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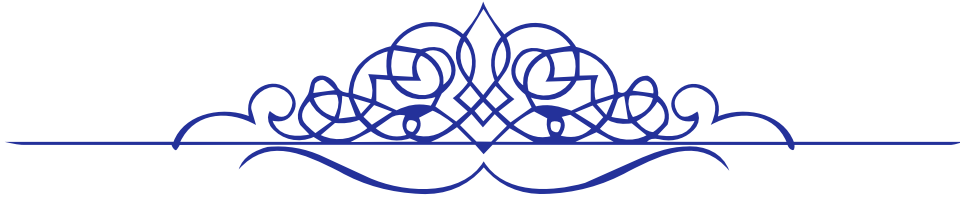
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Living as Muslims with confidence and
Building leadership for generations to come.



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“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah, all together, and do not become divided.”

Surah Āl 'Imrān, 3:103



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the ANIC Executive Committee

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Wa Barakatuh,

Alhamdulillah, it is an honour to present the Australian National Imams Council Annual Report for 2025-2026 to the 19th ANIC Annual General Meeting.

The past year has again demonstrated the importance of strong, united and principled Islamic religious leadership in Australia.

Our community has faced significant challenges. Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred continue to affect Australian Muslims. Mosques and Islamic institutions have faced threats and security concerns. The political and legislative environment has become increasingly complex. Our young people face increasingly complex questions relating to faith, identity, belonging and their future. Our community continues to carry deep pain and concern regarding the ongoing genocide, occupation and suffering of the Palestinian people, as well as the suffering of oppressed people around the world.



Imam Shadi Alsuleiman
President

Australian National Imams Council



We must preserve our faith.
We must strengthen our unity.



At the same time, we have witnessed great strength, unity and maturity within our community.

ANIC has continued to bring together Imams and religious leaders from across Australia; strengthen its State Imams Councils; improve governance; expand national programs; support community safety; respond to Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate; engage with government, policymakers, key stakeholders, and wider society; and strengthen its national and international relationships.

Most importantly, we have become clearer about our long-term responsibility.

Our responsibility is not only to respond to the challenges of today.

We must preserve Islam and the Islamic identity of our community for generations to come with integrity, without compromise and with confidence.

We want our children and generations to come to remain proud of their faith, proud of their Islamic identity and proud of their Muslim community, preserving and carrying Islam forward with strength, dignity and without compromise.

At the ANIC Annual National Coordination Meeting in August 2026, ANIC and the State Imams Councils reaffirmed the preservation of Islam, traditional Islamic teachings and Islamic identity for future generations as a core national objective.

This responsibility requires strong Imams, qualified scholars, sound Islamic education and awareness, strong families, confident young Muslims, credible institutions and strong unity.

Unity does not mean that we agree on every issue. Our Islamic scholarly tradition has always recognised legitimate differences of opinion.

Unity means that we respect one another, maintain our brotherhood, consult one another and support each other on matters of common concern and interest.

This principle was reinforced throughout our Executive Committee, Australian Fatwa Council and State Imams Council meetings during the year.

We are particularly proud of the brotherhood that exists among our Imams across Australia. Whether an Imam serves at the State or Federal level, we share the same responsibility to serve Islam and the Muslim community.

We thank all ANIC members, State Imams Councils, community leaders, staff, volunteers and everyone who has supported ANIC throughout the year.

We also acknowledge the many Imams who sacrifice their time, resources and personal commitments to serve their communities. Much of the work undertaken by our religious leadership is unseen, yet its impact is felt across thousands of Muslim families every week.

As we move forward, our focus must remain clear.

- **We must preserve our faith.**
- **We must strengthen our unity.**
- **We must develop the next generation of Imams and Muslim leaders.**
- **We must protect our religious freedom and Islamic institutions.**
- **We must support our young people and families.**
- **We must strengthen and institutionalise our professional, organisational and financial capacity.**
- **And we must ensure that Australian Muslims can remain confident in their Islamic identity while contributing positively to the country we call home.**

May Allah Almighty accept our efforts, forgive our shortcomings, keep our hearts united and allow us to leave behind strong Islamic institutions, lasting legacies and capable leadership for generations to come.

ABOUT ANIC

The Australian National Imams Council is the peak national body representing Imams, Muslim religious leadership and the Muslim community in Australia.

ANIC represents Imams, male and female Islamic scholars, and Muslim religious leaders across Australia, providing national Islamic religious leadership, guidance, coordination, and representation, while delivering and supporting a growing range of religious, educational, and community services for Australian Muslims.

ANIC operates through a national structure consisting of Imam and Shaykhah members, State Imams Councils, the Federal Executive Committee, the Australian Fatwa Council and a growing network of departments, programs and services.

The ANIC Federal Executive Committee comprises twenty one (21) Imams representing Australian states and territories. State Imams Councils operate within their respective state while maintaining direct representation within ANIC's national structure.

ANIC's work includes:

- Islamic religious leadership and guidance
- Supporting and coordinating Australian Imams and ANIC members
- Strengthening State Imams Councils
- Supporting Islamic education and scholarship
- Issuing national Islamic guidance and statements
- Strengthening Muslim families and future generations
- Preserving Islamic identity, with integrity and confidence
- Community, policy and government advocacy and representation
- Community safety and resilience
- Combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred
- Supporting dispute resolution and pastoral services
- Engaging constructively with wider Australian society and faith communities
- Strengthening national and international Islamic cooperation

The ANIC network also plays an important role in supporting Muslim leaders and Islamic organisations. Imams provide religious and pastoral care, family guidance, youth mentoring, community leadership and opportunities for civic participation. ANIC seeks to strengthen a balanced and confident sense of belonging among Australian Muslims, grounded in the Islamic faith, values and teachings, while recognising their responsibilities and encouraging their positive contribution to Australian society.



OUR VISION

To be the leading national Islamic body representing mainstream and traditional Islam in Australia, uniting and supporting Australian Imams and Muslim religious leaders and preserving the Islamic identity of Australian Muslims for generations to come.

ANIC seeks to develop strong Islamic religious leadership and institutions that serve the spiritual, educational and community needs of Australian Muslims while contributing positively to broader Australian society.

