

AUSTRALIA TIBET COUNCIL

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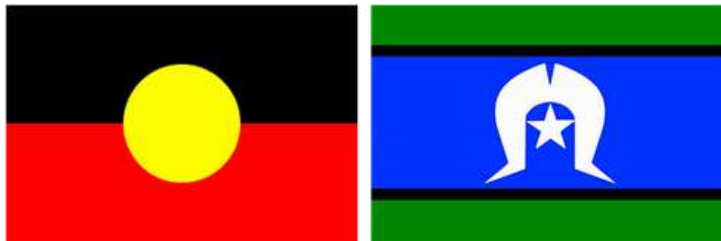


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In the spirit of reconciliation, Australia Tibet Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



# WHO WE ARE

Australia Tibet Council campaigns for the human rights and freedom of Tibetans. We are a not-for-profit organisation funded by members across Australia. Founded in 1988, we are the largest community of Australians standing in solidarity with the people of Tibet.

We are inspired by the Tibetans who oppose China's occupation of their homeland with courage, hope and tenacity and who resist abuses of their fundamental human rights and freedoms.



## Our objective

ATC's objective is to pursue the following charitable purposes:

- (a) to work to achieve United Nations Resolution 1723 of 1961 which calls for "the cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination";
- (b) to raise awareness of the situation in Tibet at all levels of Australian society, by encouraging government and community leaders to take positive action, and by supporting appropriate Australian and international initiatives; and
- (c) to do all other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects or any of them or which may be calculated to advance directly or indirectly ATC's interests.

## Our vision

A free Tibet in which Tibetans can determine their future, and freely pursue their religious practices and their political, cultural and economic development.

# ATC VALUES

ATC enables everyone in Australia to raise awareness of the real situation in Tibet and build public and political support for Tibetans' human rights. We empower Tibetans in Australia to become effective advocates and play an active role in the global Tibet movement.



## Values

### **Putting the interest of Tibetans at the heart of everything we do.**

ATC exists to support Tibetans in their quest for self-determination and help restore freedom in Tibet. Amplifying Tibetan actions and voices is at the heart of all our campaigns.

### **We build people power.**

Our work is made possible by our members and supporters who believe in our work. We empower our community to take action for Tibet. We collaborate with diverse stakeholders for maximum impact.

### **We hold ourselves to the highest standards.**

We are resourceful with the funds provided by our members and supporters. We value the trust placed in us by our community and recognise the importance of protecting the information of our members and supporters that we store on our database.





## ATC strives for a positive organisational and workplace culture. Our principles include:

**Independence** – ATC is an independent movement, funded by its members and supporters. We are ordinary people from all walks of life, standing together for justice, freedom, human dignity and equality. We are independent of any government, political party, ideology, economic interest or religion.

**Cooperation** – ATC works in a complex environment which requires effective collaboration between our Board, staff, members, donors and volunteers. The success of our work requires effective interaction with diverse stakeholders, including the Tibetan community, partner organisations, government officials and news media.

We aim to strengthen and grow the organisation by building relationships and utilising excellent people skills.

**Integrity** – ATC expects all its staff and volunteers to conduct themselves with the highest degree of honesty. We are accountable for our actions.

**Respect** – ATC aims to build a diverse and inclusive team. All Australians with an interest in defending and promoting human rights in Tibet may apply to join ATC. We treat each other and all our stakeholders with respect.

# What we do

We raise awareness about human rights in Tibet.

We ensure our decision-makers get accurate information and we challenge misrepresentations of the actual situation in Tibet.

We lobby the Australian parliament and government to take a firm, principled stand on human rights in Tibet.

We amplify the voices of Tibetans and ensure the Australian and international communities hear their stories as China intensifies its efforts to control the discourse on human rights in Tibet.

We implement focussed campaigns which are designed to support our objectives.

We contribute to international efforts to raise awareness about human rights in Tibet and to support the Tibetan people.







# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

## Dear Members,

If you can remember back to the beginning of 2021 there was a feeling of hope that there would be a 'return to normal' and that the worst of the pandemic was behind us. This turned out to be a false hope. 2021 brought us more COVID-related challenges, greater case numbers and more protracted lockdowns.

