over 40 public statements in 2023-2024, reflecting the views of ANIC, Imams and the Muslim community. The statements issued varied in taking a strong stance on many religious, human rights and political issues on the Muslim community, particularly in the last 12 months, addressing the war on Gaza, and recently in Lebanon, the occupation and the ongoing genocide committed against our brothers and sisters by the Israeli occupation. These statements also include the preservation of Islamic and Muslim integrity in Australia and globally and reinforcing ANIC's position at the forefront and its leadership of the Muslim community.



ANIC continues to shift the media toward reporting on Islam and Muslims in an unbiased and religiously mindful way. ANIC has employed a full-time media monitoring officer to monitor, communicate, and engage with media agencies, journalists, reporters, and regulators and address issues of concern to the Muslim community; we have seen significant progress and development in the media's response to ANIC's concerns and correspondence. ANIC will continue striving toward a more dignified, positive, and respectful approach by the media toward Islam and Muslims.

- **Social Media:** We advanced ANIC's presence on social media and other platforms, particularly on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Youtube, ultimately resulting in a robust online presence. ANIC's social media presence on different platforms has reached over 65,000 followers and continues to grow. As a result, we focused on ensuring that ANIC maintains and is up to date with any form of contemporary exposure and communication. We continue to engage with a social media consultants to assist with ANIC's ongoing growth and exposure. This includes the recent facelift and development of the ANIC branding and website.
- **Public and Media Spokesperson:** Br Bilal Rauf, the ANIC spokesperson and senior advisor, made numerous public and media statements on behalf of ANIC, particularly during the recent war and aggression on Gaza. Through these platforms, he successfully elevated ANIC to a strong position in the media space professionally and eloquently. ANIC continues to engage with the media agencies, peak bodies and departments, particularly the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Australia Press Council (APC).
- **Political Engagements:** ANIC has and continues to meet and engage with senior political leaders from all political parties in Australia, major Government agencies, and religious organisations, advocating Muslim community issues and concerns. ANIC ensures its presence in all Government and non-government forums to address the community's concerns.
- **Advocacy and Activism:** ANIC has been a leading organisation advocating and addressing the Muslim community's interests and concerns. Some of these activities include:
 - a) The danger of Islamophobia on many fronts and aiming to ban Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim sentiment in Australia. The rise in Islamophobia in the last year revealed a significant gap in how our community reacts and responds to Islamophobic attacks. As a result, ANIC began developing an initiative called 'Action Against Islamophobia (AAI)' that aims to provide confidential crisis support for anyone who has experienced Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate, racism, discrimination, bias, or bigotry. Additionally, AAI delivers information on the resources available to support those affected and referrals to legal and mental health services. They held local forums in Sydney, Queensland and Melbourne that centred on directly addressing the community's needs when dealing with Islamophobia and implementing the responses to adjust AAI's approach and raising awareness on the Christchurch Massacre and the danger of Islamophobia, including holding an online forum commemorating the Christchurch Massacre with over 10,000 views and engagements online.
 - b) Actively lobbied and engaged with the Federal Government to take a firm stance in support of the Palestinian people, condemn the occupying Israeli state and hold it to account, recognise the State of Palestine, grant visas to the Palestinians, and change the visa class to



allow the newly arrived Palestinians to live in Australia and benefit from all its public services.

- c) Conveyed a strong voice supporting our brothers and sisters abroad and in foreign affairs, particularly Palestine, East Turkistan, India, and others.
- d) Promoting the importance of Clean Up Australia Day and the Islamic position on purification.
- e) ANIC continues to work closely with faith leaders and all parties to address climate change and its impact on the environment and future generations.

