



ARRCC

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change



Annual Report

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About Us

ARRCC is a multi-faith, member-based network committed to taking action on climate change. As an organisation we engage with faith communities, run campaigns, produce resources, and undertake research and advocacy to fulfil our mission and realise our vision.

Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

We envisage our nation embracing a sustainable future, one which is based on a more ethical understanding of human prosperity and the flourishing of all.

To help achieve this vision, ARRCC hopes to see religious communities of all kinds, and all across Australia, actively reflecting religious values in their lifestyle choices.

Our Mission

- 1. To promote ethical, sustainable, healthy and contented lifestyles which respect the Earth's precious natural resources.*
- 2. To advocate from a faith perspective for public policies which contribute to climate justice.*

Our Values

Compassion

We are challenged by our compassion towards the other people and beings with whom we share this Earth.

Respect

We show respect for people regardless of their views – treating them with kindness and gentleness.

Truth-telling

Though we recognise that people find it difficult to hear our messages, we maintain a commitment to truth-telling.

A focus on what really matters

We believe happiness comes from a focus on those aspects of life that really matter: relationships and mutual caring, a sense of purpose, and connectedness with the natural environment.

President's Report



Ms Thea Ormerod
ARRCC President

The Earth is a gift entrusted to us to pass on to future generations, leaving more-or-less intact the beauty, diversity and abundance we ourselves inherited. Yet we witness a profound degradation of the ecosystems which sustain life, probably the most worrying of these being the pollution of our atmosphere. Worse, there are forces in the Australian community which would minimize and deny the scientific consensus around climate change.

Those of us with faith must allow our spiritual traditions to give us hope in the face of these realities. I mean hope, not in some passive sense, but in the sense of a profound inspiration to actively join those who would redeem our world from the forces of destruction. When we, from different faiths, do this collaboratively, we model “the type of solidarity between rich and poor, and among all nations, which is required in order to successfully develop an effective global response to the threats posed by climate change.” (Michael Stafford, ABC Religion and Ethics, 13/07/12)

ARRCC is attempting to do this in the Australian context. People from an array of religious traditions support this enterprise in small and large ways, to challenge people to consider the environmental implications of how we live, individually, as communities, organisations and as a society.

As advocates in the area of climate change, we are unusual in our promotion of simpler lifestyles. Perhaps not a popular message, as people of faith we understand that our happiness does not lie in consuming more and more of the earth's resources. This translates into initiatives such as Ride to Worship which challenges people to think about the impact of their transport choices, and Eat Less Meat which challenges them to consume more plant-based protein. More generally, ARRCC provides resources with which communities can make their operations more sustainable.

As people of faith, we are unusual in our commitment to political advocacy as a means of working for the common good. We participate in the democratic process both as an organization directly and by empowering individuals to make their voices heard. Through the Youth Embassy, dozens of young people made public their concerns for a safe climate future, and these concerns were conveyed to every Member of Parliament and Senator.

By far most of this work is possible because of the ongoing dedication of hundreds of people. Our campaigns are growing and our reach is extending. May this be ongoing, so that ARRCC continues to witness to the solidarity humanity requires to develop a global response to the threat of climate change.

While ARRCC was first incorporated in 2007, this is our first Annual Report, pointing to a maturing organisation. We are pleased to be able to highlight our achievements and make our financial situation more visible to our current and potential supporters.

Who we are

Our Structure

ARRCC is a not-for-profit association incorporated in NSW, under the Associations Incorporation Act, and an Australian Registered Body, under the Corporations Act. Our Constitution and Statement of Objects are available on our website, under About Us. Our headquarters are in the office of The Climate Institute, Level 15, 179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

ARRCC has both individual and organisational members from across Australia. It is guided by a management committee that is responsible for ARRCC's broad strategic direction and for driving key programs and initiatives. Work is carried out by various working groups.



Management committee

The Committee is comprised of up to 10 individual members and organisational member representatives that meet monthly to oversee the work of ARRCC.

Members are elected at an Annual General Meeting held in the second half of the year following nomination. Where vacancies existing following the AGM, the committee may appoint additional members at any time through the year.

At the 2011 AGM, 7 individuals were re-elected (6 continuing members and 1 returning member), including 6 Christian members (representing Anglican, Baptist, Catholic and Uniting churches) and 1 Hindu member. During the year, nominations were requested from the Australian Baha'i Community and the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, but no names were put forward, therefore no changes were made to the membership of the committee since the 2011 AGM.

The committee aims to represent a range of traditions, to reflect with integrity the multi-faith nature of the organisation. In the years since ARRCC's incorporation, it has had members from the Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Uniting Church and other traditions, each with a history of active engagement with environmental and/or justice issues.

We like for committee members to:

- be practising or have deep familiarity with religious tradition(s)
- have connection with religious networks
- have expertise or knowledge in climate change-related matters .

There is currently no formal process for evaluating the management committee's performance.

Religious Leaders ambassadors

This group brings together community leaders from different faith backgrounds in Australia. It takes on advocacy roles to urge members of parliament to adopt policies that best reflect care for the earth and for those who stand to lose most from climate change. In 2011-12 the group sought to elicit greater community support for legislative action aimed at protecting the rights of future generations.

The group currently consists of representatives of the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish faiths. Members of the group have some formal recognition of leadership in their respective communities and have responded to ARRCC when invited to participate in advocacy efforts. We welcome interest from other religious leaders.



Working Groups

ARRCC's main work is carried out through working groups, which are led by representatives from our Management Committee and include members.

Current working groups include:

- Policy and advocacy
- Ride to Worship
- Meat Free Day
- Faith Community Footprints
- Organisational Development (internal only).

