



# ARRCC

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

# 2012-2013 Annual Report



This abridged report covers the period of  
1 July 2012 to 31 Dec 2013.

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# ABOUT ARRCC

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.

## 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

It is a challenging time for those of us who care about climate change, but it is also a time where signs of hope are springing up everywhere. There are an ever-increasing number of organisations working to making a difference, and the quality of the work is becoming ever-more strategic. People of faith have more reason than anyone to be undeterred by the glacial pace of legislative and international developments. We are able to draw strength from our spiritualities, each with their own richness and beauty.

As religious people, we are also moved to action by compassion for those most vulnerable in our world. We are also spurred on by climate-related disasters such as Superstorm Sandy in the Caribbean and the US and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the more slow-moving rise of sea levels threatening the homes of our brothers and sisters on low-lying Pacific islands. During the period from 1970 to 2008, over 95% of deaths from natural disasters occurred in developing countries.

Hence, for ARRCC the period July 2012 – December 13 has been a time of increasing energy within the organization, and greater collaboration with our faith-based partners and new partners in the broader society. We are most grateful to all those who have generously made donations, and to the hundreds of volunteers who have come forward in that time to make things happen.

There are so many people to thank. The management committee is made up of volunteers who make time for meetings amidst their numerous other commitments. Thank you to those religious leaders who have stepped up to our Ambassadors' advocacy work. We're very grateful to the various volunteers who have helped with the Climate Action Kits, website work, meat-free cooking workshops, submissions and letters and all manner of things.

Two grants have enabled us to more effectively assist communities to reduce their carbon footprint. With the UnitingCare NSW/ACT grant we started producing Climate Action Kits, comprehensive tool-kits for faith communities readily available online. Hundreds of people have downloaded the kits so far. We had already been organizing vegetarian cooking workshops but with the Parramatta Council grant we were able to organize more.

In the same period, Ride to Worship morphed into a more flexible Walk and Ride to Worship, encouraging people to use active transport to attend services. Each year around forty communities participate.

In the meantime our advocacy work has continued with numerous submissions and letters to key Members of Parliament. During the period July 2012 – December 2014 the religious leaders' Ambassadors group published an open letter in the lead-up to the Federal Election. With each public action we take we have become more visible in the media and more noticed by better-resourced environmental NGO's.

ARRCC had already taken the step of divesting from fossil fuels by switching to BankMECU before the visit of Bill McKibben in April 2013. His visit however marked the beginning of our full participation in the Go Fossil Free campaign. With partners 350.org and Catholic Earthcare especially, we have strongly encouraged individuals and organisations to move their money out of Funds and Banks that continue to invest in the fossil fuel extraction. This campaign is fast-growing and gives us the best chance I've seen yet to steer our beleaguered world onto a new course.

Ordinary people cannot wait for international negotiations or even individual governments to produce the results humanity needs. We as individuals and communities of faith can make choices which add impetus to change efforts. Each of you reading this is no doubt doing your own bit. Please keep up the great work and/or join our campaigns. Help us increase our influence by becoming a member of ARRCC, and press ever onwards!

Ms Thea Ormerod  
ARRCC President



# Financial Statements

## ARRCC Incorporated

ABN 26 255 139 331

### Income and Expenditure Statement For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012

	6 months to 31-Dec-12	12 months to 30-Jun-12
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Campaigns - Climate Action Kits Grant	7,910.00	0.00
Cooking Workshop	0.00	178.00
Donations - Campaigns/Events	50.00	2,250.00
Donations - General	915.00	2,992.00
Eco Forum	0.00	29.00
Fundraising - Sale of Diaries	345.75	385.05
Fundraising - T-Shirts	20.50	0.00
Interest received	0.59	48.77
Membership fees	1,405.00	3,540.00
Sponsorships	0.00	450.00
Total income	<u>10,646.84</u>	<u>9,872.82</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotional material	482.00	1,146.88
Bank Fees And Charges	8.10	-
Campaigns - Climate Action Kits expenses	1,750.00	-
Conference/seminar costs	-	470.00
Cooking Workshop expenses	400.00	381.82
Diaries and Calendar	13.00	583.59
Eco Forum Expenses	-	700.00
Event Expenses - Other	-	58.00
Fees & charges	94.00	378.00
Insurance	911.60	808.46
Membership fees	188.00	138.00
Merchant Fees - PayPal	21.77	52.88
Printing & stationery	-	170.88
Ride to Worship - DVD etc	67.00	1,153.00
Sundry expenses	203.95	40.00
Website hosting & maintenance	892.50	4,522.65
Youth Embassy expenses	1,882.49	736.89
Total expenses	<u>6,914.41</u>	<u>11,341.05</u>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association</b>	<b>3,732.43</b>	<b>-1,468.23</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<u><b>3,732.43</b></u>	<u><b>-1,468.23</b></u>
Opening retained profits	20,229.16	21,697.39
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	3,732.43	-1,468.23
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<u><b>23,961.59</b></u>	<u><b>20,229.16</b></u>

## ARRCC Incorporated

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### Income and Expenditure Statement For the year 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013

	12 months to 31-Dec-13 \$	6 months to 31-Dec-12 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Campaigns - Climate Action Kits Grant	0.00	7,910.00
Campaigns - Cooking Workshop Grant	4,994.00	0.00
Campaigns - Greenfaith Income	1,516.83	0.00
Cooking Workshop	1,786.15	0.00
Donations - Action Kits	800.00	0.00
Donations - Campaigns/Events	0.00	50.00
Donations - General	2,915.00	915.00
Eco Forum	0.00	0.00
Fundraising- Dinner Income	2,085.70	0.00
Fundraising - Sale of Diaries	996.00	345.75
Fundraising - T-Shirts	66.50	20.50
Interest received	31.43	0.59
Membership fees	3,588.86	1,405.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>18,780.47</b>	<b>10,646.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotional material	689.65	482.00
Bank Fees And Charges	-	8.10
Campaigns - Climate Action Kits expenses	5,125.00	1,750.00
Campaigns - Greenfaith expenses	50.10	-
Cooking Workshop expenses	3,989.79	400.00
Fees & charges	-	94.00
Fundraising - Diaries and Calendar	1,200.00	13.00
Fundraising - General	85.00	-
Fundraising- Dinner Expenses	1,178.91	-
Insurance	777.87	911.60
Membership fees	88.00	188.00
Merchant Fees - Paypal	141.47	21.77
Ride to Worship - DVD etc	594.50	67.00
Sundry expenses	399.00	203.95
Website hosting & maintenance	4,675.00	892.50
Youth Embassy expenses	172.95	1,882.49
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>19,167.24</b>	<b>6,914.41</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association</b>	<b>-386.77</b>	<b>3,732.43</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>-386.77</b>	<b>3,732.43</b>
Opening retained profits	23,961.59	20,229.16
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	-386.77	3,732.43
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>23,574.82</b>	<b>23,961.59</b>

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## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARRCC INCORPORATED

### 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 31 December 2013.

### 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 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 31 December 2013 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. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Mr Flavio Meoli - Partner,

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Burwood NSW

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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