- **Australian Religious and Faith Communities Network:** ANIC participated in the Religious and Faith Communities Network of all Australia's major religious and faith groups. We contributed positively to the Network in preserving faith and bridging the gap with other faith groups in Australia. ANIC fostered a strong relationship with like-minded religious organisations and saw the common interest and mutual benefit in this relationship. This includes ANIC's contribution towards the first of its kind, the Australian Faith Council, which will advocate matters of faith to the decision-makers. ANIC has co-signed many letters and submissions that we share with other faith communities to protect the rights and freedom of faith and their institutions.
- **ANIC Halal Authority:** Exerting all efforts to gain credibility in the Halal Certification market and get ANIC's name out there on local and international markets. We continue to engage with local and international authorities and major players in the industry. We aspire to regulate the Halal certification market and work on standardising the local Halal certification industry. ANIC Halal Authority has grown 100% from the previous year and has made a strong presence both locally and globally. ANIC Halal Authority operates with a well-versed and experienced team, maintaining a high level of professionalism, integrity, and transparency.
- **Updating the ANIC Policies and Procedures:** The ANIC Executive Committee focused on developing many policies and procedures in various areas, ensuring that ANIC is an institution for all and many generations to come and has strong governance and policies in place.
- **Submissions:** ANIC has made a diverse range of submissions to the Australian Federal and State Governments, raising concerns on matters pertaining to the Muslim community, primarily focused on Anti-Discrimination Bills, Religious Freedom, vilification laws, the proscription of Right-Wing White Supremacy on The Terror List in Australia, and the recognition of Palestine. **These submissions include:**
 - 1- Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security - Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures.
 - 2- A review of the NSW Law Reform Commission of section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) (Act). In submitting, ANIC has conferred with various Muslim community organisations focused on providing community services and support throughout Australia. ANIC has also benefited from feedback provided by Australian Muslims to its members. Accordingly, the issues raised in the submission are reflective of the views prevalent in the Australian Muslim community, including among other Muslim organisations. The submission aimed to seek legislative protection against religious discrimination under the Anti-Discrimination Act, emphasising the need to consider community experiences. The



goal is to balance safeguarding against hateful speech inciting violence while preserving essential freedoms, including freedom of speech, association, and religion.

- **Marriage Celebrants:** Registered over 30 new Imams as marriage celebrants in the past year and empowered the Imams with this recognition from all states and territories.
- **Reflecting on Christchurch - 4 Years Later.**

ANIC held a 5th anniversary of the Christchurch mosque massacre online to solemnly reflect on the tragic events and the innocent lives lost.

15 March 2024 is a date that is etched into the collective mind of Muslims around the world. It is a date on which 51 men, women and children were murdered and many more injured at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. It was a massacre against a people simply because of their religious beliefs and activity. The men, women and children were praying at the time in the mosques. In New Zealand and around the globe, including in Australia, people continue to gather and mourn the victims and pay their respects to the families of the victims in commemoration of this tragedy.

ANIC extends its prayers and support to the brothers and sisters affected by the Christchurch tragedy and its sincerest gratitude to the people and organisations who continue to commemorate this sad tragedy and show their support for justice and humanity.
- **ANIC Islamic Finance Authority (AIFA):** ANIC established AIFA (ANIC Islamic Finance Authority) to support Australia's Islamic financial services industry. It offers services on Shariah compliance certificates, accreditation, industry standardisation, and advice. It also provides advocacy and research to promote Islamic finance and fulfil Australian Muslims' financial and banking needs.
- **Australian Islamic Education Services:** ANIC is an approved scripture provider for Islamic Special Religious for Muslim students in public schools in NSW under the Australian Islamic Education Services and has expanded to different states, starting with the ACT and QLD. AIES has held several workshops for its volunteers and has increased its teacher volunteer base. AIES intends to reach out to all public schools with Muslim students and provide Islamic education. This includes initiating the Friday Juma'a prayers at different schools.
- **ANIC Women's Advisory Council (AWAC),** with now 22 prominent Muslim women from different states and territories. The Council strives to maintain a stronger connection with the Australian Muslim Women leaders and prominent community members. The objective of this advisory council is to proactively hear the concerns, feedback, and suggestions from the council members regarding what is in the best interest of the wider Muslim community. This included (but is not limited to) surrounding issues and affairs that concern Muslim women in our Australian community. The Council is working on developing a document on the ideal Australian Muslim family that will address the Islamic values and principles of establishing a family and living an Islamic way of life in Australia.

AWAC held its first-morning tea, inviting over 40 prominent Muslim sisters and leaders to engage, network and have an open and robust discussion addressing the affairs of the Muslim community, particularly matters pertaining to Muslim women and their role in the Muslim community.



