

Australian Republican Movement

The Australian Republican Movement: Who We Are

The Australian Republican Movement (ARM) was formed in Sydney in July 1991. The movement was established around the central aim that Australia's Head of State would be an Australian citizen chosen by Australians, and that this could be achieved in time for the centenary of Australia's Federation on 1 January 2001.

The No vote in the 1999 Referendum delayed our campaign for Australia to become a republic. Since then the ARM has regrouped and reinvigorated its organisation and continues to work towards an Australian republic.

We are committed to:

- working to ensure Australia becomes a Republic with an Australian as Head of State
- representing the views of Republicans around Australia
- emphasising that an Australian Republic embraces Australia's heritage and is the next natural step in the evolution of Australia's democracy
- promoting community discussion and developing various options for an Australian Republic, and helping to ensure these options are discussed and understood by the Australian people
- encouraging greater understanding of Australia's Constitution and system of government
- emphasising that Australia will only become a Republic if Australians vote to support it

The ARM is supported by Australians from all walks of life and all parts of the country. Supporters of an Australian Head of State live in the cities and suburbs, in regional, rural and remote Australia. They include indigenous Australians, descendants of the First Fleet and our most recent citizens. ARM supporters are drawn from all political parties and many who have no political persuasion. It is truly a mainstream movement.

ARM organisation

The ARM is coordinated by a National Committee with a National Director who manages the organisation from the National Office in Sydney. The National Committee includes 8 Members elected every 2 years by a national ballot of the ARM Members, 8 Members appointed by the State and Territory Branches and one Member of the Youth Wing elected every 2 years by a ballot of the members of the Youth Wing.

The ARM has a Branch Council in each State and Territory. Branch Councils organise and promote meetings, dinners and debates, media events and similar functions in support of the ARM's objectives; distribute literature in support of the creation of an Australian Republic and raise funds for these purposes and to cover administrative costs.

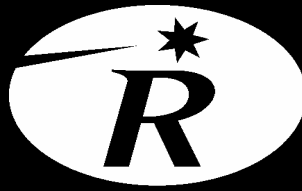
Branch Councils oversee forums that coordinate ARM activities at the local community level, assist with education, organise events and activities, assist the raising of funds and take the campaign for an Australian Republic into the places where Australian live, work and meet.

ARM National Committee 2004-2006

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- Anne Henderson (Dep Chair)
- Terry Fewtrell (Dep Chair & ACT Convenor)
- Richard Fidler (Chair, Constitutional Issues Com)
- Tom Callachor (National Youth Convenor)
- Senator Marise Payne
- Will Fowles
- John Warhurst
- Senator Natasha Stott Despoja
- Ka Sing Chua
- Annie Tennant (Acting NSW Convenor)
- David O'Brien (QLD Convenor)
- Lisa Singh (TAS Convenor)
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ARM members

ARM members are encouraged to promote an Australian Head of State in their local communities:

- Get involved in local ARM forums
- Participate in community stalls
- Monitor local newspapers and talkback radio; write letters to the editor and contribute commentary on radio
- Write letters to local political and community contacts
- Speak at public forums such as community and service clubs, schools, churches, women's, men's, youth groups, seniors and professional organisations.