



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

## MELBOURNE MUSLIMAHS

Supporting women to achieve better outcomes

MELBOURNE  
*Muslimahs*

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*Melbourne Muslimahs acknowledges to Wurunjuri People of the Kulin nation who are the traditional custodians of the land in which Melbourne Muslimahs is based in Naarm (Melbourne).*

*However, our members are from across Victoria and other parts of Australia, so we pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whose lands, waters and skies we all live and work on.*

*We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge First Nation people's rich cultures, histories, diversity and deep connection to waters, lands and skies across Naarm and Australia-wide. We celebrate and recognize the enduring leadership of First nations Australians in our community .*



# ABOUT US

## Our Vision

Melbourne Muslimahs is a community organisation established by Muslim women to support vulnerable women in the community, helping them achieve better outcomes. Many of the women who we support have gone through challenging times that leave them vulnerable when restarting life after leaving prison, escaping dangerous relationships or when embracing Islam as new Muslims. Melbourne Muslimahs helps and empower women to flourish and see that there is nothing stopping them from achieving their dreams.

Our goal at Melbourne Muslimahs is to provide assistance and support to women suffering from abusive behaviours, misfortune, helplessness, poverty, distress or isolation. We plan to accomplish the following:

- developing and delivering programs and services addressing these issues in a way that is consistent with Islamic values but without advancing religion.
- providing support, including information and referral services.
- increasing women's defences and resilience, by increasing self-confidence, self-esteem, independence and education.
- raising awareness and informing women and in particular, Muslim women, about social welfare services, the government and other relevant bodies, of the issues facing women, their causes and ways to assist.
- provide shelters, meals and financial assistance to needy and vulnerable women; and
- to assist other service providers, achieve better outcomes for women and in particular, Muslim women.

*"Melbourne Muslimahs has helped me build confidence in myself and provided valuable guidance on my journey as Muslim. The support I receive is without judgment and they are always willing to facilitate meeting new people as I got back on my feet.*

*- Testimonial*

## Our Objectives and Activities

The team at Melbourne Muslimahs continue to help in emergency situations, provide holistic social and emotional support until a woman is comfortable in her new life with new friends and a positive support network.

### Ramadan Iftar

In April 2022 we held our annual Ramadan Iftar fundraiser at Seaview in Williamstown. We had a short a short talk by Dr Lucy Verwey and raised over \$50,000 as part of the launch of our Share house project.

### Bushwalks

Our bushwalks continue to remain popular throughout Summer and Autumn. When we get out bushwalking with others it motivates, builds accountability, safety, and connection. We've walked the Redwoods and Lorne.

### Rehabilitation project

We invited anyone within our network of people we support who are struggling with current or past addiction problems to join in a new project in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Program. It is a sisters only support service designed to support sisters in a safe space.

### Laptop Project

We launched the laptop project in 2021 with the hope of providing two young women in difficult circumstances an opportunity to change her outlook on life, an provide enthusiasm and confidence to continue with her studies. We successfully raised funds and donated 2 laptops this year.

### Young Adult and Sisters Connection Nights

We have successfully held a number of evenings which include a short talk and encourage socialising over dinner. We hold these dinners and sometimes lunches for women we are working with individually and within the wider community to make positive connections. We collaborated with Al Kauthar institute and had speakers such as Sheikh Bilal Ismail (South Africa) who discussed the deadly sins of the tongue. Brother Dean Mousad (Sydney) shared on 'knowing your worth' and a popular Q&A night with Brother Dean Mousad and Brother Mohamed Fenj.

## Our People

### Board members

Name	Position	Dates acted
Yasmine Hass	President	June 2022 - Present
Asmaa Coowar	Treasurer	June 2021 - Present
Marsellina Mutagubya	Secretary	April 2021 - Present

## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

Melbourne Muslimahs expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to all our board members and volunteers leaving, who have continued enormously to the organisation's success. We greatly appreciate the commitment, and hard work demonstrated.