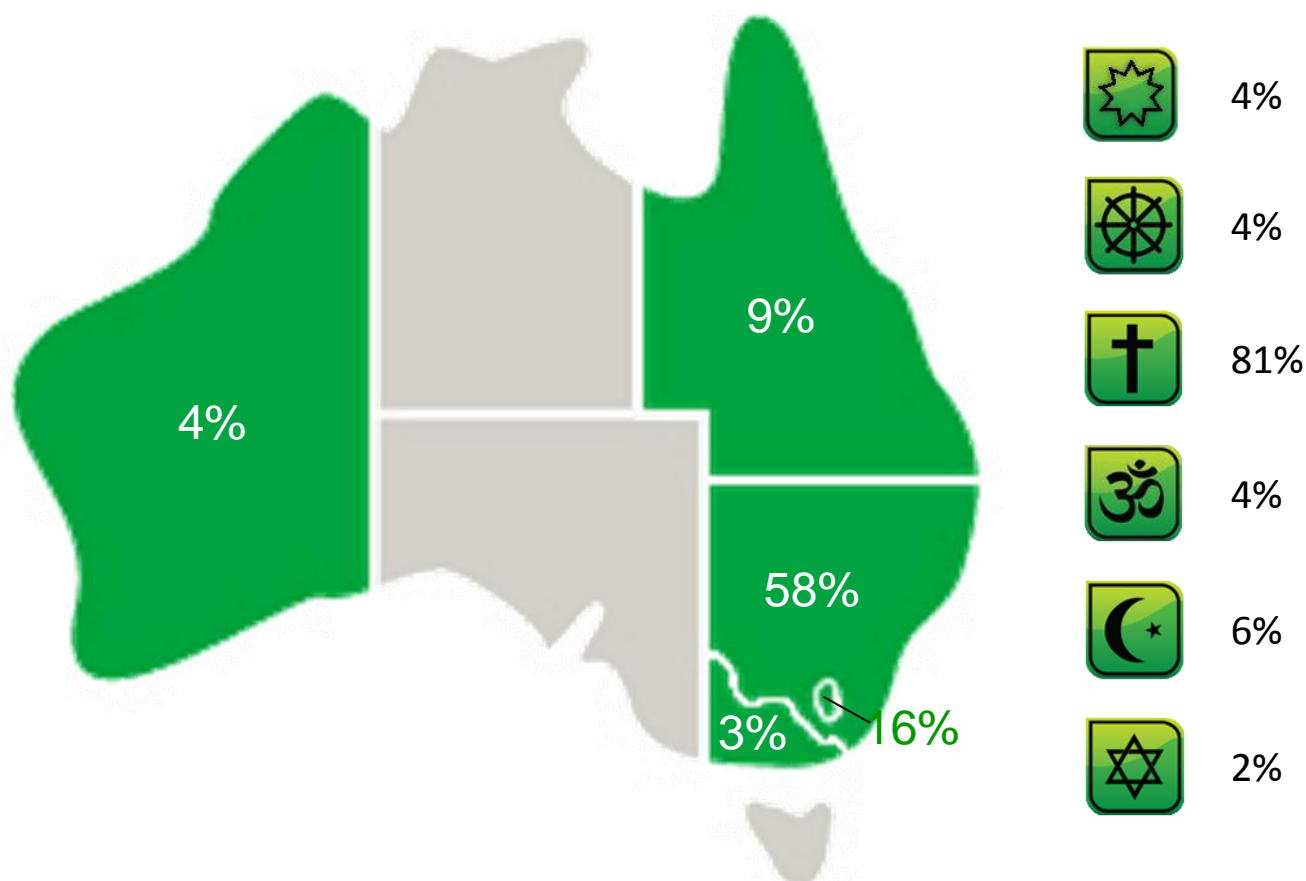
Details of our members, management committee, religious leaders group and working groups are detailed over the following pages

Our Members and Supporters

As at the June 30th, 2012, our membership stood at a total of 71, comprising 52 individuals and 19 organisations. This is an increase of five new organisational members from the previous year (with no lapsed organisational members), and nine new individual members (with eight lapsed individual members).

In addition, ARRCC has over 350 subscribers to our monthly e-newsletter and access to the broader network of our 8 Religious Leader Ambassadors and 17 Member Organisations, comprising over 800 faith-based organisations and communities.

Summary of individual members





Organisational members





National organisations

-  al-Ghazzali Centre
-  Australian Federation of Islamic Councils*
-  Australian Jesuits
-  Caritas Australia
-  Catholic Mission
-  Catholic Religious Australia
-  Columban Mission Institute
-  Edmund Rice Centre*
-  Environmental Working Group of Anglican General Synod*
-  Hindu Council of Australia
-  Marist Sisters
-  Sisters of St John of God
-  Union for Progressive Judaism

State-based organisations

-  Buddhist Council of NSW
-  UnitingCare NSW.ACT

Local organisations

-  Grand Stand for the Environment*
-  Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes
-  Rahamim Ecological Learning Community
-  St Barnabas Anglican Church, West Leederville*

* New in 2012

Partners

In 2011/12 we worked with the following:

- Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- Catholic Earthcare Australia
- Emanuel Synagogue
- Faith Ecology Network
- Hindu Council of Australia
- The Climate Institute
- UWS Multi-faith Chaplaincy.

Organisations we support

ARRCC is a member or supporter of the following organisations:

- Climate Action Network Australia
- Climate Movement
- Faith and Ecology Network
- Greenfaith Australia
- Pacific Calling Partnership.

Other stakeholders

ARRCC aims bring together people of faith from across Australia. Our stakeholders therefore include all faith communities, religious organisations and hierarchies, and peak religious bodies.

We engage these communities and groups through our various projects, for example, seeking their input into our projects and their involvement in events, and inviting them to share the resources we produce and publicise our initiatives among their networks. We try to ensure our activities and resources reflect our multi-faith identity.

Other external stakeholders include:

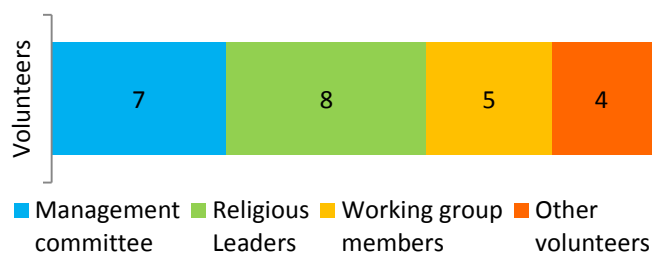
- Government
- Potential funders
- Peer organisations and civil society
- The general public.

These groups are engaged on an 'as needed' basis.

Staff and volunteers

ARRCC does not employ any paid staff. The majority of ARRCC's work is carried out voluntarily by management committee members, religious leader ambassadors, members and supporters.

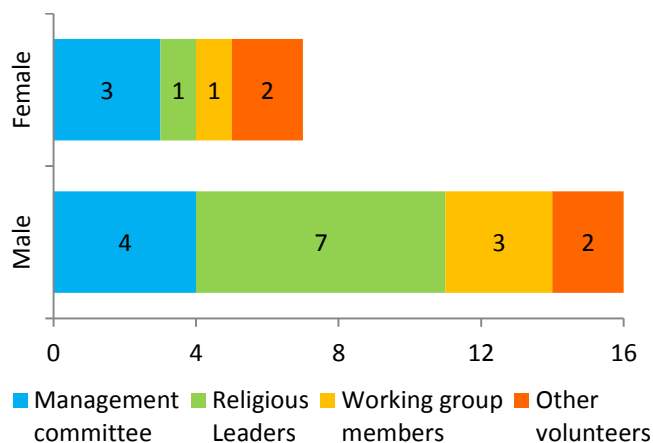
The total number of volunteers in 2012 was 24:



The frequency and function of each type of volunteer is shown below:

	Frequency	Function
Management committee	Regular	Operational
Religious Leaders	Occasional	Campaigning
Working groups	Regular	Campaigning
Other volunteers	Occasional	Events

Approximately 30% of volunteers were female and 70% male, with the lowest proportion of females being amongst our Religious Leaders Ambassadors.



Insurance for ARRCC volunteers was investigated during the 2011/2012 financial year, and was implemented by the time of writing this report. We are currently investigating membership with the Centre for Volunteering to enhance our capacity to work well with volunteers.

Contractors

In addition to the efforts of our wonderful volunteers, ARRCC contracts a small number of individuals to contribute to our work.

This occurs when a substantial amount of time or specific expertise is required. The process for hiring contractors includes the preparation of a Position Description and then publication through ARRCC members' networks and the online newsletter.

In 2012, there were 5 paid contractors:

- Melanie Ridout, Media and communications (ongoing contract – to Oct 2011)
- Jenni Downes, Online communications (ongoing contract - from Oct 2011)
- Shyreen Lal, Event coordination (short term contract)
- Carlyn Chen, Event coordination/ Online communications (short term contract)
- Sophie Trevitt, Media coordinator (short-term contract)

All ARRCC contractors are currently paid at the standard rate of \$35/hour.

