



2024-2025
18TH ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Uniting the Imams in Preserving Islam

*Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa
Barakatuh*

On behalf of the **Australian National
Imams Council (ANIC)** executive
committee, and the hosting state,
Council of Imams NSW, *Jazākum
Allāhu Khayran* and thank you for
attending the **18th ANIC Annual
General Meeting**, held on **Sunday, 12
October 2025**, at the **Orion Centre** in
Sydney.

*We ask Allah the Almighty to bless this
gathering, grant it success, and make it
a means of goodness and unity for our
community.*



"وَأَعْتَصِمُوا 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**





مجلس الأئمة القديريين الأستراليين

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL

18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024-2025

Hosted by the Council of Imams NSW

Sunday, 12th of October 2025 – 09.00am to 04.00pm (AEST)

Orion Centre – Campsie - Sydney

1 st SESSION		18 th ANIC AGM OPENING CEREMONY	
TIME	DURATION	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
09.00 - 09.30am	5min	Official Opening by MC	<i>MC: Imam Mahmoud Alazhari</i>
	3min	The Holy Quran Recitation	<i>Imam Imraan Hussain</i>
	5min	ANIC Welcoming Speech by ANIC President	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>
	5min	Welcoming Speech by Grand Mufti of Australia	<i>Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>
	5min	Welcoming speech by the Hosting State and Chairman	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>
	5min	Vote of Thanks and Conclusion	<i>MC: Imam Mahmoud Alazhari</i>



18th 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 2023-2024 Meeting Minutes, held on the 13th of October 2024 in Sydney.	<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 2024-2025 • Collection of the annual membership fee. 	<i>Imam Warsama Bulhan</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	3min	State Imams Councils Reports:		
	3min	• <i>Council of Imams - NSW</i>	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>	
	3min	• <i>Board of Imams - VIC</i>	<i>Imam Khalil Hamid</i>	
	3min	• <i>Council of Imams - QLD</i>	<i>Imam Akram Baksh</i>	
	3min	• <i>Council of Imams - WA</i>	<i>Imam Salman Parkar</i>	
	3min	• <i>Council of Imams - SA</i>	<i>Imam Amin Abu Samaha</i>	
	3min	• <i>Council of Imams - ACT</i>	<i>Imam Adam Konda</i>	
3min	• <i>Council of Imams - TAS</i>	<i>Imam Mustafa Seleem</i>		



	3min	ANIC Sub-Committee Reports:		
	5min	• <i>Australian Fatwa Council</i>	<i>Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>	
	3min	• <i>Centre for Arbitration and Resolution of Disputes (CARD)</i>	<i>Mohammad Kammoun</i>	
	3min	• <i>ANIC Halal Authority</i>	<i>Imam Anas Nadwi Nagi Taleb</i>	
	3min	• <i>Muslim Chaplaincy & Preservation of the Islamic Identity</i>	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>	
	3min	• <i>Media and Communications</i>	<i>Zayd Jenzarli</i>	
	5min	• <i>Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program (SUMCP)</i>	<i>Khalid Mousa</i>	
	10min	General Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Australian Islamic Education Services</i> • <i>Action Against Islamophobia</i> • <i>ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory</i> • <i>ANIC Women Advisory Council</i> • <i>ANIC Advisory Committee</i> • <i>Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC)</i> 		Combined Report
	10min		ALL	
11:30 - 12:00pm	30min	BREAK		
3rd SESSION		OPEN DISCUSSION		
TIME	DURATION	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	COMMENTS
12:00pm-1.00pm	5min	Muslim Community Fund	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Determination of the beginning and end of the Month of Ramadan Forum	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>	<i>Attached</i>



	5min	Reinforcement of the ANIC Imam's Code of Honor	ALL	<i>Attached</i>
	10min	Presentation and Approval of Motions	ALL	<i>Attached</i>
	5min	Resolution on the next ANIC Annual General Meeting for 2025-2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, October 2026 - TBC • <i>City and location</i> 	ALL	First Sunday of October every year

4th SESSION	ANNOUNCING AND ENDORSING THE NEW APPOINTMENT AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE TERM OF – 2025-2028 (3 Years)			
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01.00 - 01.20pm	10min	Australian Fatwa Council Members		<i>Attached</i>
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5th SESSION	CLOSING CEREMONY			
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01.20 - 01.45pm	5min	Statement by the President of ANIC and Vote of Thanks to all the attendees	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>	
	5min	Statement by the Grand Mufti of Australia	<i>Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>	
	5min	Closing of the AGM with Dua'a.	<i>Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamad</i>	

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>			
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END OF THE ANIC 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024-2025

Thank you for attending, and may Allah reward you greatly and keep us united. AMEEN



The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) Annual General Meeting Program 2024-2025

Time	Program	Comments
08:00am	Arrival of Imams in 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	1st Session Opening Ceremony	<i>1st Sessions</i>
09.30am - 11.30am	2nd Session 18 th AGM Agenda Meeting	<i>2nd Sessions</i>
11.30AM - 12.00pm	Break	
12.00pm - 01:00pm	3rd Session 18 th AGM Agenda Meeting	<i>3rd Sessions</i>
01.00pm - 01:20pm	4th Session Announcing Fatwa Council Members	<i>4th Sessions</i>
01:20pm - 01.45pm	5th Session Closing Ceremony Press Conference and End of the 18 th ANIC AGM	<i>5th Sessions</i>
01.45pm	Thuhur Prayer	
02.00pm - 04:00pm	Lunch with Imams and Community leaders	
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 2024-2025
 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 Ahmed Abdo</i>
2.10pm – 2.17pm	7min	Word by the President of ANIC	<i>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>
2.18pm – 2.26pm	7min	77 Years of Ongoing Genocide and Occupation	<i>Imam Ahmed Abdo</i>
2.27pm – 2.36pm	7min	Action Against Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment	<i>Sr 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>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</i>
3.45pm		Conclusion and Networking	

We thank you for your Attendance



Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) 17th Annual General Meeting 2023-2024

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 13th October 2024

Emporium Function Centre – Bankstown - Sydney

Hosted by:

Council of Imams NSW

SESSION ONE – OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Official Opening by MC – Imam Rami Sharounah

The 17th ANIC AGM 2023-2024 started with an official opening ceremony at 09:20 a.m., with a special welcome by the MC to all the Imams and participants. This was followed by a recitation from the Holy Quran by Imam Imraan Hussain from Queensland.