- **Determination of the Beginning and End of the Month of Ramadan Forum:** The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) resolved to initiate a forum to determine the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan. This forum aims to unify the Imams in declaring and announcing the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, foster a good understanding of managing disagreements and differences of opinion amongst them, and unite the Imams and the Muslim community. The forum will have three stages:
 1. To narrow down the differences and disagreements within the Imams that share the same methodology, primarily Moonsighting and Calculation.
 2. To coordinate the groups with different opinions on determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, discuss, dialogue, and share a better understanding of the different opinions on this topic.
 3. To have an agreed methodology in determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan or a mutual and respectful understanding amongst the Imams on this topic.
- **ANIC had partnered with the National Zakat Foundation (NZF) as a Zakat collector partner to facilitate Australian Muslims in fulfilling the obligation of Zakat.**
- **Last Ramadan, the National Muslim Community Iftaar was held together with the Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM). ANIC held its third National Muslim Community Iftar 2024-1445H at the Orion Centre - Campsie, with over 300 guests attending.**

Muslim community leaders and Imams attended the Iftar to break fast together, showcase the unity of the Muslim community in Australia and stand in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in Gaza – Palestine. Despite Ramadan being a time of spiritual elevation and happiness, this year, our hearts were filled with sorrow as the Israeli Occupation continues to strike and kill innocent Palestinians in Gaza, commit genocide and illegal settlements and violate international laws and UN resolutions during this holy month.
- **ANIC continues to play a significant role in the Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM), uniting the Muslim community and organisations from all states and territories and bringing together the Muslim community on the common denominators and interests that all Muslims agree to and aspire to achieve.** ANIC aims to support the AAM to be the face of the political face and advocacy of the Muslim community. The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) hosted the Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit 2024 on Sunday, 12th May, in Campsie - Sydney and Online.

Prominent Muslim organisations and community leaders from around Australia attended the Summit to discuss important issues of concern to Australian Muslims and the future of the Muslim community in Australia, particularly during the current crises and challenges faced by the Muslim community and Ummah and the war on Gaza.

The AAM aims to serve as a collaborative platform to coordinate and enhance efforts for the common benefit of the Australian Muslim community. Further, the AAM continues to stand with and contribute to the broader Australian society.

The summit focused on:

 - Working together during difficult times, particularly the current war on Gaza and the ongoing aggression by the Israeli occupying forces on the Palestinians,
 - A Political Engagement and Advocacy Framework
 - The role of media & social media



- **Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC):** ANIC is a co-founder and contributed to establishing The Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC). Seven of the world's leading scholars and Imams Councils in Western and English-speaking countries have formed the Council to preserve the Islamic and Muslim identity in the West and collaborate on the greater good of the Muslim world and Ummah. ANIC attended the first retreat held by the GISC in Istanbul - Turkey, to connect with their fellow brothers and Imams from around the world and engage and share experiences with other like-minded organisations, councils and countries. This year, the Council of Imams in Japan joined the GISC, and many other Imams councils worldwide expressed interest in joining.
- **Launch of Muslim Community Fund:** Earlier this year, the Muslim Community Fund was launched with the support and establishment of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM). Its primary purpose is to serve the community's most pressing needs and interests while supporting programs, organisations, initiatives, and other Muslim-run projects. The Muslim Community Fund is a values-driven organisation, embedding Islamic tradition and principles at the core of every project and initiative. Guided by this ethos, we are dedicated to passionately advocating for and addressing the Muslim community's most pressing priorities by:
 - Building a brighter, united future for Australian Muslims
 - Finance our community's local needs
 - Building a solid and united Muslim community with a shared vision
 - Elevating our community at a local and government level
 - Building a stronger community through a stronger identity

The Muslim Community Fund aims to support programs, organisations and initiatives that serve the diverse needs of our local Muslim community, primarily:

1. Preserving the Islamic Identity
2. Media engagement & lobbying
3. Community outreach programs
4. Mentorship programs
5. Political engagement
6. Advocacy and legal support

Our Objective & Vision in Moving Forward:

**To Place ANIC in the Position of Religious and Islamic Authority in Australia,
To strive to preserve the mainstream Islamic identity, the Muslim's integrity and
To represent the interests of the Muslim community in all ways and forms.**

This year has been exceptionally challenging for our community and the Ummah, including the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), especially with the ongoing massacre and genocide being committed against our brothers and sisters in Palestine and recently in Lebanon. The Palestinian cause and the concerns of our community will always remain a primary focus for ANIC.



A special thanks to the ANIC Executive Committee members for their cooperation, leadership, confidence, and ongoing support.

I also acknowledge and thank the outstanding work and efforts of the ANIC Advisory Committee, which works tirelessly and volunteers its time to serve the Muslim community.

Thank you and we Ask Allah to continue using us in serving His religion and servants.

Regards,

Shadi Alsuleiman

President

Australian National Imams Council

Date: 13 October 2024



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ANIC Secretary's Report 2023-2024:

Imam Majidih Essa

All praise is due to Allah and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah.

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Barakatuh,,

I take my role as the Secretary of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) with full responsibility and commit to serving my fellow Imams and the Muslim community.