However ATC rallied and embraced online collaboration tools to continue its important work. During this difficult time and despite a turndown in face-to-face opportunities with our members and supporters, ATC achieved some important outcomes for Tibet. These include:

- Mobilising the community to call for a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games – and getting the Australian Government to commit to this boycott action.
- Campaigning for Australia to adopt the Magnitsky Act to ensure members of the CCP responsible for human rights abuses are able to be individually sanctioned by Australia.
- Forging ahead with our annual Tibet Lobby day in an online format. Members of the Tibetan community joined with ATC in directly lobbying MPs and Senators across the political spectrum. They used online platforms to host engaging meetings.



We thank all ATC supporters who took part in online actions, signed petitions and wrote to their members of parliament about Tibet. All these actions contributed to ATC being able to gain these meaningful outcomes for Tibet.

One key part of ATC's purpose is to demonstrate to Australian Parliamentarians and decision makers that the people of Australia - their constituents - care about Tibet. Australians want to see tangible human rights outcomes for the people of Tibet. We cannot do this work without your ongoing support.

This report is an urgent reminder that we must continue to take action for Tibet. Tibet is still considered the least free country in the world. Australia took some key steps in 2021 to help the people of Tibet and we need to maintain pressure on our decision makers. We know that Australia can do more for Tibet and with your help, we will continue our work.

As Co-Chairs of the ATC Board of Directors, we wanted to express our gratitude for your commitment to furthering the Tibetan cause.

**KATIE CAMARENA &  
TENZIN LOBSANG KHANGSAR**

*Co-chairs of ATC Board*



**END THE  
OCCUPATION  
IN TIBET**



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I have been reflecting on the Tibet struggle and its contribution to peace and to a global movement of non-violent resistance.

The Tibetan struggle has contributed to peace over the years, as it is a struggle rooted in nonviolent resistance. The Chinese Government occupied Tibet in a violent manner with tanks and military troops and has since employed violence - repressing the Tibetan people with arrests, torture, deaths in custody and the destruction of monasteries. The people of Tibet have remained steadfast in their nonviolent methodology of resistance such as protest, non-cooperation and collective action.

Tibetans often use cultural and religious tactics too, such as mass circumambulation, art, songs and poetry to express their veneration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, their love of their homeland and their desire for freedom.

The Tibetan movement is international and supporters around the world have ensured that the violent repression of Tibet is not going unnoticed. Tibet supporters worldwide play a critical role in appealing to our governments and demanding action.

Being apart of the Tibet movement is an important way that Australians can contribute peacefully to a world where the Dalai Lama's dream of Tibet as a zone of peace can come true.



The nonviolent struggle of Tibet is a hopeful pathway and one with integrity and with a real possibility of achieving peace.

2021 was a year of collaboration and cooperation for ATC. Tibet groups around the world joined together to campaign against the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games. Despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, we managed many coordinated global actions. Here in Australia we joined three international global days of action with the International Tibet Network, thanks to tremendous support from our members.

ATC also worked closely on this campaign in Australia with members of the Uyghur community, Hong Konger community, Taiwanese community and Chinese democracy and human rights activists. In many events we were also joined by human rights activists from Vietnam and the Philippines - peoples all affected by China's geopolitical bullying in the South China Sea.

2021 ended up being a fantastic year for cooperation, collaboration and interconnectedness between people affected around the world by the Chinese Government's occupation, aggression and human rights abuses.

That is why ATC appreciates each and every Tibet supporter. Every time you speak out for a Tibetan who has been imprisoned and tortured for their beliefs, every time you write to the Australian Government to push for a campaign outcome and make a positive change for Tibet, you are contributing to the Tibetan people's nonviolent struggle.

We need to keep working together to achieve a peaceful outcome for Tibet.

with *Metta*,

**DR. ZOË BEDFORD**

*ATC Executive Officer*

# OUR CAMPAIGNS

## #NoBeijing2022

This was our most public campaign during 2021. The success of this campaign, with the Australian Government announcing a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics in December 2021, was due to the continued efforts of our supporters.

This campaign involved:

- A major public rally as part of the Global Day of Action on 24 June 2021 in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth as well as other cities around the world.
- Alliance outreach and coordination between Tibetans, Uyghurs, Hong Kongers, Chinese activists and other human rights activists from Vietnam and other communities in Australia resulting in coordinated rallies and campaign video messages.
- Collaboration between Australia Tibet Council and Tibetan community groups around Australia.
- Coordination and relationship building with other Tibet Support Groups around the world, including International Tibet Network (ITN), Free Tibet UK, Students for a Free Tibet USA and Tibetan European Youth Association, resulting in internationally coordinated global days of action.
- Public support from ATC supporters in the form of signing petitions, sharing videos, sending emails and taking action.