2. President of ANIC – Imam Shadi Alsuleiman – Welcoming Speech:

Imam Shadi thanked all the Imams, Shaykhat and ANIC members for their attendance, particularly the Imams from interstate. He also emphasised how challenging the last year has been for the Muslim Ummah and Australian Muslim community, with the ongoing genocide being committed against our brothers and sisters in Palestine and recently in Lebanon; for this reason, the Muslim community must be more united than ever, and the importance of the role that ANIC plays in the community, in guiding it and leading it.

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

The Grand Mufti of Australia reflected in his speech about the legacy of ANIC and the Imams that have come before us and how the responsibility has been passed onto us. He further emphasised the role of Imams in the Australian community and acting as role models in all aspects of life for the Muslim community in Australia. He also extended his gratitude to all Imams and participants for their attendance and support of ANIC and their tireless work supporting the Muslim community.

4. Chairman of the Council of Imams NSW – Imam Ahmed Abdo – Welcoming Speech:

Imam Ahmed Abdo welcomed everyone to the 17th ANIC AGM on behalf of the Council of Imams NSW. He emphasised the roles of Imams on a global and local scale in representing all Muslims worldwide in light of injustice and tyranny and, on a local scale, being able to play an active role in youth development and supporting all levels of society. He thanked all attendees on behalf of the hosting state and the Council of Imams NSW.

5. Vote of Thanks and Conclusion- Imam Rami Sharounah

Imam Rami reiterated the obligation of the Imams in Australia to be people who can listen to and support the Muslims of Australia by whatever means necessary and thanked the speakers and Imams for their attendance.



17th AGM Meeting Agenda

SESSION TWO - REPORTS:

- 1.1. At 09.56am, 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.
- 1.2. Confirmation and approval of the last 16th ANIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022-2023, held on the **8th of October 2023**.
 - 1.2.1. The motion was moved to accept the meeting minutes by Imam Sayed and seconded by Imam Nawaaz.
 - 1.2.2. Unanimously voted to approve the 16th ANIC AGM Meeting Minutes 2022-2023. [VIEW Meeting Minutes](#)
- 1.3. **Reports**
 - 1.3.1. **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - 1.3.1.1. **President's Report:** By Imam Shadi Alsuleiman: [VIEW REPORT](#)
 - 1.3.1.2. **Secretary's Report:** By Imam Majidih Essa: [VIEW REPORT](#)
 - 1.3.1.3. **Treasury's Report:** By Imam Jalal Chami: [VIEW REPORT](#)
 - 1.3.1.4. ANIC 2022-2023 Financial reports were accepted and approved.
 - 1.3.1.5. The motion was moved to accept the financial report by Imam Hamza and Imam Fadl.
 - 1.3.1.6. Votes: unanimous.
 - 1.3.2. **State Imams Councils Reports:**
 - 1.3.2.1. **Council of Imams – NSW** by Imam Ahmed Abdo:

Imam Ahmed Abdo highlighted that the Council of Imams NSW has 130+ members, including associate members. Several meetings have been conducted both internally and externally with various government departments in conjunction with ANIC at the federal level, discussing the advocacy regarding the genocide in Palestine, law enforcement engagement following the multiple incidents that have occurred, new cemeteries and burial plots that are coming up and ensuring that Muslims have a voice in it.

The new executive committee of the Council of Imams NSW have identified priorities:
To strengthen community relations, particularly between the Council of Imams NSW and the existing masjid.
Youth affairs and the preservation of the Islamic identity through the creation of youth forums where youth needs are heard and addressed.
The field of knowledge and research is given that the Imam's specialisation is in expertise and utilising that to benefit the wider Muslim community.
 - 1.3.2.2. **Board of Imams – VIC** by Imam Mohamadu Nawaaz:

Imam Nawaaz highlighted that BOIV will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. [ATTACH POWERPOINT](#)



1.3.2.3. **Council of Imams – QLD** by Imam Yusuf Peer:

Imam Yusuf Peer highlights the challenges facing the Council of Imams QLD and imams. Imams are involved in various programs: Support for migrants through induction and welcoming them to Australia, Support for Domestic Violence victims, and Scripture program.

Council of Imams QLD also have a new executive committee.

1.3.2.4. **Council of Imams – WA** by Imam Faizel Ghafoor:

Imams are involved in various projects and aspects of the community, such as Islamic schools, which work well under the CARD program. Family domestic violence Seeks to emulate BOIV regarding marital and family conflicts. Council of Imams WA also have a new executive committee in 2024 with many passionate young scholars.

1.3.2.5. **Councils of Imams - SA** by Imam Mohamad Sayed:

The Imams in SA have been very active in bridging the gap in the community by providing youth engagement, marriage counselling, and knowledge and courses.

1.3.2.6. **Councils of Imams- ACT** by Imam Adam Konda:

Youth programs, Qur'an classes, two Islamic schools and the number of Muslims in Canberra is increasing.

1.3.3. **ANIC Sub-Committee Reports:**

1.3.3.1. **Australian Fatwa Council (AFC)** by Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed:

Chairman and Grand Mufti of Australia, highlighting the number of meetings held by the Council and the research conducted by them.

1.3.3.2. **Centre for Arbitration and Resolution of Disputes (CARD)** State: NSW – VIC – Other States.

Imam Abu Adnan will streamline policies and procedures for the CARD for all states and territories. The aim is to have this completed by February 2025.

1.3.3.3. **ANIC Halal Authority** by Dr. Anas Nadwi & Br. Nagi Taleb:

ANIC Halal Authority has made significant progress from its beginnings in 2022.