As the ANIC Secretary, I sincerely thank the ANIC Executive Committee for their confidence, trust, effort, and cooperation in supporting me during my first term as the Secretary of ANIC. While at the ANIC AGM, 2024 will be the end of my term; I want to continue serving the Imams with honour and integrity and look forward to growing and advancing Islam and ANIC.

In Summary 2023-2024 Report:

- Regular meetings and communications between executive committee members in person, online, via telephone, email and social media groups. The ANIC Executive Committee has been very busy and vibrant, with many programs and initiatives to organise and follow up on.
- The ANIC Executive Committee met four times from the last ANIC AGM in October 2023, with good attendance from all the ANIC Executive Committee members, most of which were held online and one in-person meeting.
- Issued over 40 public statements in 2023-2024 and distributed them to Imams, community organisations and leaders, government departments, NGOs and others. In addition, we've increased our database by at least 20% in the last year and strengthened our exposure to the Muslim and non-Muslim communities.
- Continued to network closely with all member Imams of ANIC and keep them posted on all relevant matters.
- Kept up to date with all correspondence received and sent by ANIC and ensured that all relevant correspondence, feedback, and complaints were always taken seriously, followed up on, and responded to.



- Signed up new Imams as members with ANIC, where ANIC currently exceeds 290 member Imams from different states, territories and cities.
- Registered over 30 new Imams as marriage celebrants in the past year and empowered the Imams with this recognition from all states and territories, including updating the ANIC marriage celebrants policies and guidelines.
- Continue to work on and develop ANIC policies and procedures and engage with professional consultants in different areas and areas of expertise.
- Held numerous meetings between ANIC members and Islamic organisations to network with prominent stakeholders in the Muslim community and connect them to ANIC and the Imams, particularly in the recent events and attacks on Gaza and Palestine.
- Engaged with several Australian state and federal government departments and law enforcement agencies, building bridges with them and discussing matters of concern regarding Muslims in Australia and the broader Australian community. Focused on changing the narrative towards Islam and the Muslim community.

This year has been exceptionally challenging for our community and the Ummah, including the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC), especially with the ongoing massacre and genocide being committed against our brothers and sisters in Palestine. The Palestinian cause and the concerns of our community will always remain a primary focus for ANIC.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone and all Imams for their ongoing support as ANIC Secretary. I look forward to continuing to serve ANIC and the Imams in different ways.

Regards,

Majidih Essa

Secretary

Australian National Imams Council

Date: 13 October 2024

Annual Report

Australian National Imams Council Limited

ABN 73 657 622 985

As at 30 June 2024

Prepared by MBA Partners

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Balance Sheet

Australian National Imams Council Limited As at 30 June 2024

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Assets			
Bank			
ANIC General Bank Account		143,211	4,168
ANIC Halal Bank Account		19,083	10,686
Total Bank		162,294	14,854
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		37,123	31,385
Total Current Assets		37,123	31,385
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Office Equipment		10,907	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment		(1,031)	-
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		9,876	-
Total Non-Current Assets		9,876	-
Loan: CARD		16,000	-
Total Assets		225,292	46,239
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		17,103	-
GST		14,421	2,446
Superannuation Payable		3,634	3,798
Total Current Liabilities		35,158	6,244
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans payable		75,000	50,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		75,000	50,000
Total Liabilities		110,158	56,244
Net Assets		115,134	(10,005)
Equity			
Retained Earnings		143,977	(5,113)
Total Equity		143,977	(5,113)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Profit & Loss

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Corporate Sponsorships	3,182	-
Donations Received - General	105,100	22,740
Grants - Charities Sector	-	95,000
Grants - Public Sector	515,324	52,000
Halal Accreditation Fees	251,213	193,079
Member Contributions	8,529	10,100
Total Income	883,348	372,919
Cost of Sales		
Halal Admin Fees	2,818	5,000
Halal Manager Fee - MA	59,187	48,103
Halal Manager Fee - NT	77,175	66,388
Total Cost of Sales	139,179	119,491
Gross Profit	744,168	253,427
Other Income		
Other Income	22,546	14,088
Total Other Income	22,546	14,088
Expenses		
Accounting & Audit Fees	3,364	2,415
Advertising/Marketing	80,968	9,853
Bank Fees	187	127
Consulting Fees	6,525	19,346
Depreciation	1,031	-
Donations	1,613	1,200
Events	35,546	48,477
Filing Fees	549	1,180
Freight & Courier	68	-
General Expenses	9,988	10,856
Grant expenses	49,387	-
Insurance	6,107	5,127
Legal expenses	263,997	77,365
Member Meeting Expenses	2,039	20,526
Motor Vehicle Expenses	557	541
Office Expenses	6,277	3,875
Rent	77,822	39,543
Staff Amenities	1,040	490
Stripe Fees	549	254
Subscriptions/Memberships	9,050	2,165
Superannuation	5,636	1,134

