



4th Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM)

National Summit 2021

Sunday, 31st of October 2021

10:00am - 01:00pm (AEST)- via ZOOM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendees Online:

1.1. In total and throughout the day, 90 participants from all Australian states and territories representing different organisations and Islamic centres.

2. Opening of the 4th AAM National Summit.

2.1. The 4th Alliance of Australian Muslims Summit (AAM Summit) 2021 was officially opened by Sheikh Shadi Alsuleiman with praising Allah (SWT), thanking the participants for attending the online 4th AAM National Summit, followed by a reminder of the importance of the unity and working together on the common good, interest and denominators that benefit everyone particularly the Muslim Community. Also highlighting the fruits of the Alliance of Australian Muslims and some of its achievements in the past three years, and how the AAM succeeded in bridging the gap between the Muslim organisations in Australia.

3. Quran Recitation.

3.1. Sh. Abdullah Hawari from Mary Mosque VIC, recited some verses from Surah Ali-Imran 102-105.

4. Welcoming and Introduction.

4.1. Sheikh Shadi again welcomed all attendees to the 4th AAM National Summit meeting via zoom, praising Allah SWT for our unity, allowing us to remain together and be able to meet during COVID, lockdown and these challenging times.



- 4.2. It was also reiterated on the importance of the AAM and the fruits that the AAM and Summit has already produced since its establishment three years ago in 2018, as well as the goals and vision of the AAM, touching on the point that the AAM is to complement and complete the existing Muslim organisations and peak bodies and to add value to their existence and establishment and best way in serving Islam and the Muslim community.
- 4.3. An introduction was made of each participant, the organisation that they represent and their state.
- 4.4. Sheikh Shadi also mentioned the positive impacts of the AAM on the Muslim community, thanking participants for their contribution and their support in achieving this, in particular thanking the AAM Operations committee for the amazing effort, dedication and commitment.

5. Reminder of the Etiquettes and Reminder for ZOOM Meetings

- 5.1. Br. Khalid Mousa – AAM Interim Secretary -read out and reminded the attendees of the AAM Summit etiquettes in order to achieve the best outcome and most constructive meeting.
- 5.2. Br. Khalid also stated some of the achievements of the AAM in the past 12 months, primary focused on the collaborative work that the different organisations have been working together on.

6. Reviewing and Re-endorsing the AAM Covenant

- 6.1. The AAM Covenant was read and emphasised on the importance of the AAM's unity and working together collectively and respectfully.
- 6.2. All participants endorsed the AAM Covenant and its content and committed to maintaining its articles.
 - 6.2.1.1. See attached AAM Covenant (Link: <https://australianmuslims.org.au/4-summit-documents>)

7. Reading of the Last AMCNSummit 2020 Meeting Minutes.

- 7.1. AAM Summit Participants read and approved the Meeting Minutes of the Last AMCNSummit (AAM Summit) that was held on 28th of June 2020 via ZOOM.
 - 7.1.1. Comments and Feedback:
 - 7.1.1.1. Participants thanked the AAM Operations Committee for their ongoing efforts and work.

8. Presentations, Updates and Plans 2022:

The Presentations, Updates and Plans 2022 focused on the Common Denominators:

8.1. 1st Presentation and Update:

Preservation of Islamic Identity by *Br. Anas Yaghmour and Sr Dania Roumieh.*

8.1.1. Br Anas Yaghmour commenced with Dua'a and thanked all brothers and sisters for their participation, the presentation focused on National survey to gain a better understanding of the Muslim community in Australia.

8.1.1.1. See attached Presentation (Preservation of Islamic Identity) (Link: <https://australianmuslims.org.au/4-summit-documents>)

8.1.2. Comments and Recommendations:

8.1.2.1. The survey to be distributed and owned by all AAM members.

8.1.2.2. Create community education programs designed and delivered by subject matter experts.

8.1.2.3. The survey to be launched by early 2022.

8.1.2.4. All feedback, comments and engagements can be forwarded to the Preservation of Islamic Identity committee by emailing: identity@australianmuslims.org.au

8.2. 2nd Presentation and Update:

Media Representation by *Br. Bilal Rauf.*

8.2.1. Br Bilal opened with Dua'a and thanked all participants for the attendance and media committee for their active role in media engagement, presentation and coordination.

8.2.2. Bilal emphasised on the importance of collaboration of all media spokespersons in all states from all Muslim organisations and have mentioned that such collaboration displays the Muslim community in a professional, dignified and unified manner.



8.2.3. He updated the participants on the Religious Freedom and Anti-Discrimination bills and importance of advocating for religious freedom and working with other faith groups.

8.2.4. The term Islamophobia was addresses and ignited the debate on the change of this term, to a recommended term 'ANTI-MUSLIM'.

8.2.5. Comments and Recommendations:

8.2.5.1. Improve the Muslim community's collaboration with media outlets and agencies, including to further engage with the Australian press council.

8.2.5.2. Developing educational workshops for Islamic organisation to better tackled and deal with the media.

8.2.5.3. Hold a national meeting to debate the change of the term Islamophobia.

8.2.5.4. Develop suitable and qualified Muslims in the media space.

8.2.5.5. Media committee to hold a national online workshop, available to all Islamic organisations and potential candidates in the Media.

8.2.5.5.1. **All feedback, comments and engagements can be forwarded to the Media representation committee by emailing: media@australianmuslims.org.au**

8.3. 3rd Presentation and Update:

Defence of Muslim Rights – Sr Ramia Abdo Sultan

8.3.1. Sr Ramia commenced with Dua'a and thanked all participants for the attendance.

8.3.2. Ramia had spoken about the importance of strong advocacy on Civil rights Awareness and raising effective national campaigns on this topic.