The authority has certified 400 clients across Australia with a significant breakthrough, and Coles and Woolworths have also joined the program.

ANIC Halal Authority aims to have the first domestic Halal standards in Australia.

[VIEW ANIC HALAL REPORT](#)

1.3.3.4. **Muslim Chaplaincy** by Imam Ahmed Abdo:

On a national level, there are currently 4 Muslim chaplains in the Australian Defence Force. At the state level, work is underway to develop a Muslim chaplaincy course locally to support Muslims in all fields (schools, hospitals, prisons, airports).

1.3.3.5. **Australian Islamic Education Services** by Br. Mazen Fahmi:

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. Scripture or SRE (Special Religious Education) program: The program is running in 36 NSW government schools (a total of 3,121 students and 51 teachers), but there are 50,000 Muslims in the state school system in NSW. Areas of strength: Consistency has been maintained in the last 12 months. It was noted that there is a need to be aware of the legislation that students are entitled to one religious education lesson per week. Spread awareness of the Scripture program, actively respond to teachers' requests in your local area, use platforms to promote the Scripture program, and develop a better curriculum:

1.3.3.6. ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory by Dr. AbulKhair Jalaluddin:

AIFA want to certify a wide range of financial products offered by Australian financial industries. These products include Managing investment, Cash, Islamic Income funds, Home financing, Vehicle financing, Trusts, Superannuation, Islamic pensions, and National and International shares.

AIFA want to enhance the capabilities of Islamic financial services in Australia.

[VIEW AIFA REPORT](#)

1.3.3.7. ANIC Women Advisory Council by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

The Council has 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 council members' concerns, feedback, and suggestions 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.

1.3.3.8. Global Imams and Scholars Network by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

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.

1.4. OPEN DISCUSSION

1.4.1. **Muslim Community Fund** by Imam Shadi Alsuleiman:

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
- Building a solid and united Muslim community with a shared vision
- Elevating our community at a local and government level

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. Political engagement
5. Advocacy and legal support

1.4.2. **Determination of the beginning and end of the month of Ramadan Forum** by Imam Taher Mechraoui:

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:

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

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.

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.

Participation applications are open and will close after the extension on **30 October 2024**.

[MORE DETAILS OF THE FORUM](#)

1.4.3. **Reinforcement of the ANIC Imams Code of Honor.**

It outlines our relationships as Imams, the importance of mutual respect, and the importance of unity in the Muslim Ummah.

Preserving the Islamic identity and the importance of maintaining the mainstream view of Islam. Attach document



[VIEW DOCUMENT](#)

1.4.4. Moving Motions on the Following:

- 1.4.4.1. Imams are to promote and advocate ANIC, its principles, vision, and mission.
- 1.4.4.2. 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.
- 1.4.4.3. ANIC unequivocally stands with all Muslims oppressed around the world, particularly the Palestinian people, advocating for their rights, dignity, and self-determination. We condemn all acts of oppression, occupation, and violence by the Israeli Occupation.
- 1.4.4.4. ANIC strongly condemns Israel's genocide and daily massacres against Palestinians. ANIC calls upon all citizens and elected representatives to stand against oppression and advocate for and support their brethren in Palestine, Lebanon and other lands where people are oppressed. We reiterate that standing by and supporting our oppressed brothers and sisters worldwide is a non-negotiable principle in our Islamic faith.
- 1.4.4.5. ANIC and its member Imams stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and strongly condemn the aggressive actions and invasion by the Israeli occupation.
- 1.4.4.6. To explore the option of increasing the representation of the other State Imam Council to include the President, Secretary and Treasurer on the ANIC Executive Committee,
- 1.4.4.7. Explore the option of a two-day ANIC AGM and retreat in 2025,

1.4.5. Resolution on the Next ANIC Annual General Meeting for 2024-2025

- 1.4.5.1. ***Sunday, 12th of October 2025, in Sydney, Australia.***

1.4.6. ANNOUNCING AND ENDORSING THE NEW ANIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM OF – 2024-2027 (3 years)

- 1.4.6.1. Returning offices were elected from the floor, Imam Yusuf Peer and Imam Mohamadu Nawas.
- 1.4.6.2. Office bearers positions opened and nominated.
- 1.4.6.3. Imam Shadi requested to note and minute that he has proudly served as ANIC President for 3 terms and strongly supports any Imam to raise their hand and nominate for the presidency position, with his unconditional commitment to supporting and standing with the new president. He reiterated that his loyalty and service to ANIC will not change regardless of the position he undertakes, or the responsibility given to him.
- 1.4.6.4. **Newly elected executive committee** for the term 2024 to 2027.



	Member Imam	State	Position
1.	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	NSW	President
2.	Imam Ahmed Abdo	NSW	Vice President
3.	Imam Majidih Issa	VIC	Secretary
4.	Imam Moustapha Sarakibi	VIC	Assistant Secretary
5.	Imam Tahar Mechraoui	NSW	Treasurer
6.	Imam Warsamah Bulhan	VIC	Assistant Treasurer
7.	Imam Youssef Hassan	NSW	Committee Member
8.	Imam Jalal Chami	NSW	Committee Member
9.	Imam Mahmoud Al-Azhari	NSW	Committee Member
10.	Imam Fawaz Kamaz	NSW	Committee Member
11.	Imam Abdulla Hawari	VIC	Committee Member
12.	Imam Imraan Hussain	QLD	Committee Member
13.	Imam Abdulsalam Alim	SA	Committee Member
14.	Imam Faizal Ghafoor	WA	Committee Member
15.	Imam Khalilurrahman Hamid	VIC	Chairman of the Board of Imams VIC & Committee Member
16.	Imam Akram Baksh	QLD	Chairman of the Council of Imams QLD & Committee Member
17.	Imam Amin Abu Samaha	SA	Chairman of the Council of Imams SA & Committee Member
18.	Imam Salmaan Parker	WA	Chairman of the Council of Imams WA & Committee Member
19.	Imam Adama Kinda	ACT	Chairman of the Council of Imams ACT & Committee Member

1.4.7. Australian Fatwa Council

- 1.4.7.1. The first action item for the ANIC Executive Committee is to reestablish the Fatwa Council by inviting qualified member Imams who meet the required criteria to join. The committee will facilitate the formation of the council and organise an election to appoint the Chair of the Fatwa Council and the Mufti of Australia.