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	2024	2023
Telephone & Internet	1,575	1,191
Travel - National	2,511	4,338
Wages and Salaries	51,239	10,800
Total Expenses	617,625	260,803
Net Profit	149,090	6,712

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Movements in Equity

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Equity		
Opening Balance	(5,113)	(11,825)
Increases		
Profit for the Period	149,090	6,712
Total Increases	149,090	6,712
Total Equity	143,977	(5,113)

Notes to the Financial Statements

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose report prepared for the sole purpose of distributing a financial report to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 June 2024. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to 30 June 2024. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related costs.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Revenue Recognition

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.
 Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.
 Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.
 Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.
 Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity receives the grant, when it is probable that the entity will receive the economic benefits of the grant and the amount can be reliably measured.

If the grant has conditions attached which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the grant, the recognition of the revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the grant contributor, the transaction is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet until the required service has been completed, otherwise the income is recognised on receipt.

Australian National Imams Council Limited receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for a nominal or zero value. These assets are recognised at their fair value on the date of acquisition in the balance sheet, with an equivalent amount of income recognised in the income statement.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

	2024	2023
2. Receivables		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	37,123	31,385
Total Current	37,123	31,385
Total Receivables	37,123	31,385
	2024	2023

3. Property Plant and Equipment

	2024	2023
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	10,907	-
Accumulated Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	(1,031)	-
Total Plant and Equipment	9,876	-
Total Property Plant and Equipment	9,876	-
	2024	2023

4. Payables

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2024	2023
Current		
Accounts Payable	17,103	-
Superannuation Payable	3,634	3,798
Total Current	20,737	3,798
Total Payables	20,737	3,798

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Directors Declaration

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2024

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: Shady Alsuleiman _____

Sign date:

Compilation Report

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2024

Compilation report to Australian National Imams Council Limited

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Australian National Imams Council Limited, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, the income statement, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of ANIC Halal Authority Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Independence (if required)

We are not independent of Australian National Imams Council Limited because *(reasons why not independent, for example, the member is a close relative of a director of the entity)*.

Level 29, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000

MBA Partners

3 October 2024

Signed



CARD Report – 13 October 2024

Number of files - From 1 January 2024:

- a. We have received 64 new cases, that is, besides 34 active files inherited prior to 1 January 2024.
- b. From the total of 98 files, we issued eight kulu, five divorces and 22 terminations.

New Type of Application – Red Files

Due to the alarming increase in family domestic violence, we have introduced a new form of application, the Red Files, to better assist the applicants in finalising their cases on an urgent and diligent basis. This change is necessary and relevant to the situation.

To qualify for a Red File, the applicant must provide documentation showing family domestic violence. Such documentation shall be reviewed and approved by CARD's legal team prior to qualifying a file to be a Red File.

We currently have three active Red Files.

Future Vision (2025)

- a. Currently, we are in the process of reviewing and drafting all of CARD's policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
 1. Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct;
 2. Working with vulnerable people policy;
 3. Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedure;
 4. Privacy and confidentiality Policy;
 5. Applications and Application Process Policy;
 6. Mediation and Marriage Counselling Policy.
- b. All such policies and procedures are to be streamlined with existing CARD branches in all states and territories. The time frame is the end of November 2024.
- c. Strengthen the collaboration between CARD Victoria and NSW to unify all processes and procedures.



CENTRE FOR ARBITRATION AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- b. Hold workshops with all Imams in Australia involved in CARD, covering the new policies and any legal issues that may arise during the dealing with applicants to provide better legal protection for applicants, Imams and staff.
- c. Work on creating a marketing campaign that includes awareness of CARD's activities.
- d. Exploring possible partnerships with government and non-government organisations, including Islamic charities, to improve CARD's services to the Muslim Community.