Each week, the campaign highlighted a different political prisoner detained in China during our international 52 week countdown. Tibetan political prisoners as well as Uyghurs, Chinese human rights activists and Hong Kong political prisoners were profiled and their story shared globally as part of the #NoBeijing2022 campaign. ATC also put the spotlight on 14 Tibetan political prisoners, current and historical, during the 2021 Japan Summer Olympics.

Several videos were produced by ATC, with Australian based activists from Tibet, Hong Kong, East Turkistan and other affected peoples appealing to the Australian Government for action to boycott the Beijing Winter Olympics in 2022.

The #NoBeijing2022 campaign was successful in achieving diplomatic boycotts around the world.









# TIBET LOBBY DAY

In 2021, persistent lockdowns across NSW, Victoria and the ACT resulted in Tibet Lobby Day once again being held online in November 2021.

Over the course of a week Tibetan activists from NSW, QLD, VIC and the ACT met with parliamentarians from across the political spectrum - with Labor, Liberal and Greens

Parliamentarians included in our meetings.

The issues our lobbyists highlighted in 2021 were:

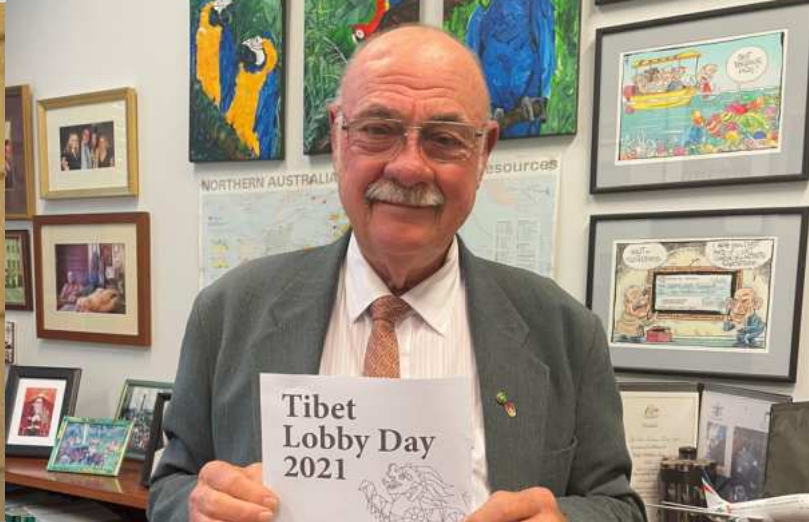
- The #NoBeijing2022 campaign for a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games.
- Tibet's environment and the destruction of Tibet's unique ecosystem with the forced removal of Tibetan Nomads from the grasslands.

- The Protecting Tibetan Religious Identity campaign, with many of the delegates conveying their personal stories about themselves or their family members being forced to denounce the Dalai Lama and submitted to 're-education' camps while in Tibet.

Once again, parliamentarians were impressed with the Tibetan lobbyists who joined us for the event and were impacted by the personal stories the Tibet Lobby Day participants shared. Making this person-to-person connection is important to building long-term support for Tibet in Australia's Parliament.



Tibet Lobby Day  
November 2021





# MAGNITSKY ACT

Thanks to all Tibet supporters taking action, historic Magnitsky laws were passed in Australia on 1 December 2021. Thanks to all ATC supporters who have helped this campaign by emailing Australian Members of Parliament and taking other actions to push the Australian Government to make these Magnitsky laws happen.

The Magnitsky laws, as amended and improved with your help, passed the Senate with unanimous support on 1 December 2021. The laws will allow the Australian Government to sanction individuals and entities responsible for "egregious conduct," including threatening international peace and serious human rights violations.

A Magnitsky Act in Australia is our best chance to hold to account members of the CCP responsible for the worst human rights abuses in Tibet. Australia will have the ability to impose targeted financial sanctions and travel bans against individuals, their families, and entities determined to be involved in such sanctionable conduct wherever it occurs, such as human rights abuses.

But the fight against human rights abusers in Tibet is not over. Indeed in many ways, this is just the beginning. Now that this legislation has passed, ATC will be working on ensuring CCP officials who are responsible for human rights abuses in Tibet are sanctioned under the Act.

**#MagnitskyActNow**





## TIBETAN FORCED LABOUR (CUSTOMS AMENDMENT ACT)

ATC made a submission to the Inquiry into the Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced by Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020 in March 2021. ATC made the case that Tibetans should be incorporated in a law banning forced Uyghur labour. The submission is available online ([www.atc.org.au](http://www.atc.org.au)).