1.4.8. Conclusion of the 17th ANIC AGM 2023-2024.

- 1.4.8.1. The 17th ANIC AGM concluded with a vote of thanks to all Imams, Shaykas, ANIC members and attendees for their participation, constructive and open discussion, and confidence in ANIC and its leadership.
- 1.4.8.2. The Imams were commended for their service to Islam and the Muslim community and for their ongoing support and solidarity with one another.

The 17th ANIC AGM ended with a Dua'a.

END OF THE 17th ANIC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023-2024

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

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ANIC President's Report 2024-2025:

Imam Shadi Alsuleiman

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

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Barakatuh,,

The 2024–2025 year was one of both profound challenges and significant progress for ANIC and the Australian Muslim community. Amid the ongoing genocide in Gaza and a rise in Islamophobia, ANIC has worked tirelessly to preserve the Islamic identity and integrity of Muslims, advocate for justice, protect religious freedoms, and support Muslim communities across Australia.

Key achievements this year include the formal establishment of the Council of Imams Tasmania, completing ANIC's national representation across all states and territories, and the launch of vital initiatives such as the Action Against Islamophobia programme, expanded Islamic education services (AIES), and strengthened Islamic finance and halal certification structures.

We enhanced ANIC's governance by adopting new financial and recruitment policies, reinforcing transparency and accountability at every level. Engagement with government, media, and faith groups amplified our collective voice, while our social media presence grew beyond 80,000 followers, ensuring timely communication with the community.

Looking ahead, ANIC remains committed to uniting Imams, community leaders and Islamic organisations nationwide, advocating for the rights of Australian Muslims, empowering the next generation through education and mentorship, and building sustainable institutions that will preserve the Islamic identity for generations to come.



Key Highlights 2024–2025

Unity & Leadership

At our national meeting, we reminded ourselves that regardless of whether we hold national or state roles, we are one organisation and one community. This spirit of unity guided our work. The formal establishment of the Council of Imams Tasmania was a milestone; having ANIC Councils in all states gives a voice to Imams from all states and reflects the inclusive nature of ANIC.

Our engagement extended beyond our own community. Through the Australian Religious and Faith Communities Network, we partnered with leaders of other faiths to advocate for religious freedom and values-based education. Internationally, we strengthened ties with scholars and councils through the Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC), and established partnerships and MOUs with prominent Islamic organisations in Muslim countries, fostering the exchange of experiences and mutual learning.

Advocacy & Representation

Advocating Justice for Palestine

ANIC persistently advocates against the genocide and occupation in Palestine by the Israeli occupying regime. We have consistently called for urgent sanctions, increased humanitarian aid, and for Australia to officially recognise the atrocities in Gaza as genocide, alongside the overdue recognition of the State of Palestine. Our efforts have ensured that the Palestinian cause remains prominent in public discourse and have urged Australia to adopt a principled and just stance.

Combating Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate and Hate Speech

We continued to combat Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate through the **Action Against Islamophobia (AAI)** initiative. Funding from Multicultural NSW supports education and awareness projects, helping victims find confidential support and referrals. We also supported the newly appointed Islamophobia Envoy's report, which offers targeted recommendations to tackle anti-Muslim hate across Australia. In addition, we advocated for and secured \$27 million in government funding for the Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program, ensuring greater protection and safety for our community.

Engagement with Government and Media

ANIC engaged directly with political leaders, government departments, and media organisations to promote fair reporting and push for policies that protect religious freedoms. Our submissions argued for religion to be recognised as a protected attribute in anti-discrimination laws and for stronger hate-speech protections. We voiced concerns about biased media coverage and advocated for journalists to respect Islamic values.





Community Building & Programmes

Education and Scripture Programs

Australian Islamic Education Services (AIES) expanded scripture teaching in public schools and trained more volunteers. New programmes in the ACT, Queensland and Western Australia, as well as the introduction of Juma'a prayers in schools, underscore our commitment to Islamic education.

Women's Advisory Council (AWAC)

ANIC's Women's Advisory Council brought together 22 prominent Muslim women from across the country, providing a formal platform to discuss issues facing Muslim women. Their first morning tea hosted over 40 community leaders, and the Council is drafting a document on the foundations of a strong Muslim family in Australia.

ANIC Halal Authority and Islamic Finance

- **ANIC Halal Authority:** Our Halal Authority continued to professionalise and expand, gaining credibility in local and international markets. We engaged with regulators and industry players to ensure high standards and transparency.
- **ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory (AIFA):** AIFA has approved multiple Shariah-compliant financial products and appointed a qualified Shariah adviser to oversee approvals, supporting Muslims seeking ethical financial solutions.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

In response to the trauma caused by the genocide in Gaza and local hate incidents, we hosted mental health workshops and partnered with experts to provide support. We emphasised that spiritual well-being must be paired with mental health care.

Action Against Islamophobia (AAI)

AAI local forums in Sydney, Queensland, and Melbourne offered safe spaces for community members to share experiences and receive guidance. Feedback from these sessions continues to shape AAI's approach, ensuring our responses are attuned to community needs.

Preservation of Islamic Identity

Preserving the mainstream understanding of Islam and the Islamic identity is central to ANIC's mission. Our vision is not only to nurture a vibrant Muslim community today, but to safeguard Islam and Muslims for generations to come. This long-term commitment shapes the initiatives we undertake:

- **Youth and Identity:** The Preservation of the Islamic Identity Youth Forum, hosted by the Council of Imams NSW, provided young Muslims with a rational, relevant platform to strengthen their faith and confidence. By engaging youth aged 14–25, we prepare the next generation to carry Islam forward with knowledge and pride. This project is growing across the country.