OUR MISSION



1| 2025-2026 AT A GLANCE

The 2025-2026 reporting period reflected significant activity across ANIC's religious leadership, governance, advocacy, community services and national coordination.

Key indicators and developments included:

360+

IMAMS AND ISLAMIC
RELIGIOUS LEADERS
CONNECTED THROUGH
ANIC NATIONALLY.

21

IMAMS SERVING WITHIN
ANIC'S FEDERAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

15

MEMBERS APPOINTED
TO THE AUSTRALIAN
FATWA COUNCIL

Continued Partnership between:

ANIC and **Alliance of
Australian
Muslims**



NATIONAL MUSLIM COMMUNITY IFTAR

held jointly by ANIC and AAM at
Waterview, Homebush, on:

24 February 2026

State Imams Council structures operating across New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania.



Representation from every State Imams Council at the 2026 Annual National Coordination Meeting.

ANIC Halal Authority provides halal certification services nationally, with continued growth and expansion across Australia and globally.

Participation in the 9th Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit, strengthening national coordination and helping unite Muslim community leadership across Australia.

Annual National Coordination Meeting bringing together ANIC, State Imams Councils and the Australian Fatwa Council.

Development of national proposals for Imam professional standards, training, wellbeing and future leadership.

The Centre for Arbitration and Resolution of Disputes (CARD) provides mediation, arbitration and dispute-resolution services, with continued development and national coordination across Australia.

Action Against Islamophobia continued developing as a national support and awareness program operating through multiple pillars, including victim support, reporting, education and community engagement.



Australian Islamic Education Services (AIES) delivers Islamic education and related school programs for Muslim students in public schools, supporting access to authentic Islamic education and the continued expansion of the program.



Australian Islamic
Education Services

AUTHENTIC ISLAMIC EDUCATION - PROGRAMS - SUPPORT

2| YEAR IN REVIEW

The period following the 18th ANIC Annual General Meeting in October 2025 was marked by both significant external challenges and important internal development.

The 18th AGM reaffirmed a series of national priorities, including preserving Islamic identity, strengthening unity among Imams, defending religious freedom, combating Islamophobia, advocating for justice, supporting Imam welfare and professional development, strengthening Muslim families and investing in future generations.

Throughout 2025–2026, ANIC worked to translate these commitments into stronger structures and practical initiatives.

The Australian Fatwa Council entered a more structured period of engagement with the ANIC Executive Committee to strengthen coordination, governance and its ability to deliver its religious and scholarly mandate effectively.

Governance and Terms of Reference were reviewed, and policies were developed and strengthened across a range of operational and governance areas to improve accountability, clarity, consistency, and long-term institutional sustainability, thereby supporting the development of strong, stable, and enduring organisations capable of effectively delivering their mandates.

The national safety and security program progressed into implementation.

Action Against Islamophobia continued to develop victim support, awareness and educational programs. ANIC Halal Authority continued expanding nationally and internationally.

ANIC and State Imams Councils held significant discussions regarding professional development, employment conditions, wellbeing, and future standards for Australian Imams.

The Annual National Coordination Meeting on 8 August 2026 brought together national and State religious leadership to establish a clearer strategic direction for Australian Imams. Its objectives included strengthening unity, sharing successful initiatives, identifying national priorities, developing professional standards, coordinating national responses and establishing priorities for the coming year. ANIC also continued to respond to major national issues affecting Australian Muslims, particularly Islamophobia, religious freedom, public policy, community safety and international humanitarian concerns.

One important development during the year was a clearer distinction between ANIC's role as the national Islamic religious authority and AAM's growing public-facing role in political advocacy and organisational representation.

ANIC and AAM reaffirmed their complementary roles, with ANIC remaining the national religious authority responsible for Islamic guidance, religious rulings and the representation of Imams and religious leaders, while AAM continues to strengthen its capacity in political advocacy, government engagement and media representation. This complementary relationship allows ANIC to protect its religious independence while continuing to engage directly on issues affecting Islam, religious freedom, Imams and Australian Muslims.

3| MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2025 - 2026

3.1 STRONGER NATIONAL COORDINATION

ANIC strengthened coordination between its Federal leadership, State Imams Councils and the Australian Fatwa Council. The 2026 Annual National Coordination Meeting brought together representatives from all State Imams Councils and established a clearer framework for communication, reporting, collaboration and future priorities.

3.2 STRENGTHENING THE AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL

ANIC brought the newly appointed Australian Fatwa Council, chaired by the Grand Mufti of Australia, into structured engagement with the Executive Committee and commenced a significant review of its Terms of Reference, governance, decision-making, scholarly processes and future priorities to strengthen its institutional framework, support effective delivery of its religious and scholarly mandate, and ensure its long-term sustainability and credibility.

3.3 ADVANCING MUSLIM COMMUNITY SAFETY

Implementation of the Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program progressed, with approximately 200 organisations participating in the initial Expression of Interest stage by April 2026.

3.4 STRENGTHENING ACTION AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA

Action Against Islamophobia continued to develop as a national support and awareness program, including a support line, a dedicated website, and educational workshops.

3.5 EXPANSION OF ANIC HALAL AUTHORITY

ANIC Halal Authority continued to grow its national commercial presence, strengthen its internal policies, and maintain international recognition.

3.6 STRONGER FOCUS ON IMAM DEVELOPMENT

ANIC undertook substantial national discussion regarding professional standards, wellbeing, mentoring, succession planning and professional development for Imams.

3.7 PRESERVATION OF ISLAMIC IDENTITY ELEVATED AS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

ANIC and State Imams Councils formally reaffirmed preserving Islam, traditional Islamic teachings and Islamic identity for generations to come as a central national objective. This priority was further supported through workshops, educational initiatives, community engagement and research aimed at strengthening Islamic identity, addressing contemporary challenges and supporting Australian Muslims in confidently maintaining their faith and values.

3.8 STRONGER COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

ANIC continued to strengthen its partnership with AAM and to deepen its engagement with Muslim community leaders, Imams and organisations across Australia. ANIC participated in major national leadership initiatives, including the National Muslim Community Iftar and the Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit, while continuing to build stronger relationships, coordination and collaboration across the broader Australian Muslim community.

