

Dear ACA Friend,

We need to do some adulting and we need your help.

Intergroup has agreed to pursue creation of an Incorporated Association to facilitate conducting ACA business. A committee is being formed to explore the best way forward.

Several years ago, a handful of dedicated members restarted ACA meetings in Sydney. Since then, the fellowship has grown to service hundreds of people, carrying the message to thousands more.

We've held Unity Days, hosted conferences and run a book shop, getting hundreds of copies of the Big Red Book and other literature into the hands of adult children across Australia.

This was all done with the help of volunteers who used their own credit cards and personal accounts to accomplish.

But now, to continue the mission, we need to become even more professional and more fully self-supporting. That means becoming an Incorporated Association.

Many other fellowships have made this transition. Incorporation will help in several ways including:

- Allowing ACA to open Pay Pal and other similar business accounts without relying on a individual member to be host and bear the sole responsibility.
- Allowing ACA to enter into contracts, for instance, to print literature locally and potentially save thousands of dollars in freight costs.
- Offer legal protection to members of Intergroup, protecting their personal assets in the event of a lawsuit.
- Continue purchasing group public liability insurance to cover meetings.

Of course, there are some responsibilities that go along with this:

- ACA must hold an Annual General Meeting.
- One office bearer's full name will be publicly listed as a contact person (usually the Treasurer) on a state register with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC)
- ACA must pay approximately \$178 to incorporate as an association.
- ACA must file an annual financial report (\$202 fee) each year.

Various people with experience in this field have urged ACA officers to pursue this path for some years.

We'd like your support as members to accomplish this. Doing so will ensure we can continue our primary purpose: carrying the message to those who still suffer and ensuring ACA will be there for the adult children who haven't yet been born.

Our intention is to approve this proposal at the next intergroup meeting, Wednesday 12 January at 6pm. If there are any objections, please communicate them to your group service representative so they can be addressed at the meeting.

Kind Regards,  
John M - Incorporation Project Coordinator

For further information see Fair Trading NSW  
<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/associations-and-co-operatives/associations>

Other information is available at <https://www.acnc.gov.au/>