مجلس الأئمة الفداء إلى الأستة

Australian National Imams Council

ANIC HALAL AUTHORITY

ANIC Halal Report

17th AGM held on: 13th October 2024

Activities and present situation

ANIC Halal Authority has made significant progress after covid 19 and during the last two years 2022-2023. The current year Alhamdulillah was a very blessed one for ANIC Halal Authority as the halal activities doubled this year. At present, we are certifying almost 400 businesses all over Australia. With the hard work of Halal team at ANIC we were able to bring on board two giant food stores in Australia namely **Coles and Woolworths**. This was a great achievement. At this moment I would like to thank and offer heartly appreciation to Brother Nagi Taleb for his tireless efforts as ANIC Halal Marketing and Operational Manager.

ANIC Halal Authority approval as foreign Halal certifying body by JAKIM is extended till 2027. We are approved by MUIS too, officials from MUIS visited ANIC Office just 3 months ago, they appreciated ANIC upholding Halal integrity and confirmed their continuous support and collaboration with ANIC in future.

Regarding the approval by Indonesian Halal Authority, all paperwork has been completed and we hope, ANIC will get the approval by Indonesia by the end of this year in sha Allah. Brother Nagi Taleb at present visiting Indonesia, participating in annual Halal conference and following up our application.

This year in the month of September 2024, the Global Halal Summit organized by JAKIM Malaysia was visited by Sheikh Tahar Michraoui.

Visiting these international Halal organizations is very impotent and part of strengthening the ties and celebration in the field of halal services.



Progress of Halal Activity and increase of Halal businesses:

Year 2021

No. of Clients: 81

Year 2022

No. of Clients: 120

Year 2023

No. of Clients: 160

Year 2024

No. of Clients: 380

ANIC Halal employees and Halal inspectors:

By the increase in the numbers of client's halal activities are increased significantly, I would like to make the following suggestion:

1. 3 full time or 2 fulltime and 2 part Time employees must be engaged to work in the office and in the field wherever required.
2. At least one Halal Auditor/supervisor officially must be nominated in each State of Australia (where ANIC has halal clients).
3. Halal Management and Fatwa Committee must meet every two months duration.

Dr MOHAMMAD ANAS
General Manager
ANIC Halal Authority

ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory (AIFA):

An Overview

Dr. AbulKhair Jalaluddin

Director, AIFA



Islamic Finance
ADVISORY



Background

- AIFA was established to support Islamic financial services industry in Australia.
- It offers Shariah compliance certification, industry standardisation, advice, advocacy and research.



AIFA Guidance and Support

- AIFA is informed and guided by the Shariah principles, Australian Fatwa Council and global industry standards.
- AIFA has established a group of subject matter experts from finance, law and accounting professions.
- These professionals will support Shariah scholars in certification activities: the delivery of contemporary advice, the highest standards of service, ethics, transparency and professionalism.



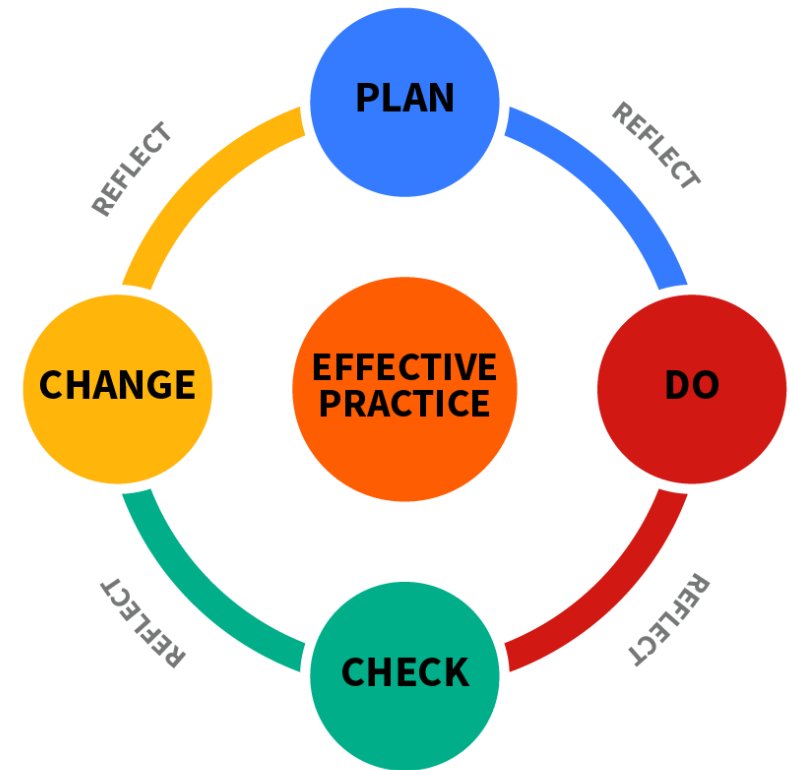
Range of Products Certified

- AIFA certifies duly licensed financial products.
- We aim to certify a wide range of financial products offered by Australian Islamic financial services industry.
- Managed investment, Income Fund, Home Financing, Vehicle Financing, Property Trust, Units in Friendly Societies, Superannuation, Islamic Pension/Annuity, Islamic Cash Investment, High Wealth Investment, Australian Shares and International Shares.