3.9 GREATER FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION

ANIC increasingly incorporated action registers, responsibilities and follow-up mechanisms into its meetings, recognising that the effectiveness of national leadership must ultimately be measured through implementation rather than discussion alone.

4| UNITING & SUPPORTING AUSTRALIA'S IMAMS

4.1 ONE NATIONAL BODY OF IMAMS

ANIC reaffirmed during the year that its Federal and State structures constitute a single national body. State Imams Councils form an integral part of ANIC's national structure while operating within their respective jurisdictions.

The Federal Executive Committee consists of 21 Imams representing the states and territories, while each State Council has its own Executive Committee responsible for matters within its state and jurisdiction.

The August National Coordination Meeting reaffirmed that every Imam, regardless of whether they hold a Federal or State position, shares responsibility for strengthening ANIC and Australia's Islamic religious leadership.

This principle is central to ANIC's model.

- National leadership requires strong local leadership.
- Strong State Councils require strong relationships with individual Imams.
- Effective Islamic leadership requires national unity around matters affecting Islam and Muslims.

4.2 ANNUAL NATIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

The ANIC Annual National Coordination Meeting for State Imams Councils was held on Saturday, 8 August 2026, at the ANIC Head Office in Sydney.

Representatives attended from:

- ANIC Executive Committee
- Council of Imams NSW
- Board of Imams Victoria
- Council of Imams Queensland
- Council of Imams South Australia
- Council of Imams, Western Australia
- Council of Imams ACT
- Council of Imams Tasmania
- Australian Fatwa Council

The meeting established an important platform for national consultation and focused on:

- Unity and cooperation
- State Council responsibilities
- Sharing successful initiatives
- Community engagement
- Imam capacity building
- Media and government engagement
- Professional standards
- Community safety
- Youth and succession
- Islamic identity
- National crisis coordination
- National programs and services

ANIC intends for the National Coordination Meeting to continue as an annual national gathering.



4.3 IMAM TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The responsibilities carried by Imams are increasingly complex.

The National Coordination Meeting identified the need for greater professional development in areas including:



ANIC will work towards developing shared national training resources and networks in partnership with State Imams Councils.

5| AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

STRENGTHENING THE AUSTRALIAN FATWA COUNCIL

ANIC continued to strengthen the Australian Fatwa Council as an important national body for Islamic scholarship, religious guidance and scholarly collaboration.

The Council brings together suitably qualified Imams and Mashaykh to undertake scholarly research, consider contemporary religious, social and community issues affecting Australian Muslims, provide religious guidance and issue fatawa relevant to the Australian context.





During the reporting period, further work was undertaken to strengthen the Council's governance framework and Terms of Reference, including its membership, responsibilities, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, decision-making processes, scholarly disagreement, accountability and relationship with the ANIC Executive Committee.

The Australian Fatwa Council continues to contribute to stronger national coordination through research, scholarly consultation, national fatawa, religious statements, engagement with Imams and State Imams Councils, and guidance on emerging religious and community issues



6| PRESERVING ISLAM AND ISLAMIC IDENTITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

6.1 A CORE NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Preserving Islam, traditional Islamic teachings and Islamic identity for current and future generations, with integrity, confidence and without compromise, is one of ANIC's core responsibilities.

ANIC works with Imams, State Imams Councils, and Islamic institutions to strengthen Islamic education, families, mosques, Qur'anic connection, youth mentoring, credible scholarship, and strong religious leadership, while preserving the principles, values, and teachings of Islam.

6.2 YOUTH, FAMILIES AND ISLAMIC EDUCATION

ANIC continues to support initiatives that strengthen the Islamic identity of young Australian Muslims, develop future leaders and connect youth with Imams, Islamic knowledge, Islamic centres, Mosques and community institutions.

Strong Muslim families and quality Islamic education remain essential to this work. ANIC supports Islamic education through Australian Islamic Education Services, including Islamic Scripture programs in public schools, as well as other national initiatives, while encouraging stronger parenting, marriage and family programs.

6.3 QUR'AN AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ANIC supports greater national collaboration in Qur'anic education, including stronger connections between Qur'an schools, teachers, organisations and competitions, while promoting the memorisation, learning, understanding and teaching of the Qur'an.

These initiatives aim to deepen the relationship of Australian Muslims with the Qur'an, encourage greater engagement with its memorisation and teachings, and strengthen Islamic knowledge, faith and identity.

6.4 ISLAMIC IDENTITY AND AUSTRALIAN BELONGING

ANIC promotes an Australian Muslim identity that is confident in Islam and strongly connected to Australia.

Through the leadership of Imams, ANIC encourages Australian Muslims to preserve their Islamic faith and values, develop a strong sense of belonging, contribute positively to society, respect the law, be responsible and good citizens, and participate confidently in the wellbeing, advancement and future of Australia.

7| ADVOCACY, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

7.1 ANIC'S ROLE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANIC remains the national religious authority representing Australian Imams and Islamic religious leadership. During the reporting period, ANIC and AAM continued clarifying their complementary mandates.

ANIC remains responsible for Islamic guidance, religious rulings and the representation of Imams and religious leaders.

AAM continues to strengthen its capacity for public-facing political advocacy, policy representation, government engagement and media representation.

In urgent national situations, the organisations will continue coordinating according to their respective mandates and community needs.

7.2 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ANTISEMITISM AND SOCIAL COHESION

On 18 May 2026, ANIC lodged a detailed submission to the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion. ANIC representatives also appeared before the Royal Commission and gave evidence, presenting the perspectives, concerns and experiences of Australian Muslims and responding directly to matters relevant to the rise of Islamophobia and the treatment of Muslim communities in Australia.

ANIC's submission argued that social cohesion requires a fair, balanced and consistent response to hatred affecting all Australian communities.

The submission raised concern that policy responses which appear to prioritise one community while overlooking others can increase perceptions of marginalisation and undermine trust. ANIC called for responses to antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of hatred to be effective, proportionate and consistently applied.