During the course of the year, a policy was developed for managing contractors. Important features of the policy were assigning a specific management committee contact to all contractors, and requiring 'health check' calls by the Organisational Development working group during the term of engagement. In 2012/13 the policy will be updated with a specific feedback/escalation process, and will be expanded to cover regular volunteers as well.

Training

ARRCC aims to provide appropriate training for management committee members and other volunteers. Examples of training in 2011/12 included Conflict Resolution training for the management committee, and fundraising training course for one Organisational Development working group member.

Turnover rates

In 2011/12, 1 volunteer and 1 contractor resigned their position before their term was complete.

Our Management Committee



Ms Thea Ormerod
(President)

Thea is a social worker and a parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Kingsgrove. She is a member of the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network and has been actively involved in peace, justice and ecology action for over 20 years.



Dr Miriam Pepper
(Secretary)

Miriam is a founding member of Uniting Earthweb, a Uniting Church ecology network, and involved in the Faith Ecology Network. She has a PhD examining Christianity and consumerism.



Mr Vijai Singhal
(Treasurer)

Vijai is a Director of the Hindu Council of Australia and has been involved in the climate change movement since 2007. His background is in information technology and business management.



Mr Bruce Cooke

Bruce is a lay assistant and EcoChurch Coordinator at St Mark's Anglican Church, South Hurstville (in Sydney), and a community member of the Lower Georges River Sustainability Committee. Bruce's background is electrical engineering and energy management.



Ms Jenni Downes

Jenni is actively involved in anti-poverty and climate change campaigns in Sydney. She is a member of the Menai Holy Family Parish social justice group, and is a research assistant at the Institute of Sustainable Futures, UTS.



Rev Rod Benson

Rod is an ordained Baptist minister, employed as an ethicist and public theologian with the Tinsley Institute. He trained with Al Gore's Climate Project as a faith community presenter in 2007, and has developed climate change policies for Baptists in NSW, Australia and the Baptist World Alliance.



Mr Daniel Skehan

Daniel works for a Christian development agency, coordinating projects in Asia and Africa. Dan has a background in agricultural science and environmental management.

Our Religious Leaders Ambassadors



Bhante Sujato Bikkhu

During 2011-12 Sujato was a Buddhist monk at the Santi Forest Monastery in the Southern Highlands. He is an author of several books.



Bishop George Browning

Bishop Browning is a retired bishop of the Canberra/Goulburn Anglican Diocese. He is Chair of the International Anglican Communion's Environment Network.



Sr Geraldine Kearney

Geraldine, a Good Samaritan Sister, is Catholic Religious Australia representative on the working group. She is very active in a number of other organisations, working for social justice.



Mr Ikebal Patel

Brother Patel is the Vice-President of Muslims Australia (Australian Federation of Islamic Councils). He holds voluntary positions in a range of Muslim organisations.



Rev. Professor James Haire

Professor Haire (AM) is Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in the ACT. He has been involved in interfaith co-operation for many years.



Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins

Rabbi Kamins is senior Rabbi at the Emanuel Synagogue. His strong commitment to egalitarianism, inclusion and diversity is evident in the Jewish community.



Mr Kanti Lal Jinna

Mr Jinna is Vice-President of the Hindu Council of Australia. He co-founded the Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre of the ACT and is active in the multi-cultural community there.



Mr Steve Denenberg

Mr Denenberg is a social worker, Executive Director of the Union for Progressive Judaism and CEO of the Emanuel Synagogue. Previously, he was CEO of Jewish Care for 17 years.

Our Working Groups

Meat Free Day

Committee members:

Vijai Singhal, Jenni Downes, Miriam Pepper

ARRCC members:

George Vlamakis, Dana Murty.

Other volunteers:

Ling Halbert, Devin Gibson.

Additional support was also provided by:

Corey Watts (The Climate Institute) and
Jane Daly (Institute for Sustainable Futures).

Ride to Worship

Committee members:

Miriam Pepper, Daniel Skehan,

ARRCC members:

Geoff Callaghan, Robert Iacopetta.

Faith Community Footprints

Committee members:

Jenni Downes, Vijai Singhal

(New in 2012)

Policy and Advocacy

Committee members:

Thea Ormerod, Jenni Downes, Daniel Skehan

ARRCC Members:

Robert Iacopetta

Organisational Development

Committee members:

Dan Skehan, Jenni Downes, Bruce Cooke.

(Internal only)

Religious Leaders group

In addition to our Religious Leaders ambassadors, the following people assisted with the work of the group.

Committee members:

Thea Ormerod

Other volunteers:

Damith Herath, Rev. Pamela Philips

Details of the aims and activities of these working groups is set out under What We Do > Our Campaigns.

What we do

Our Objectives

The objects of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) Incorporated are:

- (1) To assist faith communities to make the link between their faith and caring for the Earth;
- (2) To raise awareness specifically about climate change issues within faith communities;
- (3) To assist and inspire faith communities to be respectful of the Earth's natural resources by transforming their consumption practices and reducing wastage,
- (4) To advocate for public policies which protect the Earth's biodiversity and promote justice, especially towards people most adversely impacted by climate change, including future generations;
- (5) To facilitate interfaith dialogue and collaboration in relation to climate change;
- (6) To work co-operatively with others in the broader community who are active in meeting the above objectives.

Our Goals

ARRCC's focus areas for the next 5 years are:



OURSELVES

ARRCC's internal capabilities and reputation



PEOPLE OF FAITH

Individuals and their faith communities, and the religious structures that oversee and support them



GOVERNMENT

The federal government and the public policy debate

In 2012-13, ARRCC will specifically focus on:

1. Transforming individual people of faith (and through them, their faith communities) into people who:

- have knowledge of both the science and theology of climate change and related issues of sustainability,
- are making changes in their life and advocating for changes in their communities and Australian society more broadly.

2. Building links with religious structures and religious leaders/ people of influence, so that they:

- understand and value ARRCC's role as a meeting ground/umbrella,
- demonstrate their commitment through tangible action and use their influence on their membership

3. Strengthening ARRCC, both capabilities and reputation by:

- building our financial resources and our human resources (ie. our membership, volunteers and management committee), and improving our internal processes and systems
- building our reputation as a credible religious voice in the climate change debate

Our Campaigns

Meat Free Day

This campaign invites faith communities to learn about the effects of meat consumption on the planet and on its people and animals, and encourages them to take steps to reduce their meat intake.

Aims include:

- Educate individuals and faith groups, including schools, on the benefits of reduced meat consumption,
- Encourage faith-based groups and organisations to reduce meat consumption through initiatives like 'meat-free meals' and 'meat-free days',
- Provide resources including vegetarian recipes and cooking workshops to help people increase their enjoyment of meat-free food.

Faith Community Footprints

This campaign aims to assist local faith communities in reducing their carbon footprints, and for their achievements to be recognised.

Aims include:

- Provide access to climate change educational resources, such as: strategic alliances with TCI and other organisations; fact sheets; speakers; appropriate faith community events
- Provide 'how to' tools in reducing carbon footprints, such as: seven steps to sustainability; Five -Leaf Eco-Awards; faith-specific climate change action toolkits
- Publish case studies, such as: a variety of faith communities and organisations using a template and image; recognise and promote achievements, in ways such as: Eco-Awards, promotion of the Five-Leaf program

Ride to Worship

This campaign works to increase the use of cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable transport (eg. car sharing, public transport) in faith communities and religious groups.