- **Ramadan and Eid Unity:** We initiated a three-phase programme to unify Imams on determining the start and end of Ramadan and the Eid festivals. The goal is to narrow differences and foster respectful understanding. Ensuring consistent observance across communities will help future generations feel part of a unified Ummah.
- **Ideal Muslim Family:** The Women's Advisory Council is drafting a document outlining the characteristics of an ideal Muslim family in Australia. This document emphasises Islamic values, mutual respect, and community responsibility and aims to guide families across generations in living a balanced Islamic lifestyle.
- **Islamic Education:** Through AIES, we increased scripture programmes and expanded to more states, ensuring our children understand Islam's fundamentals from a young age. Juma'a prayer and Islamic classes in public schools reinforce identity in a supportive environment.
- **Institutional Strength:** We are building resilient institutions, such as the Muslim Community Fund, ANIC Charity Trust, and AIFA, that will support Islamic education, legal advocacy, and ethical finance for future generations.
- **Advocacy against Islamophobia:** Standing up against hate crimes and discrimination not only protects the community but also affirms our right to practice Islam openly and proudly. This creates a safer, more inclusive environment for Muslims who will come after us.

Strategic Growth and Governance

ANIC focused on strengthening its governance framework to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making within the Executive Committee. Over the past year, several key policies were developed and formally adopted by the ANIC Executive Committee. These include new financial policies, a draft Recruitment and Employment Policy, and other governance documents designed to guide operations and strengthen organisational integrity. Clear processes were also established to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of Safety & Security Grants, while maintaining strict compliance with regulatory requirements. These initiatives reinforce ANIC's commitment to strong governance, sustainable growth, and safeguarding community trust through clear policies and well-defined procedures.

A Year of Engagement Across Australia

Over the past year, I travelled to every state in Australia to deepen relationships and understand the unique needs of our communities. These visits enabled me to meet Imams and community leaders firsthand, listen to their challenges, and build bridges of cooperation between ANIC and local Muslim communities. By engaging directly at mosques, Islamic centres, and community meetings, we strengthened partnerships, fostered unity, and aligned our efforts with the aspirations of Muslims across the country.

Future Vision and Conclusion

Our vision is to ensure that **Islam thrives in Australia for generations to come**. We strive to preserve mainstream understanding of Islam and the Islamic identity, represent the interests of





Australian Muslims, and unite our leaders under one banner.

Priorities for the coming year include:

1. **Strengthening unity** among Imams, community leaders and Islamic organisations across Australia.
2. **Ensuring the preservation of Islamic identity** through education, family guidance, consensus on religious observances, and environmental and ethical leadership.
3. **Continuing robust advocacy** on international and domestic issues affecting Muslims.
4. **Expanding youth-focused programmes** and mentorship initiatives, preparing the next generation to lead.
5. **Developing resources** to counter digital Islamophobia and promote safe online spaces.
6. **Maintaining transparency** and strengthening governance, policies and procedures so that ANIC remains a trusted institution.
7. **To address shared concerns, build stronger partnerships with other faith communities, global networks, and like-minded International Islamic organisations.**
8. **Investing in long-term institutions and leadership programmes that will preserve our faith and community for decades to come.**

Acknowledgements and Gratitude

I express my sincere gratitude to:

- **The ANIC Executive Committee**, whose collaboration and trust made our achievements possible.
- **State Imams Councils and member Imams**, for their dedication and service.
- **The ANIC Advisory Committee**, whose tireless volunteer efforts provide invaluable guidance and expertise across our programmes. Your advice has been instrumental in shaping ANIC's strategic direction.
- **Our volunteers and partner organisations** for their ongoing support.
- **Community leaders, Imams, and scholars** in every state, who graciously hosted me during my travels and shared their perspectives to strengthen our collective work.

May Allah reward your efforts, guide us to serve with sincerity and wisdom, and continue to unite us in serving Islam and the Australian Muslim community.

Imam Shadi Alsuleiman

President

Australian National Imams Council

Date: 12 October 2025





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ANIC Secretary's Report 2024-2025:

Imam Majidih Essa

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

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Barakatuh,,

Serving as Secretary of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) this past year has been an honour and a responsibility. Together with our Executive Committee, State Imams Councils, and member Imams across the country, we navigated one of the most challenging periods for our Ummah, particularly with the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Despite these hardships, we remained united, strengthened our governance, grew our membership, and advanced the interests of Australian Muslims.

Executive Committee Engagement and Communications

- **Regular meetings:** The Executive Committee met five times this year, including three online and two in-person meetings. This regular cadence, along with daily communication via phone, email and online platforms, ensured that urgent matters were addressed promptly and transparently.
- **National Coordination Meeting – State Imams Councils:** ANIC held its first National Coordination Meeting in May, bringing together Imams and Executive Committee members from State Imams Councils. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration, improve alignment, and address key issues affecting the Muslim community by fostering cooperation, sharing updates, and developing collective solutions.
- **Open communication:** OneDrive access was provided for executive policies and procedures, and members were reminded that policies are live documents open to amendment. This transparency allowed members to give feedback freely and ensured that decisions were made collectively.

Membership and State Councils

- **Growing membership:** ANIC's membership now includes **over 350** registered Imams nationwide, reflecting a significant expansion from the previous year.



- **90 day processing target:** At the National Coordination Meeting, it was reaffirmed that State Imams Councils are responsible for processing membership applications and must finalise them within **90 days** of submission.
- **Responsibilities of state councils:** The state Councils manage membership applications. Once approved, the Secretary is notified to update the ANIC register, database, mailing list, and website. Renewal of marriage celebrant licences is also handled at the state level.
- **New Council of Imams Tasmania:** The Council of Imams Tasmania was formally established. Its chair will sit on the ANIC Executive as an observer until the next ANIC election in 2027.

Marriage Celebrants and National Marriage Course

- **New celebrants:** Over the past year, **over 50** new Imams across Australia were registered as marriage celebrants.
- **Standardised marriage training:** A national marriage course for Imams is being developed. This course will provide consistent training and resources to equip Imams to conduct marriages effectively.