This submission deals with:

- The urgent need to include Tibet and Tibetans in the Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced by Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020
- The similarities and connections between the systems that are being applied to Uyghurs and Tibetans
- The forced labour of Tibetans.

The draft bill was later revised by Senator Rex Patrick to include all forced labour regardless of geography or ethnic origin, including Tibet and Tibetan forced labour in China. On 23 August, the legislation passed the Senate.

## Confucius Institutes (Foreign Relations (State and Territories Arrangements) Bill 2020)

Thanks to the actions from Tibet supporters, the Tibetan Community and ATC, the agreements between Australian universities and their Confucius Institutes were under review in 2021. All agreements between Australian universities and foreign powers, including China, were reviewed by the Foreign Arrangements Taskforce at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The taskforce has the power under the review to terminate these agreements and end the presence of Confucius Institutes on our campuses. This was made possible by the passing of a new Foreign Relations Bill. This review was ongoing at the end of 2021.

# YOUR IMPACTS IN 2021

We made a landmark achievement in 2021 with the passing of the Magnitsky laws in Australia. Together with your help, we targeted Members of Parliament and Senators demanding these laws be passed and enacted. This legislation will now allow the Australian Government to impose targeted financial sanctions and travel bans against individuals and entities determined to be involved in sanctionable conduct such as human rights abuses. With the passing of these historic laws, ATC will be campaigning the Australian Government to sanction Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials responsible for human rights abuses in Tibet.



After almost a year of sustained campaigning, we achieved a huge victory in the 'Olympic Rings of Oppression: Beijing 2022' campaign. Then-Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced on 8 December 2021 that Australian officials would not be attending the Beijing 2022 Winter Games, joining the international diplomatic boycott of Beijing's Genocide Games. The Prime Minister cited concerns over the Chinese Government's ongoing human rights abuses.





This campaign was a monumental achievement. We worked jointly with our allies from Southern Mongolia, East Turkistan, Taiwan and Hong Kong in propelling a global movement against the Beijing Olympics. We joined our allies on the 'Global Day of Action' on 23 June 2021, which took place in over 50 cities around the world including all major cities in Australia.

You played an instrumental part in the campaign's success - from donating funds, signing petitions, tweeting the Prime Minister to boycott the Games, sharing our video content with friends and family on your social media, printing placards and taking to the streets, rallying friends to join and capturing the day's events. You ensured the world knew the truth about China's human rights abuses in Tibet and mobilised support for justice!



We launched the 'Spirit of Tibet' appeal and a petition on His Holiness the Dalai Lama's reincarnation, as a part of our campaign to protect Tibetan religious identity. The campaign aims to secure legislation in Australia stating that the Australian Government will not accept Chinese government interference in Tibetan religious affairs, especially in the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama which is solely a matter for Tibetan Buddhist leaders and the Tibetan people, similar to laws in the United States.





# GOVERNANCE

On 22 May 2021 ATC convened our Annual General Meeting (AGM) online where ATC's annual awards were awarded for the first time.

The two new awards, the Snowlion Certificate of Appreciation and the Damien Lovelock Award for Meritorious Service, were created with the aim of recognising members who have made significant contributions for Tibet over the years.

## AWARD RECIPIENTS IN 2021

### Snowlion Certificate of Appreciation

The Snowlion Certificate of Appreciation is for financial members of ATC who have assisted ATC in important ways. Eligibility criteria for the CA award includes major contributions as a volunteer, long-time financial membership of ATC and significant success in fundraising for ATC.

#### **Alison Ribush**

Alison became a life member of ATC more than two decades ago! She has donated generously over the years and continues to support our annual appeals. As a young woman she heard on the radio about China's invasion of Tibet in the 1950s. Alison is former convener of ATC's Victorian branch and board member of ATC.

Some of the highlights are her role in the annual Dharamshala Insight Tour, attending events for ATC such as Tibet Talks and volunteering during the Dalai Lama's visit to Melbourne.

Alison has also raised and donated funds that enabled various projects, most importantly sponsoring six Tibetan children in their studies.

Alison's commitment to the cause is as enduring and unwavering as the Tibetan spirit of hope that Tibet will be free. Her determination is inspiring and illustrates the strength of the movement for a free Tibet – that we will never give up. ATC extends a heartfelt thank you for your dedication.

## **Ken Leonhardt**

Ken was a dedicated volunteer for ATC. He singlehandedly managed ATC's merchandise distribution for many years as well as being willing to assist with administrative duties and more. Ken would help ATC at events and protests. Volunteers like Ken are as rare and precious as diamonds.