Ellen Osman - Vice President

Ayse Gunceler - Board Member

Ruheena Riyaz - Treasurer

## DONORS AND COLLABORATING ORGNISATIONS



## VOLUNTEER AND WORK COMMITTEE

Sarah Jae

Janelle Elsalameh

Selen Rifat

Samitu Edao

Yeliiz Deveci

Nez Elrawi

Tony Kotsopoulos

Maryam Abdou

Rashika Norain

Siham Meh

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 10th December 2022

Assalam Walaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Melbourne Muslimahs was established as a not-for-profit organisation in 2019 and today marks our second Annual General Meeting due to the Covid 19 restrictions. I am sure there is a collective sense of relief that lockdown is behind us and, with the grace and mercy of Allah (SWT) we can continue to assist the community either individually or through various events and programs. This requires an ongoing commitment and cooperation from us within the community and those we partner with.

In December 2021 we announced our plans to raise \$2 million dollars to build three (3) townhouses which will be used as faith-based crisis accommodation. We identified a gap in Muslim based support services and the lack of these facilities and we embarked on this journey. In Ramadan we held our annual iftar fundraising dinner at Seaview Williamstown where we launched the Share house Fundraiser. To date we have raised over \$51,997 so far for this project and this long-term project will continue with further fundraising events in 2023.

2022 also saw the launch of our Youth Nights with Melbourne Muslimahs hosting dinners with guest speakers, such as Br Dean Mousad from Brothers in Need and Sheik Bilal Ismail from South Africa, facilitating discussions on issues facing Muslim youth and establishing events where we can get young males and females together in an environment where they are able to engage with their peers in a way that is respectful of Islamic boundaries. These youth events have led to our second 'Get a Life' event being organised for 2023 with our 'Get a Life' youth camp booked for the summer holidays on Melbourne's Great Ocean Road. This event will feature international, interstate and local speakers on topics such as mental health, drug and alcohol recovery, connecting with peers to create a positive brotherhood and sisterhood.

In sha Allah these camps will be an annual event hosted by Melbourne Muslimahs to support our youth for years to come. Plans are also under way for our 2024 camp already.

Our final new project that commenced in 2022 has been our collaboration with the Rehabilitation Project in Sydney providing drug and alcohol recovery support for Muslims which is a much needed service with our community and we are very excited to be collaborating on this project.

Other programs that have continued in 2022 are our Bushwalk program and our laptop program for disadvantaged teens.

Today we are also announcing to our members the plans to launch Melbourne Muslimahs Care & Disability Services (MMC&D), providing support for NDIS clients in 2023.

2022 was my 3rd and final year as a Board Member for Melbourne Muslimahs having completed my tenure. I am pleased to announce our President for this new financial year being the respected Yasmine Hass. We are also pleased to announce that Asmaa Coowar has taken on the role of treasurer in 2022. Marsellina Mutagubya has continued in her role as secretary.

Thank you to the members, board members, volunteers, and supporters of Melbourne Muslimahs for your continued support this year and I pray that we are able to witness this organisation continual growth into the future. I am looking forward to my continued work with Melbourne Muslimahs in the role of advisor and support this organisation in its growth.

Jedda Van Rooyen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jedda Van Rooyen".



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Melbourne Muslimahs Inc  
10 Leandon Avenue, Wollert, VIC  
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## Balance sheet report

30 Jun 2022

	Total		
	Actual	Last Year	Variance %
<b>1-0000 Assets</b>			
1-1000 Cheque Account	12,144.72	502.14	2319
1-1001 MELBOURNE MUSLIMAHS ZAKAT ACCOUNT	8,181.00	0.00	-
1-1002 MELBOURNE MUSLIMAHS SHAREHOUSE	43,014.56	0.00	-
1-1100 Paypal Account	(1,623.76)	0.00	-
1-5000 Trade Debtors	22.41	0.00	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>61,738.93</b>	<b>502.14</b>	<b>12195.16%</b>
<b>2-0000 Liabilities</b>			
2-3001 GST Balance	(597.48)	(4,082.42)	-85
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(597.48)</b>	<b>(4,082.42)</b>	<b>-85.36%</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>62,336.41</b>	<b>4,584.56</b>	<b>1260</b>
<b>3-0000 Equity</b>			
3-8000 Retained Earnings	2,614.92	2,614.92	0
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	57,751.85	1,969.64	2832
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>60,366.77</b>	<b>4,584.56</b>	<b>1216.74%</b>

# PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT



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## Profit and loss report

Accrual mode  
01 Jul 2021 - 30 Jun 2022

	Total		
	Actual	Last Year	Variance %
<b>Income</b>			
4-2020 Event Ticket Sales	0.00	5,757.05	-100
4-2021 Event Ticket Sales - Sharehouse Fundraiser	11,403.45	0.00	-
4-2160 Membership Fees	40.74	0.00	-
4-2250 Donations	41,156.72	27,163.99	52
4-2251 Donations-Zakat	9,458.42	700.00	1251
4-2254 Donations - Sharehouse	41,593.68	0.00	-
4-2541 Govt Grant	2,000.00	0.00	-
<b>4-3000 Sponsorships</b>			
4-3001 Sponsorships - MCCA	0.00	4,000.00	-100
4-3004 Sponsorships - ICV	0.00	600.00	-100
<b>Total Sponsorships</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>105,653.01</b>	<b>38,221.04</b>	<b>176.40%</b>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>105,653.01</b>	<b>38,221.04</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
6-0030 Advertising & Marketing	1,368.03	2,593.76	-47
6-0031 Internet & Website Expenses	54.05	2,084.09	-97
6-0032 Legal Fees	545.46	4,999.99	-89
6-0035 Subscriptions & Memberships	813.42	437.29	86
6-0070 Bank Fees	191.32	0.00	-
6-0072 Operational Expenses	387.97	0.00	-
6-0073 Stationery & Office Supplies	427.01	883.29	-52
6-0074 Telephone - Mobile	684.60	709.15	-4
6-0075 Filing Fees	308.10	0.00	-
6-0076 Sundry Expenses	8.61	0.00	-
<b>6-0101 Client Expenditure</b>			
6-0102 Clothing & Garments	464.33	1,374.28	-66
6-0104 Client Relocation Expenses	1,373.59	415.91	230
6-0105 Client Emergency Accommodation	1,759.99	0.00	-
6-0106 Client - Rent	1,391.00	0.00	-
6-0109 Client Food and Grocery (GST Free)	76.84	1,986.62	-96
6-0110 Client Food and Grocery	1,297.06	963.35	35
6-0111 Client Meetings Food & Beverages	519.22	3,369.51	-85
6-0112 Client Entertainment (GST Free)	1,161.50	214.13	442
6-0114 Client Community Support - Food & Bev	2,877.16	0.00	-
6-0115 Client Utilities Support	958.69	491.15	95
6-0116 Client Medical Expenses	11.73	32.81	-64
6-0118 Client Gift Cards - various	4,380.00	1,805.50	143

