

# NCCA Strategic roadmap

## 2019–2022

### NCCA Prayer

From Inaugural Forum,  
Canberra 1994

God of life, unity and peace,  
you have called us to be your people.  
Bring us to closer unity with you  
within the household of your Church.  
Direct our steps as we journey  
in the National Council of Churches in Australia,  
that we may become what you have called us to be;  
and that together we may walk in newness of life:  
new and old, east and west, indigenous and all  
who have gathered in this land from the  
corners of the earth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
and through the grace and communion of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

## How to use this Strategic Roadmap

The NCCA Strategic Roadmap is a key outcome of the NCCA Forum, held in Canberra on 21-24 June 2019. Forum participants and the Board have informed the development of a focused document to clearly **communicate the strategic focus** and **guide core work areas** for the NCCA over the next 3 years.

The one-page 'Strategic Roadmap' for NCCA has been designed to allow you to easily see an at-a-glance overview of how the diverse contributions from the Forum have been synthesised into a high-level strategic plan for the Council.

### A simple framework

Key issues and themes have been clustered into four 'sense-making' categories as **priority focus areas** for the organisation:

- A. **COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT**
- B. **SUPPORT & PARTICIPATION**
- C. **ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY**
- D. **COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT**

These focus areas are aligned with the Council's Strategic Objectives:

Encouraging relationships  
*Hebrews 10:24-25*

Connection & fellowship  
*Matthew 18:20*

Witnessing together  
*Acts 1:8*

Enabling & resourcing  
*2 Corinthians 9:8*

The focus areas are further defined by:

- **Goals & outcomes:** observable and measurable results to be sought by 2022
- **Action program:** proposed activities to deliver these results in short and medium-term timeframes.

### How you can use this document

The elements that have been mapped in this model are the foundations for the NCCA's strategic direction: a basis for moving forward as a collective Membership.

As a NCCA Member, you can use this Roadmap to:

- Identify **opportunities to contribute or collaborate** in new or renewed ways, as Churches as well as individuals
- **Align your Church's activities** for greater strategic impact across the network of Members
- Ensure your Church's NCCA representatives are **aware and informed** as part of participating in strategic meetings such as the Annual General Meeting
- Engage in **focused and purposeful discussions** at NCCA meetings and Assemblies.

### Participate in an ongoing conversation

We welcome your feedback. This Roadmap is intended to be a responsive 'living' document, subject to annual review and refinement.