Recommendations included:

- Recognising Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred as serious threats to social cohesion
- Implementing recommendations of the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia
- Strengthening religious vilification protections
- Supporting the National Anti-Racism Framework
- Funding education, research and public awareness
- Promoting religious literacy
- Improving standards of political and media discourse
- Supporting interfaith initiatives
- Addressing online hate
- Improving national data collection
- Maintaining a clear distinction between antisemitism and legitimate criticism of governments, political ideologies and international conflicts

7.3 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND LEGAL PROTECTIONS

Religious freedom remained a major concern throughout the year.

ANIC's previous AGM formally reaffirmed its commitment to defending religious freedom and strengthening legal protections for religious beliefs and practices.

ANIC argued that Australians targeted because of their visible religious identity should receive meaningful legal protection, that differences between State and Federal protections require attention, and that further work is needed to strengthen consistent, effective and nationally coordinated protections against religious hatred, vilification and discrimination.

7.4 ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ANTI-MUSLIM HATRED

The continuing rise of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred has had a significant impact on Australian Muslims and remains one of ANIC's major national concerns.

ANIC's Royal Commission submission noted the anxiety created by significantly increased Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred and argued that inconsistent institutional responses can damage confidence in government, media and enforcement agencies.

ANIC continued responding publicly to anti-Muslim incidents, threats, attacks on mosques and harmful public narratives during the reporting period.

Action Against Islamophobia continued providing practical support, awareness and reporting mechanisms. ANIC also continued advocating for the meaningful implementation of the recommendations of the Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia and for stronger national action to address Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred.

7.5 PALESTINE AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

The Palestinian cause remained a major religious, moral and humanitarian concern for ANIC and the Australian Muslim community.

The previous AGM reaffirmed that supporting our Palestinian brothers and sisters is a core religious, moral and organisational objective of ANIC and a principle on which ANIC will not compromise.

ANIC strongly condemns the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza, the unlawful occupation of Palestinian lands, the killing and displacement of civilians, the destruction of homes and essential infrastructure, and actions that deny Palestinians their fundamental rights, freedom, dignity and security.

ANIC remains committed to advocating for an immediate and lasting end to the violence and genocide, unimpeded humanitarian assistance, the protection of civilians, Palestinian freedom and self-determination, and accountability for violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

Supporting the Palestinian people in their pursuit of justice, dignity, freedom and peace remains an enduring priority for ANIC.

ANIC also reaffirmed its solidarity with oppressed communities throughout the world, including the people of Sudan, the Uyghur Muslims and other communities facing persecution, violence, displacement and injustice.



8| STAKEHOLDER, GOVERNMENT, MEDIA, FAITH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ANIC continued to actively engage with a broad range of stakeholders, including government representatives, policymakers, media organisations, faith communities, community leaders and the wider Australian public. Through these engagements, ANIC raised the concerns, priorities and perspectives of Australian Muslims constructively and directly, while advocating for fair consideration of issues affecting the community.

These engagements also provided important opportunities to strengthen relationships, promote greater understanding of Islam and the Muslim community, contribute to public discussions, and ensure that Muslim community perspectives are heard in policy, media and public discourse.

ANIC remains committed to engaging positively and professionally with stakeholders, while speaking clearly and confidently on matters affecting Islam, Australian Muslims, religious freedom, community safety, and the wellbeing of the wider Australian community.



9| COMMUNITY SAFETY AND NATIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE

9.1 SECURITY UPLIFTS FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

ANIC secured **\$25 million in Commonwealth program funding** to manage and deliver the Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program.

The program is designed to strengthen the safety and security of Muslim places of worship, educational institutions and community facilities across Australia, helping protect communities, improve preparedness and enhance the resilience of Muslim institutions.

Approximately **200 Expressions of Interest** had been received by the end of April 2026. The assessment team commenced reviewing submissions and professional security assessments were being organised. ANIC anticipates that eligible and successful applicants will begin receiving approved funding in the coming months to strengthen the safety and security of their mosques, Islamic institutions and community facilities.

9.2 PROTECTING MOSQUES AND ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS

ANIC continues to advocate that mosques and places of worship must remain safe places of prayer, reflection and community life.

Threats against mosques, anti-Muslim violence and attacks on Islamic institutions have reinforced the need for:



The Security Uplifts Program represents an important practical investment in protecting Muslim institutions.

9.3 NATIONAL CRISIS COORDINATION

ANIC identified the need for a national crisis communication and coordination framework.

The framework should address:

- Threats and attacks against mosques, Islamic centres and other Islamic institutions
- Serious Islamophobic incidents
- Major national emergencies
- Significant security matters
- Public controversies affecting Muslims
- Incidents requiring coordinated government or media engagement

The objectives of the framework should be to establish clear national coordination for crisis responses, define who is responsible for leading and coordinating the response, identify authorised public spokespersons, ensure information is properly verified before release, determine when joint statements are appropriate, strengthen communication between ANIC and the State Imams Councils, and provide timely support to affected States, institutions and communities.

This remains work in progress and should form an important priority for 2026–2027.

10| ANIC PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

ANIC operates and supports a growing network of programs and services designed to meet the religious, educational, social, professional and community needs of Australian Muslims. These services aim to strengthen Islamic religious leadership, preserve Islam and Islamic identity, support Imams and Muslim scholars, expand access to Islamic education, strengthen families and young people, improve community safety and resilience, respond to Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred, provide dispute-resolution and chaplaincy support, promote credible halal and Islamic finance services, and build stronger national institutions.

Through these initiatives, ANIC seeks to provide practical support to Australian Muslims, strengthen community confidence and wellbeing, and ensure that its services remain responsive to the evolving needs of Muslims across Australia.



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Education Services



**ANIC ISLAMIC
FINANCE ADVISORY**



10.1 ACTION AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA (AAI)

AAI supports victims of Islamophobia, encourages reporting, raises awareness, educates institutions, combats the rise of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred, and contributes to stronger, more coordinated responses that protect Australian Muslims and strengthen community safety and confidence.

During the reporting period, AAI expanded its work across five streams covering education and schools, police and hate-crime engagement, incident reporting and case management, community outreach, and Muslim adult and youth engagement. AAI appointed a dedicated social worker and case manager, cleared a backlog of open cases, produced four factsheets in partnership with the NSW Police Hate Crimes Unit, developed the 'Knowing Your Muslim Students' professional learning module, and produced more than 100 educational resources and assets for high school English and History subjects.