	Total		
	Actual	Last Year	Variance %
6-0119 Client - Various expenses	53.18	0.00	-
6-0145 Client Travel & Transport - local	0.00	81.70	-100
6-0370 Household Items	0.00	1,882.41	-100
6-0495 Linen & Manchester	0.00	92.27	-100
6-0730 Drivers License Program	0.00	845.20	-100
<b>Total Client Expenditure</b>	<b>16,324.29</b>	<b>13,554.84</b>	<b>20.40%</b>
<b>6-0103 Projects</b>			
6-0130 Eid toy drive	800.00	200.00	300
6-0131 Garments for homeless people	1,200.00	0.00	-
6-0132 Meals for Covid positive families	2,666.88	0.00	-
6-0133 Laptops for disadvantaged girls	2,577.81	0.00	-
6-0134 Meat Drive - Covid	2,955.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>10,199.69</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>4999.80%</b>
6-0280 Donations Given	0.00	400.00	-100
6-0288 Education material and seminars	0.00	1,554.25	-100
<b>6-0299 Events</b>			
6-0302 Events	150.00	4,789.53	-97
6-0303 Events - Guest appearance	0.00	468.74	-100
6-0305 Events - Cooking Classes	0.00	45.59	-100
6-0306 Events - Bushwalking Group	366.35	540.79	-32
6-0307 Events - Cooking Classes	35.69	0.00	-
6-0352 Event Hire	0.00	231.82	-100
6-0354 Sharehouse Fundraiser - Guest appearance	1,126.49	0.00	-
6-0355 Sharehouse Fundraiser - Expenses	8,779.98	0.00	-
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>10,458.51</b>	<b>6,076.47</b>	<b>72.10%</b>
<b>6-0400 Insurance Expenses</b>			
6-0410 Insurance - Business	1,629.16	1,217.61	34
<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>1,629.16</b>	<b>1,217.61</b>	<b>33.80%</b>
<b>6-0700 Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>			
6-0705 Motor Vehicle - Fuel/Oil	2,454.54	794.91	209
6-0715 Motor Vehicle - Parking/Tolls	18.27	148.10	-88
6-0725 Motor Vehicle- Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	271.82	-100
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>2,472.81</b>	<b>1,214.83</b>	<b>103.60%</b>
<b>6-0800 Grant Expenses</b>			
6-2001 Grant Expense	2,028.13	0.00	-
<b>Total Grant Expenses</b>	<b>2,028.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>
6-1230 Postage	0.00	123.59	-100
6-1340 Staff Amenities	0.00	202.36	-100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>47,901.16</b>	<b>36,251.52</b>	<b>32.10%</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>57,751.85</b>	<b>1,969.52</b>	<b>2832</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
8-1000 Interest Received	0.00	(0.12)	100
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(0.12)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>57,751.85</b>	<b>1,969.64</b>	<b>2832</b>

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Ways you can help our cause

If you are an individual, company, business, service or organisation, you can partner with Melbourne Muslimahs by financially supporting and funding our programs.

Melbourne Muslimahs will assist by providing support and empowering women in our community who need a positive social network. Our services specialise in helping vulnerable women from all walks of life, especially those who maybe be:

- Victims and Survivors of Domestic and Family Violence
- Released Offenders
- Single Parents or careers

This allows Melbourne Muslimahs to extend beyond our current scope, through partnerships with organisations such as Melbourne Muslimahs to tackle issues in our community at the grass roots level and provide those in need with support.



# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

## SHAREHOUSE

Melbourne Muslimahs has identified a service gap for women which we have been encouraged to work towards filling. We are looking to build facilities to house 9-12 women. We also wish to provide mentoring, inspire other organisations, and create income for Melbourne Muslimahs in the future.

We anticipate a project of this size to take approximately 5 years and we are excited to begin the process of fundraising for this cause in the next financial year.

Stage 1 - Raising \$700,000 to obtain land - enough to put 3 townhouses in Hoppers Crossing near the Virgin Mary Mosque.

Stage 2 - Architecture, planning and permits \$50,000

Stage 3 - Building \$1.25Million

We have anticipated \$2M for the entire project. Any extra money raised, or leftover will go towards furnishing the homes, insurance, rates, any initial maintenance costs.

## MM CARE & DISABILITY SERVICES (MMC&D)

Due to the need to facilitate Melbourne Muslimahs generating an income, the idea of applying to be an NDIS Service Provider was approved by the Board. This will not only bring an income to us to employ people to focus full-time on the growth and maintenance of Melbourne Muslimahs, but it will also generate jobs within our community for those with a NDIS workers screen check. It was agreed any start-up costs for this project will be borrowed from our account holding funds to build the Sharehouse.

## GET A LIFE

After a successful conference in January of 2020, Get a Life is scheduled to take place again in January 2023. There are several local, interstate and international speakers confirmed. The camp will be held for brothers and sisters aged 16 - 30 years in Anglesea. The aim of this event is

to learn and gain sound advice on sensitive topics affects affecting our community all while enjoying nature. The camp will include workshops and recreational activities.

## CONTACT US

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