



الاتحاد الاسترالى للمجالس الاسلامية
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- Halal Certification & Accreditation
- Muslims Australia Magazine
- Islamic Schools Projects
- Zakat & Charitable Services
- Imams & Religious Services
- Dawah Work
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Political Advocacy

MEMBER STATE COUNCILS

Muslim Council of NSW
Islamic Council of VIC
Islamic Council of QLD
Islamic Council of WA
Islamic Council of SA
Islamic Council of ACT
Islamic Council of NT
Islamic Council of TAS
Islamic Council of
Christmas Island

MEMBER SOCIETIES

Over 100

7 July 2009

To: Chairmen of State Islamic Council
Presidents of Islamic Societies
Imams and Religious Leaders
General Members of the Muslim Community

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam,
Assalamo alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Re: Report on AFIC Activities

I hope this reached you in good health and high Islamic spirit by the grace of Allah
(swt)

I am pleased to take this opportunity to communicate with you and provide you a brief run down of AFIC's recent achievements and also to seek your counsel and recommendations to efficiently manage AFIC and to best serve the growing needs of our *Ummah*.

During the past two years AFIC has undertaken a number of projects and initiatives with a wide range of organisations including Federal and Local Governments, International partners, Ambassadors from Islamic Countries and regional governments. This has allowed AFIC to assist our Muslim *Ummah* to address their needs through various avenues. We are grateful to Allah *SWT* who provided us an opportunity to serve the Muslim *Ummah*.

Most of you would be aware of the new web site that has been launched recently for AFIC. There is still ongoing work on this web site to make it more informative and also to provide more relevant information. I thank you for your patience whilst we place all marriage celebrants, all Muslim burial grounds, all Islamic Embassy contact details, and similar information on the web site. It is also our intention to have the recent AFIC publications of Muslim Australia as well as the mosques around Australia on the web site. We will also be putting on the web site all AFIC accredited and certified halal butchers and restaurants.



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At the recent AFIC Congress the issue of our Halal and Fatwa committee was discussed and I am pleased to announce that this committee has had their first meeting to commence this most pressing work. The AFIC arranged Shura Committee is also in the process of being finalised. The first draft of the structural changes to AFIC is being finalised and this will be circulated shortly for comment.

All AFIC schools which qualified under the Federal Government's stimulus package submitted their applications for all the rounds of funding and I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in receiving substantial grants as follows:

Malek Fahd Islamic School - \$200K + \$3M + \$1,970,000

Islamic College of Brisbane - \$200K + \$3M

Islamic College of South Australia - \$200K + \$2.5M + \$1,970,000

Langford Islamic College - \$200K + \$2M

We are still awaiting results of some additional possible funding for 2 of the schools. We are grateful to Allah *SWT* for this result. We also acknowledge the Federal Government with gratitude for these funds and also thank the board members of each of the school and the Principals, consultants and the members of the Block Grant Authority in each state.

This is indeed very welcome injection of funds at a very crucial juncture for some of the schools as there was a great need for capital works with dwindling AFIC funds.

All of these projects are well under way with very close scrutiny from the Head Office as per the directions given by the Congress. *Insha Allah* there will soon be some top class facilities in all of these schools. As you all are aware of AFIC's Malek Fahd Islamic Schools achievements in education. This is to inform you all that AFIC has acquired Liverpool City Council's approval to establish the second campus of Malek Fahd Islamic School at Hoxton Park to cater for the extensive demand from the community for AFIC run schools. We thank Allah once again as well as express our appreciation to the Liverpool City Council and other friends for their support in achieving this outcome.

AFIC has also settled on the land in Melbourne for the AFIC school and work has commenced in earnest for this project. *Insha Allah* both the Melbourne and the Hoxton Park schools will be operational early next year.

We are expecting some good progress on the land for the eventual location of the Islamic School of Canberra.



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AFIC also provides a daily email media service and a weekly email service with details of events and functions being held around the country by the various Islamic organisations as well as government services of particular interest to the Muslim *Ummah*.

AFIC has established a Women's and Youth Councils and the two sisters looking after this from the new AFIC executive committee will provide details of their initiatives in the coming weeks.

Finally, I would like to assure you all that the new AFIC Executive Committee is working hard to improve the image of Muslims and Islam in Australia and internationally. I look forward to your cooperation and input for the work ahead of us all to better serve the Muslims of Australia.

Wassalam,
Yours brotherly,

Ikebal Adam Patel,
President of AFIC.