Aims include:

- Hold an annual Ride to Worship Week to encourage transport behaviour change and to engage faith communities in an enjoyable activity
- Disseminate educational resources to help faith-based groups and individuals switch to sustainable transport
- Engage with and support existing cyclists and 'sustainable travellers' in faith communities.

Policy and Advocacy

This campaign conducts faith-based political advocacy on climate change through direct engagement with politicians, and supports individuals and faith-based organisations to speak out.

Aims include:

- Conduct research from faith-based perspectives on government climate change policies
- Disseminate educational materials and advocacy campaigning tools
- Establish, in consultation with members, ARRCC's positions on policy matters
- Facilitate direct advocacy by ARRCC as an organisation, to Members of Parliament and Senators

Our Impacts

ARRCC is concerned about our own impacts on the environment, and particularly any contribution to climate change. Below summarises the main sources of impact and the actions that we are taking to mitigate these impacts.

	Significant impacts	Actions to mitigate impacts
Office space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity Heating Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in office of Green Buildings Council, which is certified as a 5 Star Green Star – Office Interiors v1.1 building, and has a 5 Star NABERS energy rating.
Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing for administrative purposes Printing of brochures and flyers Printing of campaign stickers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a printing policy specifying use of recycled paper, and strategies to limit amount of pages printed
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unused or out-of-date printed materials Packaging and leftover food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritising of generic materials No single-use materials?? are used, no food wasted
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel to and from committee meetings Travel to speaking engagements and events Travel to networking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members use public transport wherever possible to attend committee meetings and other events. Use of Skype to minimise long distance travel
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue Food and food waste Participant travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ARRCC events serve a mix of vegetarian and vegan food to reduce the impacts of animal products. All events are held in central locations close to public transport. Further, in promotional material ARRCC explicitly encourages participants to use public transport to attend.

Additional impacts arise from Committee members, volunteers and members carrying out and participating in ARRCC work from their home, place of worship or workplace, and the associated energy and materials used.

Activities Reports

Religious Leaders report

Youth Climate Embassy

This year ARRC hosted a Youth Embassy outside Parliament House in the lead-up to the implementation of the Clean Energy Future legislation.



Young people were invited to give voice to their concerns about climate change and their aspirations for a just and sustainable future. The political context was an ongoing campaign by the media and Opposition to generate public fear about the costs involved in implementing legislation on July 1st.

To enable our young people to speak for themselves, a website was established for online participation some months before, the Youth Embassy was set up in the week before, and an Interfaith Forum was held in Canberra in the same week. For four days the Youth Embassy was a visible symbol in our capital of the hopes and aspirations of young people for a just and sustainable future.

The Embassy and its associated website were intended to act as a communication portal. Children and youth from various faiths sent in written or creatively expressed messages to the website, and offered their views at the Embassy itself. A number of messages critiqued the idea that endless consumption leads to human happiness, others emphasized the urgency of action and others highlighted the plight of people in developing countries bearing the brunt of climate change impacts.

These messages were later sent on to Members of Parliament and Senators, and used in media releases to religious and mainstream media. Several MPs visited the Youth Embassy in person, including the Hon. Mark Dreyfus (Labor Parl Secretary on Climate Change), Senator Scott Ludlam (Greens WA), Senator Penny Wright (Greens SA) and Senator Claire Moore (Labor Qld).



Speakers at the interfaith forum included:

- Priyanka Bhardwaj (Hindu)
- Tess Corkish (Catholic)
- Tobias Neville (Anglican)
- Sharon Koren (Jewish) and
- Tama Hoffman (Jewish).


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AAP ONE VIDEO PREVIEW



JUNE 26, 2012. PARRY'S RAINES CLIMATE GIRL

June 26, 2012, Parys Raines as Climate Girl appears to AAP about why she thinks a price on carbon is important. Ms. Raines is a Canberra girl as part of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (AARP) (Australasian Catholics)

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Thirty-five religious media were contacted and asked to publish an article and photos about the Youth Embassy and its message. Articles were published in Jewish News, Baptist Union of Victoria magazine Witness, Anglican News in Canberra and Bathurst, Anglican Advocate in Wangarratta, Uniting Church's Crosslight in Victoria and others. A report was placed on the youth site for the Uniting Church, The Transit Lounge.

Other Benefits

Organisations and people who gave support



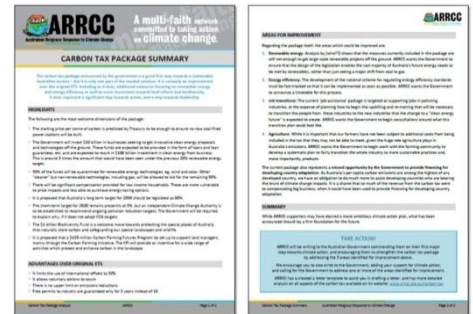
Policy & Advocacy report

Petitions, submissions and letters

The main achievement of the Policy and Advocacy Working Group was to facilitate ARRCC directly lobbying on particular issues.

Carbon Tax

There were some other achievements of note, however, particularly the thorough-going analysis of carbon tax by Jenni Downes. The two-page summary was placed on the ARRCC website and publicized through the e-newsletter, along with and suggestions for how the legislation could be improved. Members and friends of ARRCC were given points they could include in a letter to their own MP. An official letter from ARRCC went to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon. Greg Combet and to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard.



Adaptation Financing

Similarly, a letter went to Minister Greg Combet and the Prime Minister in the lead-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP17) in Durban in October 2011. Our message was that Australia needs to increase its developing country adaptation funding. Dot points were developed on this subject also, from which members and friends could write themselves.

City of Sydney Wellbeing Advocacy Tool

ARRCC made a submission to the City of Sydney Council on their Wellbeing Indicators, recommending that the indicators fully capture information on activities that increase or decrease the City's emissions so that the Council will be better able to understand the City's long term wellbeing.



Other letters

- To the twenty or so MP's who had been visited by the Religious Leaders in 2011, requesting that they oppose a disallowance motion which would allow native forest wood 'waste' burnt for electricity to be eligible for Renewable Energy Certificates under the government's Renewable Energy Target.
- To Minister Greg Combet and the Prime Minister advocating that Australia submit a new target to the UN of 40% emissions reductions by 2020 after Durban. (Feb 2012)
- To Westpac to extend its commitment to sustainability to ruling out the financing of new coal-fired power stations.
- To the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism – a submission was made on the Draft White Paper on Energy Security.
- To the Papal Nuncio, the Vatican and Archbishop Phillip Wilson, expressing concern that Cardinal Pell's well-publicised views are mistaken as the official position of the Catholic Church.
- An open letter to the Conference of Parties on Climate Change meeting in Durban in late 2011, regarding the need to exclude coal from Clean Development Mechanism ("CDM") schemes. (Nov 2011)
- In response to the concerns of some of ARRCC's members regarding the anti-climate change position of a prominent religious leader in the Catholic Church - Cardinal George Pell, ARRCC wrote to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. (Nov 2011)

Other letters (cont.)