Established Processes and Procedures

- AIFA has processes and procedures established to provide advisory services in almost all areas of Islamic finance.
- We have commenced our certification activities and received applications for Sharia'h advisory services from the industry.
- We are preparing for a formal lunching.
- As Imams and leaders of the community, please refer the relevant providers to us if Sharia'h advisory services are required.



Concluding Remarks

- With the help of Allah SWT, we strongly hope to enhance the capabilities of the providers of Islamic financial services in Australia. It will augment diversity in the Australian financial services industry, create employment opportunities and generate incomes for all Australians.
- Thank you for your attention.



Determination of the Beginning and End of the Month of Ramadan Forum

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) resolved to initiate a forum to determine the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan. This forum aimed to unify the Imams in declaring and announcing the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, foster a good understanding of managing disagreements and differences of opinions amongst them, and unite the Imams and the Muslim community.

STAGE ONE (*Grouping*)

To narrow down the differences and disagreements within the Imams that share the same methodology, primarily, Moonsighting and Calculation.



STAGE TWO (*Dialogue*)

To coordinate the groups of the different opinions on the determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, discuss, dialogue and share a better understanding of the different opinions on this topic.



STAGE THREE (*Conclusion*)

To have an agreed methodology in the determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, or a mutual and respectful understanding amongst the Imams on this topic.

Determination of the Beginning and End of the Month of Ramadan Forum

STAGE	OVERVIEW	OUTCOMES	COMMENTS	TIMEFRAME
<p>STAGE ONE</p> <p>Grouping</p>	<p>To coordinate and group the Imams that share the same methodology on determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan.</p> <p>To narrow down the differences and disagreements within the Imams that share the same methodology, primarily, Moonsighting and Calculation.</p> <p>To foster a good understanding of managing disagreements and differences of opinions among the Imams.</p>	<p>To group the Imams who share the same methodology, in particular, Moonsighting and Calculation and narrow down the disagreements in those two main methodologies.</p> <p>To nominate 3 coordinators and representatives to represent each group.</p> <p>To develop a summarised paper to be presented in stage two on behalf of each group.</p>	<p>A form will be sent to all Imams in Australia to identify the methodology category they follow, promote or are inclined to in the determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan.</p> <p>FORM: www.anic.org.au/ramadan-forum</p> <p>The Imams of the same methodology will be asked to meet together and nominate 3 coordinators and representatives of this methodology. The group will discuss and endeavour to narrow the disagreement in that methodology, produce a summary paper, and have the coordinators ready to represent this group in stage two.</p> <p>Each group's meetings can be conducted in a hybrid model, onsite or online, but it is highly encouraged to meet onsite.</p> <p>The summary paper must not exceed 5 pages.</p>	<p>Commencement: September 2024</p> <p>Conclusion: November 2024</p>

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<p>STAGE TWO</p> <p>Dialogue</p>	<p>To coordinate the groups with different opinions on determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, discuss, debate, dialogue, and share a better understanding of the different opinions on this topic.</p>	<p>To address, debate, and discuss the different methodologies for determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan and endeavour to reach a unified outcome for the Australian Fatwa Council to adopt.</p> <p>To agree on the process of issuing statements and declaration of the beginning and the end of the Month of Ramadan.</p>	<p>The representatives of each group, together with the Australian Fatwa Council members, will form a committee (The Committee) and meet to debate and discuss the different methodologies.</p> <p>Collectively, The Committee, the representatives of the groups and Australian Fatwa Council members, will form a policy for determining the final outcomes of this forum.</p>	<p>Commencement: January 2025</p> <p>Conclusion: Mid-February 2025</p>
<p>STAGE THREE</p> <p>Conclusion</p>	<p>To have an agreed methodology in determining the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan, or a mutual and respectful understanding amongst the Imams on this topic.</p> <p>To agree on the process of declaring and issuing statements at the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan.</p> <p>To send a strong and positive message to the community and spread hope and a sense of unity amongst the Imams and the Muslim community.</p>	<p>To have an agreement on the determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan or develop an understanding of the different opinions by establishing mutual respect amongst the Imams and the Muslim community, this includes the timing, the formula and language of the statement.</p>	<p>All Imams must commit to the final outcome of the forum by signing and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the forum.</p> <p>To agree to review the final outcome every 3-5 years or whatever time agreed upon by the committee.</p>	<p>Conclusion: Before Ramadan 2025</p>