2025–2026 developments include:

- More than 300 cases reviewed, followed up and supported by Action Against Islamophobia, with efforts made to achieve the best possible outcome for affected individuals and communities
- National victim support
- Dedicated support line
- Dedicated website
- School workshops and seminars
- Engagement with the NSW Department of Education
- Community awareness activities, including seminars and educational sessions delivered to numerous Muslim community organisations across Australia, reaching more than 500 Imams, community members and young people, with further youth groups, Islamic schools and non-Muslim institutions engaged or scheduled for future presentations.



10.2 ANIC HALAL AUTHORITY

ANIC Halal Authority provides credible Islamic Halal certification and supports Australian businesses while maintaining appropriate Islamic standards.

2025–2026 developments include:

- Growth in halal certification activity across the country
- Continued review and strengthening of certification policies and procedures
- Expansion of certified products and services across Australia
- Renewal and progression of international halal recognition and accreditation
- Ongoing research into poultry processing, stunning and contemporary halal certification matters
- Greater public education and awareness of halal standards and certification



10.3 CENTRE FOR ARBITRATION AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES (CARD)

CARD provides dispute-resolution and mediation services, with a particular focus on marriage and family disputes, informed by Islamic principles and operating within appropriate Australian legal frameworks.

Priorities identified include:

- National procedures
- State coordinators
- Standardised processes
- Review and appeal mechanisms
- Consistent fee structures
- Imam training and professional development
- Accurate record keeping
- Strong coordination between State and Federal structures

For the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, CARD reported 83 open cases and 51 closed cases, reflecting continued demand for structured Islamic assistance relating to marital disputes, Islamic divorce, Khulu, reconciliation and other family matters.

CARD continued strengthening structured Islamic mediation, reconciliation, arbitration, Islamic divorce and Khulu processes, while improving coordination between case officers, Imams and senior scholars. Greater emphasis was placed on procedural fairness, confidentiality, accurate documentation, professional boundaries and appropriate referral to legal, counselling and other professional services where required.



Australian Islamic Education Services

10.4 AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC EDUCATION SERVICES (AIES)

AIES provides Islamic Special Religious Education and supports Muslim students within Australian public schools where authorised.

Australian Islamic Education Services (AIES) continued to strengthen the delivery of Islamic religious education programs for Muslim students in public schools, currently supporting programs across more than 60 schools, with ongoing engagement with schools, students, families, volunteer teachers and local communities.

During the reporting period, AIES focused on supporting participating schools, students, and volunteer teachers; strengthening teacher training and professional development; improving curriculum resources; supporting Friday Jumu'ah programs; and recognising the valuable contributions of volunteers.

In NSW alone, AIES supported more than 50 public high schools, coordinated more than 180 active classes each fortnight, reached more than 4,500 Muslim high school students and was supported by more than 90 volunteer facilitators, trainers and regional supervisors.

AIES was appointed as the official Islamic SRE representative for Islamic providers with the NSW Department of Education, strengthening ANIC's representation and advocacy for Islamic Special Religious Education across the state.

AIES also continued to expand its programs across different states and territories, including Queensland, Western Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania, strengthening access to Islamic religious education for Muslim students in the public system across Australia.

ANIC remains committed to supporting the continued development and national expansion of AIES as an important initiative to preserve Islamic identity, strengthen religious education, and support future generations of Australian Muslims.

AIES also secured a funding partnership with the National Zakat Foundation (NZF) to assist volunteer teachers with travel and out-of-pocket expenses, particularly in hard-to-reach schools. ANIC extends its sincere appreciation to NZF for its ongoing support and valuable contribution to Islamic education and the Australian Muslim community.



10.5 MUSLIM CHAPLAINCY

ANIC and State Imams Councils continue to support and strengthen Muslim chaplaincy services across Australia to better cater for the religious, pastoral and spiritual needs of Muslims in a wide range of institutions.

This work includes strengthening national coordination, supporting professional standards and training, developing chaplaincy pathways, assisting emerging jurisdictions, and supporting Imams entering institutional chaplaincy roles, including the Australian Defence Force, police services and other government, health, education and community settings.

ANIC remains committed to building stronger and more consistent Muslim chaplaincy services across the country so that Muslims can access appropriate religious support wherever they live, work, study or serve.

Future priorities include:

- Stronger national coordination
- Professional standards and development
- Training and capacity building
- Support for developing jurisdictions
- Pathways into institutional chaplaincy
- Cooperation with government and national agencies
- Supporting Imams entering Australian Defence Force chaplaincy and other institutional roles
- Expanding access to Muslim chaplaincy services across health, education, correctional, defence and other institutional settings to better meet the religious and pastoral needs of Australian Muslims



ANIC ISLAMIC FINANCE ADVISORY

10.6 ANIC ISLAMIC FINANCE ADVISORY (AIFA)

ANIC Islamic Finance Advisory supports the development, review and certification of Shariah-compliant financial products and services in Australia.

A growing number of Islamic financial institutions and service providers have already engaged with ANIC for Shariah review, certification, governance support, research and advisory services.

ANIC also continues to support the broader development of Islamic finance in Australia through education, industry engagement and advocacy with policymakers and relevant stakeholders, including promoting greater recognition and accommodation of Islamic finance within Australia's financial, regulatory and taxation frameworks.

ANIC remains committed to strengthening credible Shariah governance, supporting Islamic financial institutions and contributing to the sustainable growth of Islamic finance for the benefit of Australian Muslims and the wider community.



10.7 MUSLIM COMMUNITY FUND

The Muslim Community Fund was established with the support of ANIC and AAM to strengthen the long-term financial capacity, independence and sustainability of national Muslim community initiatives.

The Fund is designed to create a more coordinated and sustainable approach to supporting priorities that require consistent investment over many years, rather than relying primarily on short-term, reactive or campaign-based fundraising.