- While ARRCC was pleased to see the movement that the Government made on a price on pollution, we were concerned that the Government hadn't yet taken a strong enough approach to adaptation financing for developing countries already facing the effects of climate change. ARRCC therefore wrote to the Prime Minister regarding policies for adaptation financing. (Oct 2011)
- On Friday 19th August, ARRCC wrote to Climate Change Minister Greg Combet in response to the carbon tax package announced on July 10th. ARRCC congratulated the Government on taking the first steps towards strong action on climate change, but highlighted a number of areas in the package which could still be significantly strengthened. (Aug 2011)

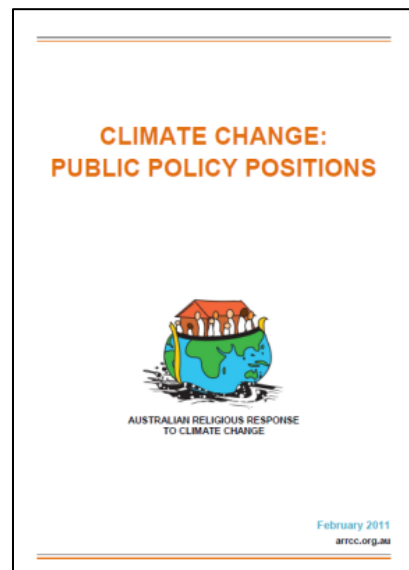
Public Policy Positions

ARRCC's Policy Positions Paper was launched in February 2011 to clarify our stance on importance issues and inform the approach of our advocacy work.

A decision has been made by the Management Committee to update ARRCC's positions on public policy, to reflect recent events, including the implementation of the carbon tax and developments in international climate negotiations.

As part of this, we will reorganise our policies in relation to the following key issues:

Mitigation policies	Adaptation policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy generation• Energy Use• Agriculture• Transport• Consumption & Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financing• Technology• Migration



Work will begin on the new document in the 2nd half of 2012 with consultation with members scheduled for early 2013.

Eat Less Meat report

Cooking workshops

Following on from the success of our cooking workshop held the previous year at Our Big Kitchen in Bondi, ARRCC organised two further workshops:

- Monday 18th June, 6pm - 8.30pm at Parramatta Mission
- Saturday 23rd June, 10:30am – 1:30pm at Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo (*Postponed due to insufficient numbers, now rescheduled for Saturday 20th October*).



Thanks to George Vlamakis, Devin Gibson and Ling Halbert, our volunteer Cooking Workshop demonstrators.

Plans were also in place for the end of 2012 to apply for grants to expand the cooking workshop program across Sydney and into Melbourne.

Submissions and letters

AHMRC Dietary Guidelines submission – February 2012

ARRCC made a written submission to the National Health and Medical Research Council on dietary guidelines in February, 2012. ARRCC suggested that guidelines should incorporate emphasis on environmental sustainability through reducing consumption of red-meat and dairy and incorporating plant-based proteins in daily diet with sustainable use of sea-food consumption through reduction in wastage through over fishing.

ARRCC believes that Australia's dietary guidelines should provide guidance on the optimal diet to ensure the health and wellbeing of Australians both now and into the future, including mitigating as much as possible the health impacts of climate change.

We believe that the guidelines, in their current format, are incomplete as they do not consider the way a food is sourced or its method of production. We therefore prepared a submission to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) as part of its consultation on the draft dietary guidelines

Climate and Health Alliance

ARRCC recently received a media release from the Climate and Health Alliance, titled 'Health must be at the heart of the global climate talks'. The Release talks about the need to consider health when talking of climate change, and raises the issue of equity between developed and developing countries. Despite high meat consumption being both a health issue in developed countries, and an equity between developed and developing countries because of its upward pressure on basic food prices, this did not receive a mention in the material. ARRCC therefore sent a letter to the Climate and Health Alliance asking them to consider the issue for future communications.

Other Letters

Letter of request to serve meat-free refreshments at the inaugural Gandhi Oration at University of NSW on 30 Jan 2012 – it was gratifying to note that the authorities readily agreed to the suggestion as Mahatma Gandhi was himself a vegetarian and promoter of meat-free diets. A similar letter of request was sent to the CANA to serve only meat-free refreshments at the CANA conference, which was again accepted.



Talks and presentations

The Ethics of Abstinence radio show, 7 August 2011

Vijai Singhal, Convener of the Meat-free Day campaign, participated in the ABC Radio National's *Sunday Night with John Cleary* program on 7th August 2011, discussing the topic of "The ethics of abstinence". The show had the following preamble:

If there has been a decline in red meat consumption in western society it may be related to the impact of Eastern vegetarian traditions; but also to common sense care for our own health, or even intellectual and physical revulsion at the cruelty involved in the slaughter house, as revealed in the recent episode of four corners. Now with increasing constraints on world resources, is disciplined abstinence an idea whose time has come again - not simply as a religious ideal but an ethical and practical responsibility? And so, to focus on food and the joys of a disciplined diet, we are joined by a panel of speakers from different faiths.

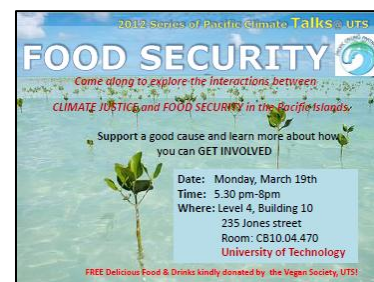
The other members of the panel included the Hon. Michael Kirby, former Justice of the High Court of Australia; Dr Matthew Del Nevo. Senior Lecturer in Theology at The Catholic Institute of Sydney, and Diana Abdel-Rahman President of Australian Muslim Voices.

Food on Fridays radio show, 27 January 2012

ARRCC's Meat Free Day campaign featured on ABC Radio National's Bush Telegraph 'Food on Fridays' segment, on Friday 27th January 2012, with ARRCC committee member Jenni Downes representing the campaign. On the show with Jenni were Rob Radford (owner of Radfords Abattoir, winner of the Environment and Energy Management Award in the NAB Agri Awards), Dr Manny Noakes (Research Scientist at CSIRO Food and Nutritional Sciences) and Cameron Wilson (Bush Telegraph presenter).

Food Security talk at UTS, 19 March 2012

The Meat Free Day working group was approached by the Pacific Calling Partnership to speak at one of the Talk@UTS events. Jenni Downes presented on the global food crisis of 2007/08, its devastating impact on poorer people in developing countries and its links to such things as meat consumption, biofuels and climate change. Jenni also explored the things that we can all do to lessen our impact on the availability of food worldwide.



CANA Conference discussion, 7 May 2012

ARRCC hosted a session on meat consumption and climate change for CANA members attending Day 1 of the conference. The session featured Corey Watts from the Climate Institute, and discussions covered:

- the contribution of meat production and consumption to climate change,
- its other environmental and social impacts, and
- how to integrate this issue into public campaigns and government lobbying.

A delicious, vegan afternoon tea was provided with thanks to Iku Wholefoods.



Ride to Worship report

Ride to Worship Week 2011



The 2nd annual Ride to Worship Week was held from 7th to 13th October 2011. 41 religious communities/places of worship across Australia (in NSW, Vic, Qld, ACT, SA and WA) were known to have taken part (a few of these outside of the week itself). This represents a significant increase over 2010, where approximately 10 groups took part. Some groups experienced high participation rates and some integrated Ride to Worship with their religious activities (e.g. one group held a blessing of the bikes, others had environmentally-themed worship), and for other groups it was simply a matter of one person registering their own/their family's participation and promoting Ride to Worship to others in their group.