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IMAMS CODE OF HONOUR

Reinforced at the 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
2021-2022 Sunday, 2 October 2022

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

INTRODUCTION

{ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا }
(سورة آل عمران – 105)

“And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited”

{Surat Al-Imraan; Verse 105}

The Quran (Book of Allah) and the Sunnah of his Prophet Muhammed (SAW), peace and blessings be upon him address and clarify the following:

- a) The importance of the unity of the Ummah
- b) The condemnation of disunity and shows that disputing and retaliating with harm is against the core values of Islam
- c) The status of the Scholars and Imams in Islam and them being the heirs of the Prophets and the best role models of the Muslim Ummah

Therefore, the Muslim nation today is in dire need of the wisdom of the Imams in their unity, in their action and in their interaction with one another.

This Code of Honour will govern the special relationship between the Imams, which is embodied in the Quran, the Sunnah and the works of the righteous predecessors.



The following are etiquettes and Codes of Honour that each Imam should respect and abide by:

1. Preservation of Islamic Identity:

- a. Fulfil the trust that Allah had entrusted the Scholars and Imams and lead by the best example in society
- b. Strive towards preserving the Islamic identity without compromising the core agreed values of Islam
- c. Demonstrate greater accommodation to dissenting views based on the authentic Shariah principles
- d. Seek clarification to understand the basis of dissenting views prior to making public comments refuting such views

2. Sincerity and Good counselling:

- a. As heirs to the Prophet (SAW), Imams are expected to act sincerely and behave seeking the pleasure of Allah (SWT) alone
- b. As brothers in faith, Imams are expected to counsel and advice one another with sincerity and in good faith
- c. Be mindful of Allah SWT and practice self-accountability

3. Ethics of Disagreements:

- a. Uphold highest ethical behaviour in dealing with juristic disagreements and strictly avoid confrontation among fellow Imams
- b. Avoid deliberately seeking faults and shortcomings of fellow Imams to bring him/them to disrepute in the community
- c. Not to exaggerate or comment on the mistakes of other Imams in public

4. Respectful behaviour:

- a. To care for and provide the utmost respect to our fellow Imams in the same way that you would like to be treated
- b. To always use appropriate and respectful words and titles when addressing each other; specifically, in the public and in front of others
- c. Engage in healthy debates on subjects that need to be debated with mutual respect using respectful expressions and avoid being disrespectful to fellow Imams



5. Professional conduct:

- a. Sincerity in working for Allah (SWT) and serving Islam and the community
- b. Uphold collective decisions (Ijma) made by the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) or State Council of Imams even if disagreed on as an individual
- c. Strive for the successful works with common objectives that bring together the Imams and the Muslim Community
- d. Avoid exerting force on others to follow a contentious opinion or school of thought in a way that creates intolerance to other opinions or Imams
- e. Accommodate healthy dialog on contemporary issues in the spirit of seeking the truth without prejudice and not feeling offended when personal opinions are not accepted by fellow Imams
- f. Not to expose other Imams negatively in the public unless there is a religious and ethical need after it is agreed upon by the majority Imams of the ANIC Executive committee or an appointed arbitration committee

6. Professional Solidarity:

- a. Strive hard to maintain solidarity among fellow Imams and abstain from any activity that may cause disunity and disharmony among the Imams
- b. Commit to upholding the unity and common good amongst the Imams and the Muslim community
- c. Stand in solidarity; in times of need and times where Imams and Muslim leaders are under attack or pressure or criticised by others
- d. Strictly refrain from demonstrating any form of hostility or animosity towards fellow Imam(s) regardless of any disagreement or dispute between each other(s)
- e. Abstain from unhealthy public debates with fellow Imams and Religious Scholars on contentious matters of jurisprudence including but not limited to public forums, students or via any social media platform that may cause disunity in the community

7. Dispute Resolution:

- a. Any dispute among the Imams must be brought to the Imams Council for reconciliation and arbitration and all final resolutions must be adhered to.



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