Sadly Ken passed away in 2021, and is being awarded the Snowlion Certificate posthumously, in recognition of his many years of support in ATC's operations.

## **Damien Lovelock Award for Meritorious Service**

The Damien Lovelock Award for Meritorious Service is for supporters and financial members who have made an extraordinary contribution to ATC's work. Eligibility criteria for the CMS award includes making a significant contribution, including financial contribution, to the success of ATC's campaigns and organisational capacity.

## **Hal Young**

Hal Young is a former chairperson, treasurer, and director of ATC. Hal instituted many changes to improve ATC's structure and operations during his time.

He reviewed how ATC publishes our annual report of its activities and financial position, and facilitated financial management of ATC to address cash flow issues. Hal drove the work to register ATC as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission.

Hal has also been a reliable supporter, showing up for ATC at events and protests, and being a part of the Dharamsala Insight Tour. Hal also maintained a steady relationship with the local Tibetan community.

## **Kyinzom Dhongdue**

Kyinzom is well-known to ATC supporters as ATC's former Campaigns and Executive Officer of ATC, however this award is not conferred to Kyinzom on the basis of her paid work for ATC. Kyinzom indirectly made a cash donation to ATC by advising the Board that she did not wish to be paid for her long-service leave entitlement. This generous act strengthened the financial position of ATC. Kyinzom has proven herself to be a trailblazer, through her election as Chitue (member of Parliament) representing Australia at the Central Tibetan Administration, and her candidacy for the Australian Parliament in the 2022 elections. Kyinzom never fails to represent Tibet with passion and commitment.



# ATC VOLUNTEERS

The scope of volunteer engagement in activities and gatherings in 2021 was unfortunately impacted for a second year by COVID lockdown and social distancing rules. Some in-person events and fundraising reliant on volunteer assistance moved online for the interim.

Despite this, brief windows during the pandemic allowed participation in market stalls, a Global Day of Action rally and 'packing parties' to ensure our ATC mailouts met their schedules.

We are hopeful that more volunteer participation will be possible in 2022 and we sincerely thank all those who have remained steadfast in their commitment and been willing to be flexible throughout the last two difficult years.

ATC is greatly appreciative of your ongoing support.



## THE AGM

The AGM considered the Annual Report 2020 and provided an opportunity for members to ask questions about ATC's activities and finances in 2020 and the outlook for 2021.

ATC is an ACNC registered charity and as such ATC was able to claim financial assistance based on the hardship of the pandemic via the NSW Government. This approval greatly assisted ATC's finances in 2021, as our usual fundraising activities were severely curtailed by the COVID-19 related restrictions.

## ATC's Directors

In 2021, ATC directors Tenzin Lobsang Khangsar and Katie Camarena were appointed as Co-chairs, under clause 41.2 of ATC's Constitution.

The Board, pursuant to clause 40.5 of ATC's Constitution, appointed Tenzin Dolmey as a director, to fill a casual vacancy on the Board. Her term commenced on 12 December 2020.

It also appointed Mark Openshaw as a director pursuant to clause 40.5 on 24 November 2021, following the completion of his term as Company Secretary.





## Co Chairs



**Katie Camarena** was elected as Co-chair in Dec 2020. She holds a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of New South Wales and a Graduate Certificate in International Health from Curtin University. She has worked in digital communications at Greenpeace Australia Pacific, Inspired Adventures and Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA. She had also worked for the Burma Children Medical Fund based on the Thai-Burma Border. Katie has been a volunteer with Australia Tibet Council since 2000 and worked in the national office between 2003 and 2007. She joined the Board in 2014.



**Tenzin Lobsang Khangsar** joined the Board in June 2020 and was elected Co-chair in December 2020. He currently works as an interpreter with Home Affairs (Immigration), alongside being a home loan consultant at Star Lending Pvt. Ltd. and bi-cultural worker at Co-health. He has served as both the vice-president (2013-2015) and president (2017-2019) of the Tibetan Community of Victoria. Lobsang completed his schooling at the Tibetan Children's Village, Ladakh and Dharamsala, India. He has a Masters in Economics from M.S. University and Master in Business (SAP) from Victoria University, Australia.

# OUR TEAM

## Board members



**Sonam Paljor** recommenced his position as Board member in 2021 after a leave of absence. He works with the NSW Public Sector. Before moving to Australia, he had worked at the Department of Health in the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala. Sonam was born at the Dolanji Tibetan refugee settlement in northern India. He has a Bachelor of Science from Punjab University and a Masters in International Public Health from Sydney University. He joined the Board in 2014.



