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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

30 December 2011

Celebrating a Successful 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Islam,

Assalamo alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barkatahu

Another year is coming to a close and it is important to reflect on Muslims Australia (AFIC)'s achievements in this period.

Alhamdulillah it has been a year full of many achievements and I will just summarise these:

EDUCATION

1. Opened Islamic College of Melbourne in February 2011 for classes.
2. Opened Malek Fahd Hoxton Park in April 2011 for classes.
3. Opened Malek Fahd Beaumont Hills in April 2011 for classes.
4. Completed Multipurpose Hall, new classrooms and new library at Islamic College of Brisbane.
5. Completed Multi-Purpose Hall, new language and science labs and commenced construction of trade training centre at Islamic College of South Australia.
6. Completed Multipurpose Hall, Library and new class rooms at Langford Islamic College in Perth.
7. Progressed to Year 7 classes at the Islamic School of Canberra.
8. Completed the Multipurpose Hall and new Library and Science Labs at Malek Fahd Islamic School in Greenacre.
9. Provided the first scholarships to Australian students for university studies on behalf of the Islamic Development Bank.
10. Funded Muslim students from Vanuatu, Solomons, Papua New Guinea and Tonga for religious and higher education.
11. Investigated merits of establishing schools in Darwin, Townsville, Werribee and other locations.
12. Consolidated the purchases at our schools of services like Insurance, electricity, phones, software, uniform. Work is progressing on other items like stationery and the like that can be bundled and purchased as a whole of business for better outcomes for the community.



BAITUL MAL

Introduced a Baitul Mal scheme to be rolled across Australia.

SUBMISSIONS TO SENATE AND PARLIAMNETARY ENQUIRIES

1. Submission on funding of schools - Federal Govt.
2. Submission on Migration and Multiculturalism.
3. Attended Senate enquiry on Migration and Multiculturalism.
4. Submission on Refugee intake.
5. Submission on Climate Change.

PRESS RELEASES

Muslims Australia (AFIC) issued a number of press releases over the year on issues affecting Muslims in Australia and around the world. Made statements to media on topical issues like Halal and Animal welfare, Sharia role in Australian Legal system and the like.

HOSTED OVERESEAS DELEGATIONS

A number of delegations were hosted either directly or on behalf of DFAT and foreign missions and other partners.

PARTICIPATED IN INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

Co-chaired the national dialogue between Christians, Muslims and Jews and participated in various other activities.

PUBLICATIONS

Various articles were written either directly or in partnership with others on Halal matters, treatment of Muslim patients, dawwah and similar. Muslims Australia magazine was printed and distributed as well as the Annual Report.



DONATIONS

Various local and international natural disasters were assisted either directly or through donations from the community. Funding was made available for various activities by members of the community or societies and councils.

BURIAL GROUNDS

Advocated and secured space for Muslim burial grounds in a number of localities.

MOSQUE AND PRAYER FACILITIES

Secured land for mosque and prayer facilities in some regional centres in partnership with the local communities and in the process of the same in other locations.

HALAL BUSINESS

Recognised as the premium halal certification provider by industry and Muslim countries. Secured halal certification approval from all Muslim countries after some 20 years without this approval in some cases.

CENSUS 2011

Muslims Australia (AFIC) took on a major role in promoting Australian Muslims to engage in the Census 2011 process.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

It was recognised that the Muslim community had to engage in the political process in Australia and this was an issue that was encouraged for all to consider. We would like to thank Br Samir Dandan, the President of Lebanese Muslim Association in also working tirelessly on this issue.



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CONGRESS 2011

Muslims Australia held its 47th Annual congress this year as well. Among our esteemed guests were chief guest Yab Pehin Sri Hj. Abdul Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak, Malaysia, the Hon. Tony Burke, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities representing the Hon. Julia Gillard Prime Minister of Australia along with Mr David Irvine, Chief of ASIO and other senior Ministers in the Government. The dinner was also attended by valued Imams and leaders within our community.

GENERAL

Being a dynamic organisation, there are many activities that are responded to on a daily basis. At the same time there are pressures from the media, the local councils, community and others on issues that they may perceive as threatening to them from the Australian Muslims which is handled by Muslims Australia to the best of our abilities.

As an organisation now that boasts eight schools, Muslims Australia (AFIC) has processes in place for procurement of services and for major projects. At the same time we have taken a position that we will actively encourage Muslim suppliers of services and products but purely on merit. Instead of a perceived bias against Muslims from doing business with our entities just because they were Muslims, we now encourage Muslims also to tender for our projects and decisions will be made on based purely on merit and by an independent panel to avoid conflict of interest issues.

In the same light, we are sure that there are many ideas amongst the Muslim community that would lead to better outcomes for all concerned. These could be in the provision of services, at our schools, and other considerations generally. We encourage these suggestions so that they can be deliberated on and implemented if warranted.

We would like to thank all of the many brothers and sisters and other partners who have assisted Muslims Australia (AFIC) executive and staff in the delivery of the above in very difficult times. A special thanks goes to all the Board Chairman of the various schools, all of the board members and the Principals, staff and the Parents and the community for their support, assistance and encouragement. We also like to thank the Board of Imams, the Ambassadors and High Commissioners for their support and assistance in various ways. We would also like to acknowledge the various other partners in our work and especially for the State and Federal Governments for their assistance in our various projects.

In concluding, we have tried to work to the best of our abilities and with the guidance of the Councils, Societies and elders. As humans I am sure we may have erred or lapsed in our efforts and for this I apologise to you all on behalf of the Executive committee and the staff and seek refuge from Allah Subhano taalah.



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With warmest regards and the best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Walekum As Salaam

Yours brother in Islam,

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President

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