ARRCC's President, Thea Ormerod, whose church Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove also participated for the second year in a row, said:

"The take up of Ride to Worship in 2011 has been terrific. There was a more than fourfold increase from our trial of the event in 2010, and we are delighted to see more people getting out and cycling, walking and using more environmentally friendly means of transport. It's one thing we can do to take action on climate change, and have plenty of fun at the same time."

Support resources provided to participating groups included templates for a newsletter announcement, poster and powerpoint presentation, as well as "All You Need to Know about Riding to Worship" brochures. A promotional DVD/clip was also produced for 2011, with thanks to Geoff Martin of Pophead Productions and to volunteers who participated in the filming.



Ride to Worship Week was publicised through various religious and secular networks, including state cycling bodies and community- and workplace-based bicycle user groups. Media coverage was achieved in The Senior magazine, The Wheeler cycling magazine, CathNews, Australian Catholics and Uniting Church publications Insights and Journey. Champion cyclist, cycling trainer and Bible college student Tanya Bosch also helped to raise the profile of the event through her role as Ride to Worship Week 2011 Ambassador.

Plans for 2012

In 2012, the working group aimed to increase participation in Ride to Worship Week 2012 (5th to 11th October). New resources in 2012 have included Ride to Worship weather-proof stickers (for bikes, helmets and water bottles) and reflections on riding and walking to worship/religious activities from a variety of religious perspectives. At the time of writing, Ride to Worship Week has just finished and stories and feedback are coming in from participating groups. Indications are that participation has been similar to 2012, or perhaps slightly increased.



Volunteers

Special thanks to Geoff Callaghan and Robert Iacopetta.

Faith Community Footprints

Formation

While our existing campaigns of Meat Free Day and Ride to Worship both look at specific ways that we can reduce our contributions to climate change, the Committee felt that there was a need to encourage faith communities to consider their impacts as a whole.

Festive Footprints

The end of the year signifies a special time for the Christian and Jewish religions, and is also a special time for family and friends to celebrate the ending of one year and the start of another. ARRCC collected various ideas and resources together, so that as ARRCC members gathered together they could ensure their celebrations are as joyful for the earth as they are for us!



Repower Worship guide

We worked with AYCC to produce a guide that encourages faith communities to switch their electricity over to GreenPower, undertake energy audits on their buildings and investigate possible small-scale renewable energy options such as solar power.

The guide is the basis of a broader campaign idea that is currently under development and seeking funding.



Climate Action Kits grant

Following the development of a Christian Climate Action Kit back in early 2011, the management committee has been to see action kits developed for each of the major faith traditions in Australia.

In April of this year, an opportunity arose to apply for funding from Uniting Care NSW.ACT under their 2% for Development Fund to update the Christian kit and produce Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish versions of the kit. The application was successful and at the time of writing this report, work on all kits had begun, with the plan to launch them in the first half of 2013.

Volunteers

The Faith Community Footprints working group is seeking volunteers to help develop and carry out campaigns in 2012/2013.

Other Events and Activities report

Multi-faith Ecoforum, 9 Oct 2011

A multi-faith forum on “Environmental Ethics” was organized at the University of Western Sydney, Parramatta campus on Sunday 9th Oct 2011 by ARRCC together with the Hindu Council of Australia, UWS Multi-faith Chaplaincy and the Faith and Ecology Network.

A panel of six speakers representing the main faiths spoke at the forum:

- Mr Edwin Humphries for the Baha’i faith,
- Bhante Sujato for the Buddhist faith,
- Rev Dr David Reichardt for the Christian faith,
- Prof D. P. Chaudhri for the Hindu faith,
- Ms Zuleyha Keskin for the Islamic faith
- Rabbi Paul Jacobson for the Jewish faith.

Following the plenary session there was a Q & A session and a brief break for light refreshments, meat-free of course! The Forum concluded with three concurrent workshops with active participation by all attendees on the following themes:

- Sustainable use of resources by reducing consumption and wastage
- Sustaining biodiversity by preserving plants and animals
- Living a simple life-style free from greed, hatred and fear

The Forum was supported by the following partners and sponsors:

Partners:



UWS
Multi-faith
Chaplaincy

Sponsors:

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Beyond Zero Emissions Workshop, 1 May 2012

ARRCC was pleased to host BZE speaker Katrina to speak on Tues 1st May in Sydney on Australia's renewable energy future. Beyond Zero Emissions, an independent, not-for-profit research group has come up with a solution that shows how Australia can make the switch to 100% renewable energy in 10 years. ARRCC members and supporters came along to hear about the plan and find out more about how they could help Australia transition to a renewable future.



Organisational Development report

The Organisational Development Working group (ODWG) was initiated in late 2011 with a focus on improving the organisational strength of ARRCC. The key areas include:

Business Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business plan development. (1-3 years) • Planning sessions – at least every 2 years for strategic thinking
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the current fiscal situation facing the organisation – ARRCC needs to increase its income generation
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overtime it is thought that this working group can work on increasing ARRCC membership which will impact on the fundraising stream.
Volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee will overtime clearly articulate how various volunteers can be engaged with and assist ARRCC to achieve its VMG. This takes time to manage.
Internal Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including Financial and Human Resources policies.
Management committee development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of training needs for management committee members

Fundraising remains the highest priority for this working group and will remain so for the year ahead.

Media and Communications report

Following the major overhaul of the ARRCC website, Melanie Ridout, ARRCC's contracted media officer from the previous year relinquished her communications duties but continued media support until October 2011. Melanie's media work included Ride to Worship Week 2011, and the Multi-Faith EcoForum in October 2011.

Jenni Downes took over online communications, launching a new newsletter in July 2012. Following Melanie's resignation the media role was left vacant, with the exception of the Youth Embassy, where media services were contracted to Sophie Trevitt. At the time of writing this report, a new media and communications officer has started, taking on both media and communications roles.

For the first time in 2012, ARRCC was a partner in the People & Planet diary and calendar project. This project supports the work of Australian environment and social justice organisations through publishing a diary and calendar which features images and stories of people, places and environmental challenges around the world and which carries the logos of the partner organisations. Sale of the diaries and calendars raises awareness of the organisations and assists with fundraising. ARRCC is once again participating in this project in 2013, and diaries and calendars are now available for sale.



Summary of Achievements

The following are a summary of achievements this financial year.

Youth Climate Embassy (2012)

Youth made their views known regarding a safe climate future via a website, four days of visible presence on Capital Hill and at an Interfaith Forum. All MP's and Senators received a summary. Various messages were widely taken up by media, both mainstream and religious.

Meat Free Day radio interviews (2011/2012)

ARRCC was invited to participate in a 'Food on Fridays' radio segment on ABC's Bush Telegraph. Also, the ABC Radio National's Sunday Night with John Cleary program on 7th August 2011 invited the ARRCC Meat Free Day Convenor to discuss the topic of "The ethics of abstinence", covering the importance of managing red meat consumption.