8.3.3. She also mentioned the work that she has been involved in with other community members in addressing the concerns of Islamophobia and the rise and danger of right-wing extremism and white supremacy.

8.3.4. Comments and Recommendations:

8.3.4.1. Conversation has been established across states to further identify and combat Islamophobic incidents and attacks.

8.3.4.2. To empower Australian Muslims through education by allowing Muslims to understand their rights and how to address them.

8.3.4.3. Addressing complaints through reporting all Islamophobic attacks and incidents and the launch of a platform to report these incidents.



8.3.4.4. Consultation and drafting submissions in collaboration with all interested Muslim organisations and to aim to have one submission on behalf of the Muslim community supported by all Muslim organisations from across the country.

8.3.4.5. Educate the community on legal issues and rights and raise awareness on a national level.

8.3.4.5.1. **All feedback, comments and engagements can be forwarded to the Defence of Muslim Rights committee by emailing:**
rights@australianmuslims.org.au

8.4. 4th Presentation and Update:

Public Relations – Br Ahmed Bassal

8.4.1. Br Ahmed Bassal commenced with Dua'a and thanked all participants for the attendance.

8.4.2. Ahmed focused on two main Public Relations projects and initiatives in 2022:

8.4.2.1. National Mosque Open Day.

8.4.2.2. National Community Ramadan Iftaar.

8.4.2.3. **See attached Presentation (Public Relations) - (Link:**
<https://australianmuslims.org.au/4-summit-documents>)

8.4.3. Comments and Recommendations:

8.4.3.1. To hold a National Eid celebration day.

8.4.3.2. To collaborate with existing organisations who hold national Mosque open days.

8.4.3.3. To encourage Muslim organisations and centres to open their centres for Islamic awareness even if they don't have a mosque or a prayer area.

8.4.3.3.1. **All feedback, comments and engagements can be forwarded to the Public Relations Committee by emailing:**
pr@australianmuslims.org.au

8.5. 5th Presentation and Update:

Lobby and Political Advocacy by Br. Adel Salman.

8.5.1. Br Adel Salman commenced with Dua'a and thanked all participants for the attendance.



8.5.2. Adel focused on Federal Elections 2022 and having a unified strategy for the Muslim community in all states and electorates.

8.5.2.1. See attached Presentation (Lobby and Political Advocacy) - (Link: <https://australianmuslims.org.au/4-summit-documents>)

8.5.3. Comments and Recommendations:

8.5.3.1. Developing and issuing talking points to raise with local MPs and political representatives from all political parties and candidates in all states and electorates.

8.5.3.2. Raise awareness on the future elections, local, state and federal and mobilising the Muslim community to be on the same page in their engagements with different political candidates.

8.5.3.3. Hosting Round table discussions with different political parties and leaders and address issues pertaining to the Muslim community on a state and Federal level.

8.5.3.4. All feedback, comments and engagements can be forwarded to the Lobby and Political Advocacy Committee by emailing: advocacy@australianmuslims.org.au

PLEASE NOTE: All brothers and sisters are encouraged to forward all suggestions, feedback and recommendations on any of the proposals to the relevant committee after the Summit. **Email:** admin@australianmuslims.org.au

9. Member Presentations:

9.1. The following AAM member organisations made a brief presentation on their organisation and their activities and programs.

1. Auburn Gallipoli Mosque – Sydney by Dr Abdulrahman Asaruglo
2. Darul Tarbiyah – Sydney by Sh. Eshfaq akbar
3. Islamic Practice and Dawah Circle – IPDC by DR RAFIQ
4. Islamic Society of South of Australia by Br Adnan Abu Ajmaieh
5. ACT Muslims Australia by Br Yusuf Mansuri
6. United Muslims of Northern Territory by Br Adel Razi
7. Islamic Schools Association of Australia by Br Abdullah Khan

9.2. Presenters were thanked and complemented for their amazing presenting and contribution.



10. Notice of Election of AAM Board Members and Operations

Committee 2022

- 10.1. Members and participants were updated on the election and appointment of a new AAM Board Members and Operations Committee in the next AAM Summit 2022. It was mentioned that unfortunately due to the pandemic, an election process was difficult.

11. Next AAM National Summit:

- 11.1. The next **5th Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) Nation Summit 2022** will be held on **Sunday 30th of October 2022 in Sydney.**
- 11.2. The Summit will be called if there is an emergency or urgency to meet before the scheduled date.

12. Final Words & Vote of Thanks:

- 12.1. Sheikh Shadi reiterated that today's Summit is another milestone and historical moment for the Australian Muslim community.
- 12.2. All attendees were greatly thanked for their attendance and contribution towards the success of 4th AAM National Summit and the unity of the community.
- 12.3. A special vote of thanks was extended to all the presenters for their amazing and exceptional presentation and leadership.
- 12.4. The 4th AAM National Summit online meeting concluded with a Dua'a at 1.05pm.

***MAY ALLAH KEEP US ALL
UNITED, TOGETHER & STRONG...***

JAZAKOM ALLAHU KHAIRAN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & SUPPORT

PLEASE SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE 4th AAM NATIONAL SUMMIT ONLINE:

<https://australianmuslims.org.au/summit-feedback-form>

Link to all documents of the 4th AAM National Summit:

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