Financial Governance and Policies

- **Financial Policy:** The Executive Committee agreed on Financial Roles, Management and Authorisation Policy. This policy introduces an internal auditor, sets annual budgets, and allows State Councils to establish and administer their own budgets.
- **Transparency and reporting:** The Treasurer emphasised the importance of a transparent process, ensuring that members can question financial matters at any time. New bank accounts were opened at NAB, with a transition period away from CBA.

Governance and Policy Framework

- **Policies and Procedures:** ANIC enhanced its governance by formulating and implementing essential policies and procedures, including those related to finance and recruitment. Well-defined procedures were established for regulatory compliance, strengthening transparency, accountability and sustainable development, while ensuring that the Executive Committee functions with integrity and maintains robust community trust.
- **Policy library:** All executive policies are shared with committee members. They can be discussed, reviewed and amended collectively.
- **Safety & Security Grants:** National grants were secured for Muslim community safety. An operations committee with assessment and technical subcommittees will oversee distribution.
- **Multicultural NSW funding:** Funding was secured to expand **Action Against Islamophobia (AAI)** educational projects.
- **ANIC Charity Trust:** ANIC registered a Charity Trust with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status to support charitable projects.





Establishing Strong Internal and External Governance

- **Internal systems:** ANIC prioritises clarity and accountability in its operations. Regular policy sharing, joint decision-making on financial matters, an open feedback culture, strengthened trust and transparency.
- **External governance:** ANIC upheld strong governance by maintaining transparent processes for membership applications, marriage celebrant licensing, and state council responsibilities, while demonstrating compliance initiatives that reflect a commitment to best practice governance and accountability.

Department Updates

- **Centre for Arbitration and Resolution of Disputes (CARD):** CARD now has full-time administration and is being standardised across all states.
- **Australian Islamic Education Services (AIES):** Volunteer scripture teachers increased this year, with expansion into the ACT, Queensland and Western Australia. State Imams Councils continue to support Islamic education and Juma'a prayer programs in public schools.
- **Action Against Islamophobia (AAI):** The program expanded its reach and is developing a confidential reporting and referral system.
- **ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory (AIFA):** AIFA continues to certify Sharia-compliant financial products.
- **ANIC Halal Authority:** ANIC Halal Authority has reported steady growth and is functioning professionally.

Community Engagement and Public Statements

- **Public statements:** ANIC issued over **50 public statements** this year on key issues ranging from the Gaza genocide to domestic policy, hate speech, and community concerns.
- **Social media presence:** At the induction meeting in October 2024, it was noted that ANIC's social media presence exceeded **80,000 followers**, reflecting strong community engagement.
- **National Iftar and events:** Major events included the National Muslim Community Iftar, a youth forum, workshops on mental health and Islamophobia, and participation in global retreats.

Challenges and Priorities Ahead

- **Ongoing War on Gaza:** Our advocacy for Palestine remains central and will continue.
- **Rise of Islamophobia:** Rising hate calls for new educational and legal strategies and policies.
- **Youth and regional engagement:** We must reach more regional communities and empower Muslim youth.
- **Security:** Ensuring the safety of our mosques and Islamic centres is an ongoing priority.
- **Unity:** Strengthening cooperation between ANIC, State Councils, ANIC members, community leaders, and organisations remains essential.





Acknowledgements and Thanks

I extend my deepest thanks to:

- **The ANIC Executive Committee**, whose dedication and leadership made these achievements possible.
- **State Imams Councils**, for their efforts, groundwork and collaboration.
- **Our member Imams**, volunteers, and community partners, whose support and feedback keep us grounded and accountable.
- **Our advisors and consultants**, for guiding us through new policies and structures.

May Allah continue to guide us, keep us united, and use us to serve His religion and the Australian Muslim community.

Imam Majidih Essa

Secretary

Australian National Imams Council

Date: 12 October 2025



Annual Report

Australian National Imams Council Limited

ABN 66 122 669 318

As at 30 June 2025

Prepared by Mizan Partners

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Balance Sheet

Australian National Imams Council Limited As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets			
Bank			
AIES		930	-
ANIC General		4,668	-
ANIC General Bank Account		126,854	143,211
ANIC Halal Bank Account		24,292	18,650
Council of Imams NSW		1,000	-
Council of Imams QLD		25,616	-
Council of Imams WA		974	-
Society Cheque Account		6,450	-
Weel Expenses Account		4,731	-
Total Bank		195,514	161,861
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		4,153	36,353
Total Current Assets		4,153	36,353
Non-Current Assets			
Office Equipment		15,535	10,907
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment		(5,256)	(1,031)
Total Non-Current Assets		10,279	9,876
Loan: CARD		-	16,000
Total Assets		209,946	224,089
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		16,873	2,511
GST		8,386	(13,204)
Superannuation Payable		8,037	3,634
Total Current Liabilities		33,296	(7,059)
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans payable		279,290	75,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		279,290	75,000
Total Liabilities		312,586	67,942
Net Assets		(102,640)	156,148
Equity			
Retained Earnings		(102,640)	156,148
Total Equity		(102,640)	156,148

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 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Corporate Sponsorships	909	3,182
Donations Received - General	32,809	105,100
Grants - Public Sector	681,177	515,324
Halal Accreditation Fees	2,000	250,124
Member Contributions	1,584	8,529
Total Income	718,479	882,259
Cost of Sales		
Halal Admin Fees	-	3,764
Halal Manager Fee - MA	-	59,187
Halal Manager Fee - NT	2,800	77,175
Total Cost of Sales	2,800	140,125
Gross Profit	715,679	742,134
Other Income		
Other Income	23,351	22,546
Total Other Income	23,351	22,546
Expenses		
Accounting & Audit Fees	6,660	2,418
Advertising/Marketing	38,084	65,968
Bank Fees	458	199
Bookkeeping fees	2,516	-
Consulting Fees	55,486	6,525
Depreciation	4,225	1,031
Donations	1,450	1,613
Events	103,042	35,546
Filing Fees	552	549
Freight & Courier	-	68
General Expenses	9,832	9,988
Grant expenses	291,138	49,387
Insurance	7,160	6,107
Legal expenses	25,339	263,997
Member Meeting Expenses	2,524	2,039
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	557
Office Expenses	8,562	6,277
Printing & Stationery	10,643	-
Rent	74,960	77,822
Repairs and Maintenance	488	1,735
Sponsorships	9,091	-
Staff Amenities	2,941	1,040