Strategic areas supported by the Fund include:

- Preservation of Islam and Islamic identity
- Advocacy and representation
- Media engagement and public communication
- Community development
- Leadership and capacity building
- Strengthening Muslim institutions and organisations
- Research and policy development
- Youth and future generations
- National Muslim community initiatives

The Fund also seeks to encourage a stronger culture of collective responsibility and community investment, enabling individuals, businesses, organisations and institutions to contribute towards shared national priorities.

By building a sustainable funding base, the Muslim Community Fund can support longer-term planning, stronger institutions, professional staff and greater organisational capacity across the Australian Muslim community.

ANIC views the Fund as an important investment in the future of Australian Muslims, helping ensure that key religious, social, advocacy and community priorities can be supported with greater continuity, independence and long-term impact.

11| NATIONAL MUSLIM COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

11.1 ALLIANCE OF AUSTRALIAN MUSLIMS (AAM)

ANIC is a founding member and close partner of the Alliance of Australian Muslims.

The relationship recognises complementary mandates, with ANIC providing Islamic religious leadership and representing Imams and religious leaders, while AAM provides a national platform for Muslim organisations and community leadership.

AAM has grown significantly in its membership, national reach and representative capacity, bringing together a broad network of Muslim organisations and leaders from across Australia. This growth has strengthened its ability to help unite the Muslim community around shared priorities, a common vision for the future, and practical pathways for stronger representation, advocacy, institutional development, and community advancement.

AAM continues to strengthen its capacity in public advocacy, government engagement, media representation, policy development and institutional capacity building, while supporting greater coordination and collaboration across the Australian Muslim community.

ANIC and AAM continue to work closely where their responsibilities intersect, with the shared objective of strengthening Muslim leadership, unity, representation and long-term community capacity across Australia.

11.2 NATIONAL MUSLIM COMMUNITY IFTAR 2026

ANIC and AAM jointly hosted the National Muslim Community Iftar on Tuesday, 24 February 2026 at Waterview, Homebush, Sydney.

The gathering brought together more than 400 guests representing a broad cross-section of the Australian Muslim community, including Imams, Muslim community leaders, representatives of mosques, Islamic centres, community organisations, and institutions, as well as distinguished guests and key stakeholders.

The event strengthened relationships, unity, cooperation, brotherhood and sisterhood and reflected the complementary relationship between religious and organisational leadership.



11.3 9TH AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY LEADERS SUMMIT 2026

ANIC actively supported and participated in the 9th Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit on 9 August 2026.

The Summit brought together national Muslim community leadership around issues including:

- Preservation of Islamic identity
- Political advocacy
- Media representation
- Religious freedom
- Islamophobia
- Community safety
- Governance
- Leadership
- National coordination

ANIC's participation strengthened the relationship between Australia's Islamic religious leadership and its broader organisational and community leadership. ANIC values the importance of such national coordination and collaboration and recognises its role in strengthening trust, cooperation and shared direction across the Muslim community. ANIC will continue working with Imams, community leaders and Muslim organisations towards greater unity, stronger coordination and a more unified and effective Australian Muslim community.



12| NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

12.1 GLOBAL IMAMS AND SCHOLARS COUNCIL (GISC)



ANIC continued playing an important role in the Global Imams and Scholars Council.

GISC brings together Islamic religious leadership bodies from Western and English-speaking countries to cooperate on issues affecting Muslim minorities, religious leadership and preservation of Islamic identity.

ANIC continued participating in GISC meetings and annual retreats, while also contributing to planning for the Council's next annual retreat to be hosted in Australia. Plans were developed for ANIC to host GISC delegates around the period of the 19th ANIC AGM, with programs planned in Sydney and Brisbane to strengthen international scholarly engagement, cooperation and coordination between Imams and Islamic religious leadership bodies.

This engagement provides Australian Imams and Muslim leaders with opportunities to exchange knowledge and experiences with Islamic religious leadership bodies operating in comparable societies.

The following scholarly organisations are part of this global collective:

1. Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)
2. The British Board of Scholars & Imams (BBSI)
3. Canadian Council of Imams (CCI)
4. North American Imams Fellow (NAIF)
5. United Ulama Council of South Africa (UUCSA)
6. Ulama Council of New Zealand (UCNZ)
7. Council of Imams in Japan (CIJ)

12.2 INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ENGAGEMENT



ANIC continued strengthening relationships with international Islamic scholars, organisations and religious institutions.

The reporting period included significant engagement with international Muslim leadership, particularly with neighbouring countries and Islamic institutions across Southeast Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei, strengthening relationships, scholarly cooperation and regional coordination.

Such engagement strengthens relationships between Australian Muslim religious leadership and reputable international Islamic institutions while ensuring Australian Muslims remain connected with the wider Ummah.

13| GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

13.1 GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Strengthening governance, transparency and accountability remains a core objective of ANIC and is essential to the long-term strength, stability, credibility and sustainability of its institutions.

ANIC continued to strengthen its internal governance during the reporting period, with a focus on ensuring that its structures, policies and operations remain consistent with Islamic principles, transparent in their administration, and compliant with applicable Australian laws, regulations and governance requirements, including those relevant to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

ANIC recognises that strong Islamic institutions require clear governance, responsible leadership, sound financial management, transparent decision-making and proper accountability. These foundations are essential to building stable, trusted and sustainable institutions capable of serving Australian Muslims for generations to come.

Governance development included:

- Clearer meeting processes
- Structured minutes
- Action registers
- Departmental reporting
- Policy review
- Fatwa Council governance
- State Council accountability
- Financial oversight
- Improved records and document management

13.2 FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT



ANIC continued to strengthen its financial position during the reporting period, supported by income growth, improved financial management, and stronger organisational capability.

Over recent years, ANIC has expanded its financial capacity, enabling the organisation to support a broader range of national programs, services, staff, community initiatives and strategic priorities. This growth has strengthened ANIC's ability to operate sustainably, respond to emerging community needs and invest in long-term institutional development.

Regular financial reporting continued to support transparency, accountability and responsible oversight by the ANIC Executive Committee.

ANIC remains committed to maintaining strong financial governance, diversifying and growing its income, strengthening internal systems and building the organisational capacity required to support its expanding national role.

The audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2026 will be presented separately to ANIC members.

