



AAM Operations Committee Report 2022

Last 12 months:

1. The AAM has held 3 Operations committee meetings in the past year, all over ZOOM, with good attendance and participation.
2. We have constantly engaged with key stakeholders from the Muslim community, particularly the Imams, Dua'at, Islamic organisations and centres. In addition, we exerted all efforts to include community leaders in discussions and consultations on Muslim community affairs and its future.
3. The AAM has an increase in members from all around Australia. We currently have over 210 organisations, and more to come, inshallah.
4. We have finalised the DRAFT AAM constitution to be shared with the AAM members for their feedback and input. *You will find it in the link to the Summit documents.*
5. We continue to work on and develop AAM policies and procedures and engage with professional consultants in different areas and expertise.
6. In the past year, most organisations were recovering from COVID Lockdowns and starting to embrace face-to-face activities again.
7. AAM played a significant role in transitioning the Muslim community into returning to normal everyday life again, and advocated on behalf of the community on many different levels.
8. The National Muslim Community Iftaar was a great success in demonstrating the capabilities of the AAM to bring the community together, with a large number of attendees, over 550 people. Invitations were extended to all AAM members, many Imams, Community leaders, MPs, federal and state and from different political parties, Government officials, religious leaders from other faiths attended and others.
Inshallah, we plan to improve, grow, and hold it in different cities next year.
9. AAM coordinated and united the efforts of the Muslim community in Australia in the 2022 Federal Election, whereby had engaged with the different political parties and nominees and have seen a number of Muslims coming into Parliament.
10. AAM was part of organising a NSW dinner with the NSW Labor leader and 18 of his shadow ministers. It is becoming evident that political parties are realising the importance of the Muslim vote in Australia.
11. It is clear the community is demanding for the ability to work collaboratively and be more united. This is the purpose of the AAM, to provide a platform for communication and collaboration amongst key stakeholders.



The purpose and role of the AAM:

OVERVIEW

- The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) is a representative body of Australian Muslims, comprising of over 200 grassroots mainstream Muslim organisations across Australia.
- The Alliance of Australian Muslims is a Not for Profit Organisation operating to serve Muslims of Australia while seeking the pleasure of Allah and following the path of his messenger Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him).
- The AAM aims to engage all segments of the Muslim community to unite, collaborate, and network. Our objective is to represent Muslims in Australia and create a more established and brighter future for all Australian Muslims.
- AAM works towards overcoming the challenges that the Muslim community is encountering in Australia, by being proactive, transparent and professional in its presentation

VISION

- The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) aims to be a leading collaborative platform enhancing and advancing a faithful, productive Australian Muslim Community.

MISSION

- To effectively coordinate and promote a wholesome Muslim identity, enhance media and political engagement, strengthen public relations and advocate for the protection of civil rights.
- The AAM is not there to tell its members how to run their organisations or their activities/events, rather the AAM looks to support its members based on the agreed common denominators and interests.
- The AAM's goal is to create a platform for communication and collaboration between its members and the key stakeholders in the Muslim community.
- The key item is that the common denominators and interests are not independent silos but work in harmony with one another.



The future of the AAM:

1. The last few years, the AAM has been working to build community engagement and understanding of the common denominators and interests and strive together and collectively towards achieving them.
2. The establishment of communication platform(s) for members to communicate key activities, achievements and events.
3. Sharing of knowledge, experience and resources so members of all sizes can leverage and benefit from. This opens up training and mentoring across organisations and for future generations.
4. Working with member organisations on key events and activities for each common denominator and interest as required, for example, a dedicated event/ summit/ activity to focus on mainly the common denominators and interests driven by the members and supported by the AAM.
5. To unite the mainstream Muslim community on one platform and on the common denominators that will preserve the common interest of the Australian Muslim community.
6. Agree and establish frameworks for how we operate as a community, for example, Lobbying and Political Advocacy, defending the rights of Muslims where all organisations take part in.
7. Engage with, and learn from, local or international organisations/institutions that have successfully worked towards the common denominators and interests in contexts similar to Australia.
8. Importantly to preserve the traditional and authentic understanding of Islam.
9. To represent Islam and the Muslim community on all levels in the media, government, political parties etc, in the most professional and dignified way and form.
10. To positively engage with the wider Australian society and contribute to the greater good of the country and its people.
11. To advocate for human rights in general, especially on issues pertaining to the Muslim community.
12. To Educate the community and raise awareness on civil rights, political engagement, and their role in being the best Australian Muslim citizens.



Finally, we thank all the AAM operations committee members for their dedication, Commitment and hard work last year.

We also thank all the AAM members, organisations, brothers and sisters for their ongoing support, trust and confidence in the AAM and for their contribution towards the establishment and growth of the AAM.

We look forward to working together and continuing the collaboration, preserving Islam and advancing the interests of the Muslim community in this country.

Thank you and Jazakom Allahu Khairan.

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On behalf of the AAM Operations Committee

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