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	2025	2024
Staff training	7,800	-
Stripe Fees	193	542
Subscriptions/Memberships	23,804	9,050
Superannuation	28,563	5,636
Telephone & Internet	3,669	1,575
Travel - National	30,264	2,511
Wages and Salaries	248,374	51,239
Total Expenses	997,817	603,419
Net Profit	(258,788)	161,261

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 2025

	2025	2024
Equity		
Opening Balance	156,148	(5,113)
Increases		
Profit for the Period	(258,788)	161,261
Total Increases	(258,788)	161,261
Total Equity	(102,640)	156,148

Notes to the Financial Statements

Australian National Imams Council Limited For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 2025. 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 2025. 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.

	2025	2024
2. Receivables		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	4,153	36,353
Total Current	4,153	36,353
Total Receivables	4,153	36,353
	2025	2024

3. Property Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	15,535	10,907
Accumulated Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	(5,256)	(1,031)
Total Plant and Equipment	10,279	9,876
Total Property Plant and Equipment	10,279	9,876
	2025	2024

4. Payables

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

	2025	2024
Current		
Accounts Payable	16,873	2,511
Superannuation Payable	8,037	3,634
Total Current	24,910	6,145
Total Payables	24,910	6,145

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 2025

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 2025

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)*.

Mizan Partners

10 September 2025

Signed

Annual Report

ANIC Halal Authority Ltd
ABN 73 657 622 985
As at 30 June 2025

Prepared by Mizan Partners

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Balance Sheet

ANIC Halal Authority Ltd As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets			
Cash at Bank			
ANIC Halal		11,978	-
ANIC Halal CBA		32,556	18,650
Total Cash at Bank		44,534	18,650
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		494,167	-
Total Current Assets		494,167	-
Non-Current Assets			
Loans receivable		252,653	-
Total Non-Current Assets		252,653	-
Total Assets		791,355	18,650
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
ANIC Halal Authority bank account		25	-
Accounts Payable		1,794	-
GST		58,665	-
Superannuation Payable		2,931	-
Total Current Liabilities		63,414	-
Total Liabilities		63,414	-
Net Assets		727,940	18,650
Equity			
Retained Earnings		709,290	-
Reserves		18,650	18,650
Total Equity		727,940	18,650

Profit & Loss

ANIC Halal Authority Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2025

2025

Income	
Halal Accreditation Fees	1,037,174
Travel costs	6,186
Total Income	1,043,360
Gross Surplus 1,043,360	
Expenditure	
Accounting Fees	1,440
Advertising & Marketing	101
Donations	10,000
Events	1,519
Filing Fees	204
Freight & Courier	96
Halal Admin Fees	21,063
Halal Manager Fee - MA	32,818
Halal Manager Fee - NT	113,058
Insurance	2,107
Legal Expenses	3,162
Member Meeting Expenses	4,325
Motor Vehicles - Fuel & Oil	647
Motor Vehicles - Registration & Insurance	76
Office Expenses	1,758
Postage	342
Printing & Stationery	163
Staff Amenities	188
Stripe Fees	713
Subcontractors	13,327
Subscriptions & Memberships	881
Superannuation	8,914
Training & Conferences	9,069
Travel - National	25,598
Travel - International	4,991
Wages & Salaries	77,510
Total Expenditure	334,070
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	709,290
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	709,290
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	709,290

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ANIC Halal Authority Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2025

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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 2025. 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 2025. 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.

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

Directors Declaration

ANIC Halal Authority Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 2025 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

ANIC Halal Authority Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2025

Compilation report to ANIC Halal Authority Ltd

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of ANIC Halal Authority Ltd, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2025, 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 Ltd 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 ANIC Halal Authority Ltd because *(reasons why not independent, for example, the member is a close relative of a director of the entity)*.

Mizan Partners

Dated: 22 September 2025

Motions – ANIC AGM 2024–2025

Unity and Preservation of Identity

Motion 1: Preservation of Islamic Identity

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to preserving the Islamic identity of Muslims in Australia by upholding the mainstream understanding of Islam, rooted in the Qur'an, Sunnah, and the scholarly tradition. We call upon all Imams, Islamic organisations, and community leaders to work collectively in safeguarding the integrity and authenticity of our religion for current and future generations.

Motion 2: Unity and Solidarity Among Imams

ANIC reaffirms that unity and solidarity among Australian Imams and scholars are essential to the preservation of the Muslim community. We call upon all State Imams Councils and leaders to strengthen collaboration, foster mutual respect, and ensure that differences do not undermine the collective interests of the Ummah.

Motion 3: Unity and Standing Firm in Times of Trial

ANIC emphasises that unity and solidarity among Muslims in Australia must remain a central priority, particularly during these challenging times of global injustice, the rise of Islamophobia, and genocide committed in Gaza. We call on all Imams, organisations, and community leaders to put aside differences, collaborate for the common good, and maintain optimism in Allah's support and victory.

Palestine and Global Advocacy

Motion 4: Advocacy for Palestine and Recognition of Statehood

ANIC calls upon the Australian Government to publicly condemn Israel's actions, impose sanctions on the Israeli regime, and adopt broader measures of accountability to ensure justice and uphold international law. We welcome the overdue recognition of the State of Palestine as a positive and historic step and urge further diplomatic and humanitarian action to support the Palestinian people. ANIC unequivocally stands with the Palestinian people in their struggle for freedom, dignity, and justice, and strongly condemns Israel's genocide, daily massacres, and continued occupation.