14| CHALLENGES, LESSONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

14.1 ISLAMOPHOBIA AND COMMUNITY ANXIETY



CHALLENGE

Rising Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred continue to create anxiety, fear and concern within Australian Muslim communities.

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC must continue to combine public advocacy with practical reporting, victim support, education, community awareness, security initiatives, policy advocacy, engagement in legislative and legal reform, and stronger institutional relationships. Greater and more sustainable investment is also required in this area, including increased funding from both the Muslim community and government, to strengthen prevention, support services, education, research, security measures, policy development and long-term institutional capacity to respond effectively to Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred.

14.2 INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF THE ROLES OF IMAMS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS

CHALLENGE

Imams and religious leaders are increasingly expected to respond to religious, family, youth, political, media, social and well-being issues

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

Imam development can no longer be informal or occasional. Professional development, mentoring and pastoral support must become part of ANIC's ongoing national work.

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- MENTORSHIP
- SUPPORT



14.3 VOLUNTEER CAPACITY

CHALLENGE

Many Imams and ANIC leaders voluntarily take on significant responsibilities while also managing employment and family commitments.

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC requires stronger, sustainable funding and professional operational capacity to support its growing national responsibilities, programs, staff, advocacy, religious leadership and community services.

For this reason, ANIC supported the establishment of the Muslim Community Fund as a long-term initiative to strengthen the financial sustainability and institutional capacity of the Australian Muslim community.

The Muslim Community Fund is intended to help build a stronger culture of community investment, shared responsibility and sustainable resourcing for important national initiatives. It provides a mechanism through which individuals, businesses, organisations and community institutions can contribute towards projects that strengthen Islamic identity, support Imams and religious leadership, develop community institutions, fund advocacy and education, and respond to emerging national priorities.

ANIC views sustainable community funding as essential to reducing dependence on short-term or project-based funding and to ensuring that important Muslim community initiatives can be planned, developed and maintained with greater independence, continuity and long-term impact.

The continued development of the Muslim Community Fund will therefore form part of ANIC's broader strategy to build stronger, more sustainable and professionally supported national Muslim institutions.



Muslim
Community
Fund



14.4 SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

more than
100k
followers



CHALLENGE

Social media and digital platforms are increasingly shaping the way younger generations understand faith, identity, community and the world around them. Australian Muslim youth are exposed to a rapidly changing online environment, including competing ideas, misinformation, harmful content and growing pressures relating to Islamic identity, values and belonging.

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC recognises the importance of maintaining a strong, credible and positive online presence to provide authentic Islamic guidance, strengthen Islamic identity, communicate directly with Australian Muslims and ensure that trusted religious leadership remains accessible to younger generations.

During the reporting period, ANIC significantly strengthened and expanded its digital and social media presence, growing its network to more than 100,000 followers and generating hundreds of thousands of views, clicks and engagements across its platforms each month.

ANIC will continue investing in its online presence, digital communication, and content development to reach more Australian Muslims, particularly young people; provide credible Islamic guidance; promote positive messages; respond to emerging issues; and strengthen connections to Islam, Islamic values, and the wider Muslim community.

14.5 MEDIA AND CRISIS RESPONSES REQUIRE GREATER COORDINATION



CHALLENGE

National controversies move rapidly, particularly through social media and the 24-hour news environment, requiring Muslim organisations to respond quickly, clearly and professionally.

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC recognises the importance of strengthening its media capability and has invested resources in this area, including engaging prominent communications and consultancy firms to provide professional advice, strengthen media strategy, improve messaging and support more effective engagement with journalists, government and the wider public. ANIC has also invested in and subscribed to professional media monitoring and communications tools to track coverage, monitor emerging issues and public sentiment, identify developing risks and opportunities, and support more timely, informed and effective responses.

This work is intended to ensure that ANIC can communicate its positions accurately, confidently and in a manner that best represents Islam and the Australian Muslim community, while strengthening its capacity to operate effectively within an increasingly challenging and complex media environment.

ANIC will continue to develop clearer crisis, media, and spokesperson protocols, strengthen media training and preparedness, improve coordination between Federal and State structures, and build a more professional and strategic approach to public communication while maintaining appropriate State autonomy.

14.6 PRESERVING ISLAMIC IDENTITY REQUIRES LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

CHALLENGE

The challenges facing younger Muslims cannot be addressed through statements or isolated programs alone. Preserving Islam and Islamic identity requires sustained, long-term investment in people, institutions and leadership.

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC must continue investing in Islamic education, strong families, youth development, Imams, scholars, Qur'anic learning, leadership pathways, and sustainable Islamic institutions over the coming decades. These areas are essential to ensuring that future generations remain connected to Islam, confident in their Muslim identity and equipped to navigate contemporary challenges with knowledge, resilience and maturity.

ANIC's approach is to strengthen Islamic identity with confidence and integrity, without compromising the core principles and values of Islam, while ensuring that Australian Muslims develop a strong sense of belonging to Australia and confidently recognise themselves as an integral part of the country. This requires institutions that are credible, well-governed, financially sustainable, and capable of supporting Australian Muslims across different stages of life, while nurturing both a strong Islamic identity and responsible, positive citizenship.



Islamic education



Strong families



Youth development



Imams, Scholars



Qur'an Learning



Leadership pathways



Sustainable Islamic institutions

14.7 RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL ADVOCACY REQUIRE CLEAR MANDATES

CHALLENGE

ANIC must remain able to speak firmly and confidently on religious, moral and community issues, advocate for the legitimate interests and concerns of Australian Muslims with integrity, and ensure that important matters affecting the community are raised clearly and without unnecessary hesitation or compromise.



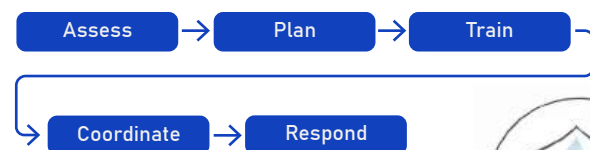
LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

The complementary relationship between ANIC and AAM should continue to be clarified and strengthened, enabling ANIC to maintain its religious independence and integrity while ensuring that the interests, rights and concerns of Australian Muslims are represented confidently, constructively and effectively.