Eco-Ethics Multifaith Forum (2011)

A multi-faith Forum on "Environmental Ethics" was organized at the University of Western Sydney, Parramatta campus on Sunday 9th October, 2011 by ARRCC together with the Hindu Council of Australia, UWS Multi-faith Chaplaincy and the Faith and Ecology Network. A panel of six speakers representing the main faiths included: Mr Edwin Humphries for the Baha'i faith, Bhante Sujato for the Buddhist faith, Rev Dr David Reichardt for the Christian faith, Prof D. P. Chaudhri for the Hindu faith, Ms Zuleyha Keskin for the Islamic faith and Rabbi Paul Jacobson for the Jewish faith. Over 60 people were in attendance.

Ride to Worship Week (2011)

Ride to Worship week was held from the 7th to the 13th of October. People from over 40 religious groups (Christian, Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu) across Australia participated in the second inaugural Ride to Worship Week 2011. Media coverage was achieved in a variety of religious media, as well as in Senior magazine and The Wheeler magazine.

Workshops presented at AYCC and Micah Challenge conferences (2011)

ARRCC members presented a number of workshops about the ways in which religious communities are promoting action to address climate change. These variously informed activists about the possibilities of collaborating with religious communities and Christians about the links between their faith and the call to act.

Looking Ahead – Plans for 2013

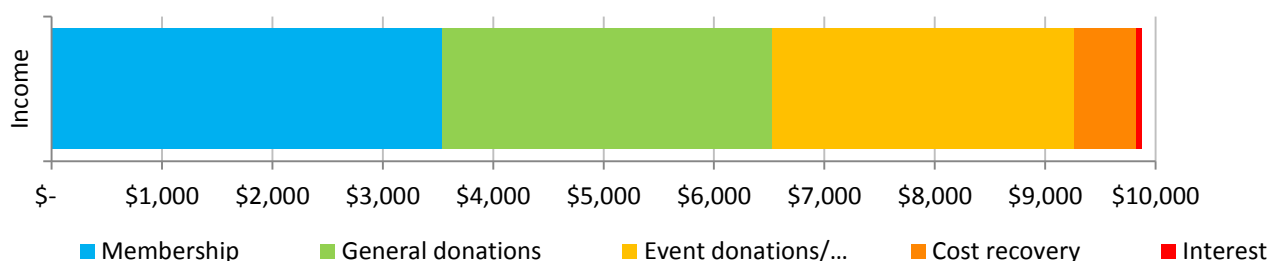
The following are ideas for the future, building on the direction ARRCC has been taking until now. Detailed commitments are made at the beginning of each year when the management committee holds a strategic planning day.

- ☑ Active promotion of the use of *Climate Action Kits* to communities in the various faith traditions.
- ☑ *Engagement of religious leaders*, senior in their respective communities, in direct advocacy and as champions of action on climate change in their own constituencies.
- ☑ Collaborating with Christian networks to promote the ecumenical *Hope for Creation* campaign.
- ☑ Working with partners to step up the *Meat Free Day* and *Ride to Worship* campaigns.
- ☑ Ensuring our *policy positions* remain up-to-date and communicating them strategically to (1) members of parliament, (2) the media and (3) our membership, thus empowering grassroots advocacy.
- ☑ Strengthening ARRCC's resource base, our *multi-faith identity*, our strategic partnerships and networks across Australia.

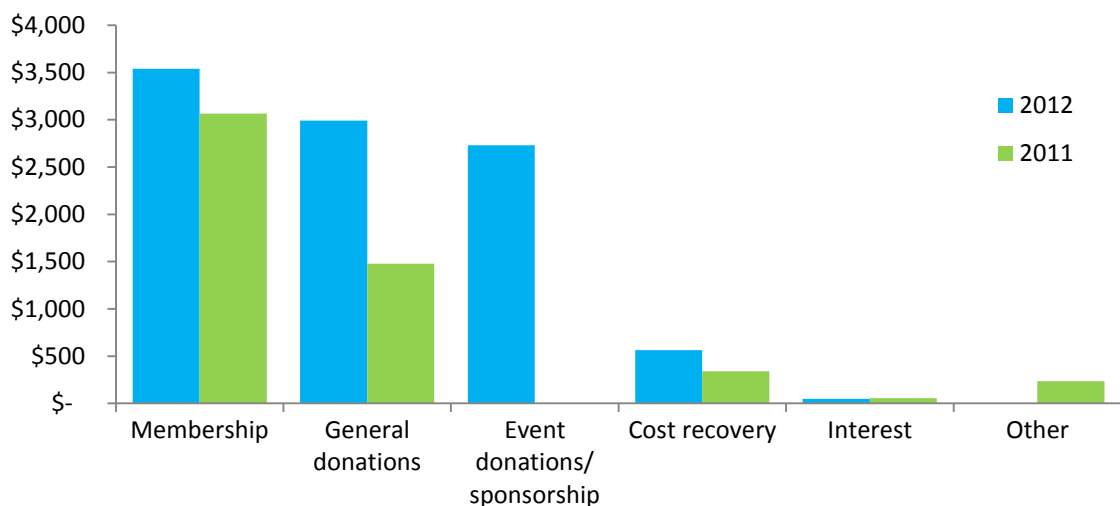
Financials

Income \$9,872.82

Income in 2012 is up by 91% from \$5,172.38 in the previous years. The breakdown of our incomes sources is shown below.



All categories of income have increased since the previous year as shown below, except for the 'Other' category from 2011 which was not needed in 2012.



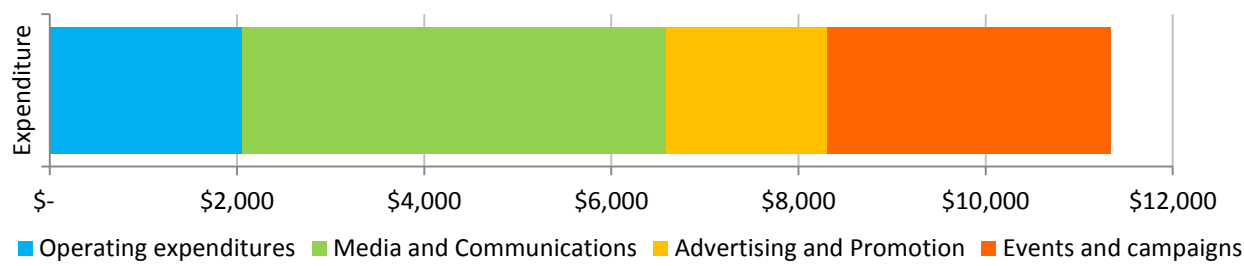
ARRCC greatly appreciates the financial support of all our members, sponsors and other supporters in 2012. We rely on membership contributions to cover our general operating expenses. We attempt to cover all additional expenditure through donations and sponsorship, or cost-recovery measures.