Motion 5: Advocacy for Oppressed Peoples Worldwide

ANIC stands in solidarity with all oppressed peoples around the world and strongly condemns the aggression, injustice, and violations committed against them. We reaffirm that supporting oppressed Muslims worldwide, in Palestine, East Turkistan, India, and beyond, is a fundamental principle of our Islamic faith and a moral obligation for justice.



Religious Freedom and Rights

Motion 6: Advocacy for Religious Freedom

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to defending religious freedom as a fundamental right for all Australians. We call on federal and state governments to strengthen legal protections for religious belief and practice, including amendments to anti-discrimination and hate-speech laws, to ensure faith communities are fully protected. ANIC also pledges to continue working with other faith groups to promote values-based education and religious freedom in schools.

Motion 7: Freedom of Protest and Advocacy

ANIC supports the right of all Australians, particularly Palestinian advocates, to protest, demonstrate, and hold political representatives accountable through peaceful means. We reject any restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, or chanting in support of Palestine, and call upon governments to safeguard these democratic rights across all states and territories.

Motion 8: Upholding Religious Freedom in Schools and Institutions

ANIC upholds and supports the right of all faith communities to freely practice, promote, and teach their beliefs in schools, institutions, and community centres. We oppose any legislative or policy changes that restrict religious freedom and condemn all forms of intimidation or harassment of communities or leaders for upholding their sacred scriptures and religious values.

Motion 9: Protection of Muslim Leaders and Advocates

ANIC stands in solidarity with Muslim leaders, scholars, and advocates who defend the rights and freedoms of oppressed peoples and uphold justice. We condemn attempts to smear, discredit, or silence religious and community leaders for speaking out against genocide, Islamophobia, or oppression, as such actions threaten the principles of freedom of religion and speech in Australia.

Motion 10: Rejection of the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

ANIC rejects the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, as it conflates legitimate criticism of the Israeli occupation and Zionism with antisemitism and restricts freedom of speech. We call on the Australian Government, universities, and all institutions not to adopt this definition, as it risks silencing critical discourse on human rights, justice, and the Palestinian cause.

Islamophobia, Community Safety, and Wellbeing

Motion 11: Combating Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate

ANIC commits to intensifying efforts to combat Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate, and hate speech through the Action Against Islamophobia (AAI) initiative. We call upon governments, media bodies, and civil society to adopt stronger measures to protect Muslim communities, while also endorsing the recommendations of the Islamophobia Envoy to tackle systemic prejudice across the nation.



Motion 12: Combating Islamophobia, Anti-Muslim Sentiment, and Palestinian Racism

ANIC raises deep concern over the sharp rise in Islamophobia, anti-Muslim sentiment, and racism against Palestinians in Australia. We call upon the Muslim community to report incidents of Islamophobia, bias, or harassment, and we call on the Australian Government to adopt robust protections to safeguard Muslim and Palestinian communities, their institutions, and their right to safety during these times of heightened hostility.

Family, Leadership, and the Future

Motion 13: Imam Welfare and Training

ANIC recognises the vital role of Imams in guiding and serving the Muslim community. We commit to enhancing their welfare, training, and professional development through regular workshops, wellbeing programs, and leadership training, ensuring they are well-equipped to fulfil their religious, social, and community leadership responsibilities.

Motion 14: Commitment to the Muslim Family Unit and Islamic Values

ANIC reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the Muslim family unit as the cornerstone of the community. We emphasise the importance of upholding Islamic values and principles in marriage, parenting, and family life, affirming that marriage in Islam is between a man and a woman. We pledge to develop programs such as the National Marriage Course and the Islamic Wills Service that provide guidance rooted in the Qur'an and Sunnah. These initiatives aim to protect the integrity of the Muslim household, nurture resilience, and ensure that families remain firmly grounded in faith within the Australian context.

Motion 15: Commitment to the Future

ANIC reaffirms its mission to unite Imams and community leaders to serve the Muslim community and preserve Islamic identity with dignity, integrity, and respect. We commit to expanding initiatives such as youth leadership programs and advocacy campaigns, ensuring a strong, united, and resilient Muslim presence in Australia for generations to come.





AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL

مجلس الإفتاء الأسترالي

THE AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL MEMBERS

2025-2028

1.	Imam	Dr. Ibrahim AbuMuhammed	Council of Imams	NSW
2.	Imam	Dr. Shabbir Ahmed	Council of Imams	NSW
3.	Imam	Abdulsalam Zoud	Council of Imams	NSW
4.	Imam	Dr. Loay Abdulbaqi	Council of Imams	NSW
5.	Imam	Dr. Amin Hady	Council of Imams	NSW
6.	Imam	Mohamad Khamis	Council of Imams	NSW
7.	Imam	Dr. Abdulrahman Asaroglu	Council of Imams	NSW
8.	Imam	Sayed Abdulalim	Council of Imams	NSW
9.	Imam	Sayed Ahmad Ashrafi	Board of Imams	VIC
10.	Imam	Dr. Sayed Fadlullah Fadel	Board of Imams	VIC
11.	Imam	Omran Al Olabi	Board of Imams	VIC
12.	Imam	Abdallah Hawari	Board of Imams	VIC
13.	Imam	Ismet Purdic	Board of Imams	VIC
14.	Imam	Dr. Atallah Khawaldi	Board of Imams	VIC
15.	Imam	Abdulnoor Wali	Board of Imams	VIC

Muslim Community Fund Board

	Name	State	Nominee Status
1.	Imam Shadi Alsuleiman	NSW	ANIC Nominee
2.	Imam Majidih Esa	VIC	ANIC Nominee
3.	Imam Salmaan Parker	WA	ANIC Nominee
4.	Khalid Mousa	NSW	AAM Nominee
5.	Ali Kadri	QLD	AAM Nominee
6.	Yousef Mansuri	ACT	AAM Nominee
7.	Dr AbulKhair Jalaluddin	NSW	Independent Nominee
8.	Ismail Davids	NSW	Independent Nominee



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(ANIC)*



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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GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thank you for your attendance at
18th ANIC AGM 2024-2025

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