14.8 COMMUNITY SAFETY REQUIRES PREPAREDNESS

CHALLENGE

Security concerns cannot be addressed only after an incident occurs.



LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

Mosques and Islamic institutions require security assessments, emergency planning, training, relationships with authorities and clear national escalation processes.

14.9 FUTURE RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP MUST BE PLANNED



CHALLENGE

The future of Islamic religious leadership in Australia requires deliberate planning and long-term investment.

Identify



Mentor



Develop

LESSONS | OPPORTUNITIES

ANIC is committed to identifying, mentoring, and developing the next generation of Imams, scholars, and religious leaders through structured pathways, leadership development, and practical experience.

This work will strengthen succession planning, ensure continuity of trusted Islamic teachings, support strong and sustainable institutions, and help preserve Islam and Muslim identity among future generations. ANIC remains optimistic about developing confident, principled, and capable religious leaders who will carry this responsibility with integrity and contribute positively to Australia.



15| PRIORITIES FOR 2026-2027

ANIC will organise the coming period around five strategic priorities, focused on preserving Islam and Islamic identity, strengthening religious leadership, protecting the Muslim community, improving national representation and building strong and sustainable institutions.

PRIORITY 01

PRESERVE ISLAM AND ISLAMIC IDENTITY

- Preserving mainstream and traditional Islamic teachings in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah
- Expanding Islamic education and religious learning
- Supporting Muslim youth and their Islamic identity
- Strengthening Muslim families and family life
- Preserving Islam for future generations
- Protecting religious freedom and Islamic practice
- Strengthening mosques and Islamic institutions

PRIORITY 02

STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIA'S IMAMS

- Strengthening unity among Australian Imams and Muslim leaders
- Expanding professional development and training
- Supporting Imams' well-being and resilience
- Improving employment standards and conditions
- Strengthening mentoring and peer support
- Developing leadership skills and capacity
- Supporting emerging and future Imams
- Strengthening State Imams Councils
- Strengthening the Australian Fatwa Council
- Developing future Islamic religious leadership

PRIORITY 03

PROTECT THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

- Combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred
- Strengthening mosque and institutional security
- Improving national crisis response and coordination
- Advocating against religious vilification and discrimination
- Strengthening community safety and resilience
- Expanding religious and community support services
- Supporting victims of anti-Muslim hatred and discrimination

PRIORITY 04

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- Strengthening State Council coordination and cooperation
- Strengthening relationships with Muslim community organisations
- Expanding government and policy engagement
- Strengthening media communication and representation
- Deepening collaboration with AAM
- Building constructive engagement with wider Australian society
- Policy advocacy and representation
- Digital communication and public engagement
- Strengthening international Islamic and scholarly relationships

PRIORITY 05

BUILD STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE INSTITUTIONS

- Strengthening governance and institutional accountability
- Building long-term financial sustainability
- Developing professional staff and organisational capacity
- Improving technology and digital systems
- Strengthening reporting and performance monitoring
- Promoting transparency and accountability
- Developing risk management and organisational resilience
- Diversifying community and government funding
- Strengthening succession and leadership planning
- Developing stronger organisational systems and policies



16| COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

ANIC's responsibility extends far beyond the present year.

The decisions we make today will shape the faith, identity, leadership and future of Australian Muslims for generations to come.

Based on 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data, Australia's Muslim population is young and growing:

45% of Australian Muslims are **under 25**

62% are **under 35**

Nearly **80%** are **under 45**



The 2026 Census will provide an important updated picture of Australia's Muslim population and its changing demographic profile. ANIC anticipates continued growth, a larger Australian-born generation, more young Muslim families, greater geographic diversity and deeper long-term roots in Australian society.

For this reason, ANIC has actively encouraged Australian Muslims to participate in and complete the 2026 Census.

Accurate participation is important to ensure that the size, diversity and needs of the Muslim community are properly reflected in national data and considered in future planning, services, policy development and community investment. This demographic reality creates both a significant responsibility and a great opportunity for today's Imams, religious and community leaders, and Islamic institutions. ANIC is focused on ensuring that future generations have access to qualified Imams and male and female Islamic scholars, authentic Islamic scholarship, strong families, effective Islamic education, vibrant mosques, Islamic centres and institutions, capable leadership and the confidence and integrity to maintain their Islamic identity while contributing positively to Australia.

These changes reinforce the importance of ANIC's long-term projects in developing Australian Imams and religious leaders, strengthening State Imams Councils, supporting Muslim families and youth, expanding Islamic education, preserving religious freedom, responding to Islamophobia, protecting mosques and institutions, and building stronger financial and organisational capacity.

Preserving Islam and Islamic identity for generations to come will remain central to ANIC's mission. ANIC will continue investing in people, leadership and institutions that strengthen unity, brotherhood, religious knowledge, community confidence and Australian belonging.

With the help of Allah Almighty, and with the support of our Imams and the wider Muslim community, this responsibility and trust will remain at the heart of ANIC's mission.

17| GRATITUDE

ANIC expresses its sincere appreciation to all Imams, ANIC members, members of the Australian Fatwa Council, and State Imams Councils across Australia for their dedication, service, and continued contributions to ANIC and the Australian Muslim community.

We acknowledge the dedication of ANIC staff, department managers, advisers, volunteers and supporters, and we thank our community organisations and leaders for their cooperation, trust and continued partnership.

ANIC also extends its deep appreciation to the resilient Australian Muslim community. Despite the challenges faced throughout the year, the community has continued to demonstrate strength, unity, generosity, patience and an enduring commitment to Islam, to the Australian Muslim community and to the wider Muslim Ummah globally.

We remain optimistic about the future. The strength of our Imams, institutions, families, young people, and community gives confidence that, together, we can continue building a stronger, more united and more capable Australian Muslim community for generations to come.

Above all, we thank Allah Almighty for giving us the opportunity to serve His religion and His servants.

We ask Allah Almighty to accept our efforts, forgive our shortcomings, guide our leadership, protect our community and the wider Muslim Ummah, preserve our faith, strengthen our unity and grant continued success to the Australian Muslim community and Muslims around the world, and protect Australia, the country we call home.

Ameen.



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