Donations and sponsorship

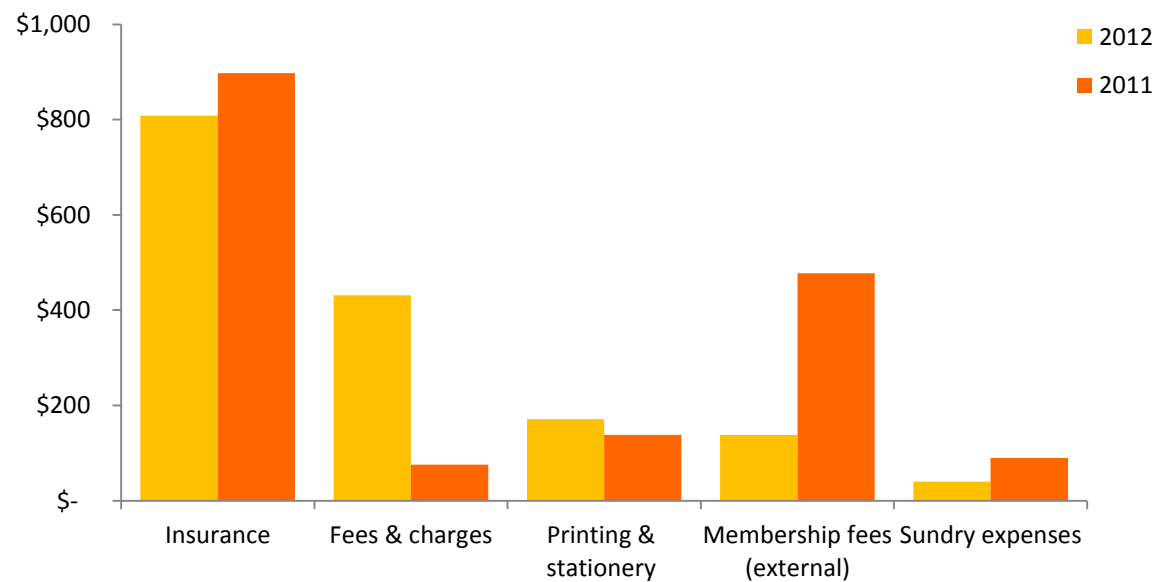
The two main donors in 2012 were Sisters of St Joseph (\$2,000), Sisters of Charity (\$500) and Emanuel Synagogue (\$500). Four notable donations were also received in relation to the Youth Climate Embassy held in Canberra in June 2012. These donations were from the Marist Sisters Sector of Australia, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Emanuel Synagogue, Sisters of St Joseph, Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta (\$500 each), and Sisters of Charity (\$250). ARRCC also received contributions towards our Multifaith Eco-Forum from two sponsors, UAExchange (\$250) and Australian Ethical Super (\$200).

Expenses \$11,341.05

Total expenses are up 24% from \$9,151.08 in the previous year. The breakdown of our expenses is shown by type below.



Due to changes in accounting codes from 2011 to 2012, direct comparisons of expenditure with the previous year are not possible for all categories. The following shows operating expenses:



Financial Policies

We are committed to continuing to encourage faith communities to take action against climate change, and to undertake truth-telling to the government and business sector on policies that are needed for climate justice. To this end, we are in the process of developing a financial strategy to ensure we have the resources to sustain our work and our independence for at least the next ten years.

To date, ARRCC has been largely reliant on seed funding provided by The Climate Institute and a small number of large one-off donations. To provide financial sustainability, this strategy aims to:

- strengthen processes for regular financial planning, and
- expand our sources/way of generating income.

Principles

While we are committed to continuing our work, we do not believe that “survival at all costs” is an acceptable position. We therefore premise our financing strategy on the following principles:

- We will not undertake any work which compromises our independence, the quality of our work or our integrity and commitment to truth-telling;
- We believe we are accountable to the wider community of people in our country and on our continent for the responsible use of all resources which are put at our disposal;
- We respect donor relationships, but are prepared to challenge and be challenged on important issues.

Ideally, our fixed costs will be met by members’ annual subscriptions. We will seek donations and grant funding for projects and current campaigns, and will aim for cost-neutrality with respect to events and other activities.

Financial Statements

ARRCC Incorporated

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2012

ARRCC Incorporated
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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Income		
Interest received	48.77	56.38
Other income		234.60
Donations - Youth Embassy	2,250.00	
Donations - General	2,992.00	1,476.40
Sponsorships	450.00	
Membership fees	3,540.00	3,065.00
Eco Forum	29.00	
T-Shirts		20.00
Cooking Workshop	178.00	320.00
Sale of Diaries	385.05	
Total income	<u>9,872.82</u>	<u>5,172.38</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotional material	1,146.88	350.00
Bank Fees And Charges		32.50
Cooking Workshop expenses	381.82	
Conference/seminar costs	470.00	120.30
Eco Forum Expenses	700.00	
Diaries and Calendar	583.59	
Event Expenses - Other	58.00	6,719.19
Fees & charges	378.00	
Insurance	808.46	897.33
Membership fees	138.00	477.55
Merchant Fees - Paypal	52.88	43.44
Printing & stationery	170.88	138.12
Ride to Worship - DVD etc	1,153.00	
Sundry expenses	40.00	89.65
Venue Hire		151.00
Website hosting & maintenance	4,522.65	132.00
Youth Embassy expenses	736.89	
Total expenses	<u>11,341.05</u>	<u>9,151.08</u>
Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax	(1,468.23)	(3,978.70)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association	<u>(1,468.23)</u>	<u>(3,978.70)</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(1,468.23)</u>	<u>(3,978.70)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ARRCC Incorporated
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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Opening accumulated surplus	21,697.39	25,676.09
Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association	<u>(1,468.23)</u>	<u>(3,978.70)</u>
Closing accumulated surplus	<u><u>20,229.16</u></u>	<u><u>21,697.39</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ARRCC Incorporated
ABN 26 255 139 331
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
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Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank		18,428.84	20,714.45
PayPal Account		890.72	174.48
		<u>19,317.56</u>	<u>20,888.93</u>
Other			
Prepayments		911.60	808.46
		<u>911.60</u>	<u>808.46</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>20,229.16</u>	<u>21,697.39</u>
Total Assets		<u>20,229.16</u>	<u>21,697.39</u>
NetAssets		<u>20,229.16</u>	<u>21,697.39</u>
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus		20,229.16	21,697.39
Total Members' Funds		<u>20,229.16</u>	<u>21,697.39</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ARRCC Incorporated
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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	9,824.05	5,116.00
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(11,444.19)	(10,450.58)
Interest received	48.77	56.38
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>(1,571.37)</u>	<u>(5,278.20)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(1,571.37)	(5,278.20)
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>20,888.93</u>	<u>26,167.13</u>
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u><u>19,317.56</u></u>	<u><u>20,888.93</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ARRCC Incorporated
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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash		
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash At Bank	18,426.84	20,714.45
PayPal Account	890.72	174.48
	<u>19,317.56</u>	<u>20,888.93</u>

Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating profit after income tax	(1,468.23)	(3,978.70)
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
(Increase) decrease in prepayments	(103.14)	(808.46)
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals		(491.04)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(1,571.37)</u>	<u>(5,278.20)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ARRCC Incorporated
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2012

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act . The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(b) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(d) Income Tax

The association is exempt from income tax under section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act. Accordingly, no provision for income tax or income tax expense appears in the financial statements.



Chartered Accountants



Chartered Accountants

Flavio Meoli B.Com., C.A.

Sarina Meoli B.Bus., C.A.

ARRCC Incorporated

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Independent Audit Report to the Members

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of ARRCC Incorporated (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of ARRCC Incorporated are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ARRCC Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist ARRCC Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Mr Flavio Meoli - Partner,
Meoli & Co - Chartered Accountants

Dated: 17 October 2012

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