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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

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