

Synopsis of FULBE AUSTRALIA

Item Name	Description
Official Name	Fulbe Australia, Australia Incorporated
Association Number	A05282
ABN:	80735214332
Date of incorporation	24 May 2012
State/Territory rego'd	Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
Motto	Fottal, Pottal eh Bhantal (Unity, Solidarity and Progress)
Email	fulbeaustralia@gmail.com
Facebook	Fulbe Australia
Address	The postal address of the Association shall be determined by the current National Executive Committee also referred to as Executive Committee.
Logo	The Calabash and Straw cover (Bedor Fafaru) is the official logo of the Association – both are popular Fulani symbols representing unity and strength and the creativity of its nation who strive to reach the highest potential with integrity. They are also symbols of the pastoral life and of the cooperation between men who keep the herd and women who milk the cows.
Website	tbc

1. Introduction:

Notes: It is recommended that this synopsis are read in conjunction with the constitution to get a full appreciation of the Association.

Fula people or Fulani or Fulbe are an ethnic group spread over many countries, predominantly in West Africa, but found also in Central Africa and Sudanese North Africa. The Fulani are traditionally a nomadic, pastoralist, trading people, herding cattle, goats and sheep. Beginning as early as the 17th and 18th centuries, but mainly in the 19th century, Fulanis and others took control of various states in West Africa.

2. VISION of Fulbe Australia:

- A. Be an exemplary and unifying community and cultural organisation in Australia that contributes to the betterment of the Fulbe, Fullah, Pulaar or Fulfulde people referred to as Fulani community and the society at large.
- B. Promote positive aspects of Fulani language and culture.
- C. Promote the development of economic, social and political ties between Australia and Africa where skills of our people are required
- D. Become the single peak body representing the interests of Fulani people in Australia

3. MISSION of Fulbe Australia:

- A. Proactively participate in the promotion of Australia's multiculturalism.
- B. Provide assistance and advocacy for members of the Association and raise issues affecting the Fulani community in Australia and around the world where possible.
- C. Assist members to understand the Australian Service delivery system and to be empowered to access services available confidently and independently.
- D. Encourage the attainment of education and employment amongst the community with a focus on women, children and the Youth.
- E. Promote good relations and understanding between the Fulani and non-Fulani members of the Australian Community.

4. OBJECTIVES of Fulbe Australia:

- A. Act as an umbrella national peak body representing the interests and wellbeing of the Commonwealth of Australia's Fulani people.
- B. To identify the needs of the community and develop strategies to meet those needs; this includes services and business opportunities.
- C. To place emphasis on the vision of peace through information and empowerment by working to eliminate dependency and enhance self-sufficiency which would restore dignity and self-worth.
- D. To encourage members of Fulani community (with a particular focus on children, Youth, and women) to utilise available resources in order to settle into their respective communities and reach their full potential, and to become active members of wider Australian society.
- E. To participate in debate with other organisations promoting multiculturalism in Australia.
- F. To encourage understanding and fortify co-operation with service providers within the Commonwealth of Australia for improved service planning, co-ordination, advocacy and service delivery with a particular focus on new arrivals and emerging communities.
- G. To foster relationships amongst the Fulani speaking people in Australia and around the world.
- H. To contribute on raising the Fulani language and unite its dialects and to promote better understanding with other African communities in Australia.
- I. To educate the Fulani children their language and culture.
- J. To create a platform of discussion amongst cultures and languages of Africa to thrive in Australia in order to add value to Australia's multiculturalism.
- K. To promote sporting and other health programs amongst the Fulani community

5. ORGANISATIONAL structure of Fulbe Australia:

The Association shall not carry out, perform or allow any activities, which are not permitted by law in Australia.

A. General Body:

The General Body shall consist of registered members of local/state incorporated associations in Accordance with **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP**.

B. National Executive Committee:

- 1) The National Executive Committee referred to as the Executive Committee shall be composed of total of seven (7) elected members; five (5) with Executive positions and Two (2) Ordinary members.
- 2) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for all affairs of the Association:
- 3) The National Executive Committee made up of:
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Secretary General
 - iv. Treasurer
 - v. Public Officer
 - vi. Ordinary Member 1
 - vii. Ordinary Member 2

6. MEMBERSHIP of Fulbe Australia:

- A. The Association membership is open to all Fulani and friends of Fulani incorporated/registered associations of Australia, provided that they accept to abide by the Constitution of the Association.
- B. As the peak body representing incorporated local/state associations, membership of the Association can only be of an **incorporated Association and Corporation**.