**Annie Wale** has been a long-time Tibet supporter, witnessing the lead-up to the 1987 uprising while in Lhasa. She has taught regularly in Dharamsala with the Dalai Lama's Science and Monastics initiative. She has worked in environmental education at the Australian Museum, Taronga Zoo and Royal Botanical Gardens and was a founding board member of WIRES. She is also an active environmental campaigner and is a SIDS grief support worker with Red Nose. Annie has a B.A Dip.Ed from the University of New South Wales. Annie joined the Board in 2018.



**Tenzin Dolmep** was appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Board. Her term commenced on 12 December 2020. She is the General Secretary of the Tibetan Community of Victoria, and a critical care nurse with a post-graduation in emergency nursing. She has interests in literature and has organised campaigns and lobbied with state and federal parliamentarians on issues concerning Tibet and Tibetans.



**Tenzin Lhamo** joined the ATC Board on 20 June 2021. She is Director in KPMG's Management Consulting practice, delivering large technology change programs and is a chartered accountant with a Bachelor in Commerce, accounting and information systems from ANU. She has been entrepreneurial in establishing a Women in Tech community in Melbourne and has also served in leadership roles in the Tibetan Community in Australia.



**Hal Young** is a former Chair and former Treasurer at ATC. He worked in IT with Qantas and Jetstar Airlines for over 30 years. He also served as the treasurer at Tara Institute in Melbourne and was part of the organising committee for the Dalai Lama's Australia tour in 1992. He joined the Board in 2014. Hal has a B.A. from Carleton University in Canada, a Diploma in Education from Melbourne University and Graduate Diploma in Data Processing from Monash University. Hal resigned from the Board on 22 May 2021.



**Norbu Pradhan** was appointed as Director/Treasurer 3 December 2021. Norbu has worked at KPMG as an analyst in auditing, risk management and internal quality assurance and holds a Master of Accounting. He is a Nepal-born Tibetan.



**Dr Gabriel Donleavy** joined the board on 10 May 2021 to fill the role of Treasurer. Dr Donleavy has been a Professor of Accounting at University of New England, Australia, since 2015. His academic qualifications include: BA (Hons) in Economics, PHD in Accounting, University of Glasgow, UK, 1991, Bachelor of Laws, University of London, UK, 1995. Gabriel Donleavy resigned from the Board on 11 October 2021.





# Staff



**Dr Zoë Bedford** is ATC's Executive Officer. She has been involved with ATC since 1999 when she volunteered at an event. Since that time she worked with ATC as a campaigner and also on the Board as a director and chairperson. Born and raised in Sydney, Australia, Zoë has lived and worked overseas in the Philippines and Thailand. She was an aid worker for many years, supporting projects in the Pacific and working with Burmese refugees on the Thai-Burma border on diverse projects. Zoë has a Doctor of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict studies from the University of Sydney as well as a Master in International Social Development from the University of NSW and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Newcastle University.



**Gemima Harvey**, ATC's Digital Campaigner, has a background in journalism, photography, communications and digital marketing. Previously, she worked as Communications Officer for a charity based in Cambodia. Before moving into communications for nonprofits, Gemima worked as an international freelance journalist and photographer focusing on forced migration, human rights and social justice issues. Gemima has a Master of Refugee Protection and Forced Migration from the University of London, and a Bachelor of Journalism from Griffith University. Gemima resigned from her role in December 2021.



**Harvey Purse, Campaigns Officer** has a background in labour rights and human rights campaigning and organising. A life-long activist, Harvey has been involved in many causes and campaigns. In International trade policy, he worked for a fairer system based on human rights, heightening the voices of the people of the Pacific and other countries and regions to Australian governments. He has worked as an advisor on corporate accountability and fair trade, with a focus on labour rights and supply chain transparency for Oxfam Australia and as an advisor on influencing for Oxfam Cambodia on its multi-nation Fair Finance Asia project providing workshops on influencing.

# Company Secretary



**Mark Openshaw**, ATC's Company Secretary, has been an ATC member for twenty five years. Mark has worked as a policy adviser to the NSW Government, at the Organisation of Economic Development in Paris and for the Australian Government in Canberra. Mark has a Bachelor of Economics from Sydney University, a graduate degree in geography from the Australian National University and a Master of Arts from Macquarie University. Mark resigned as ATC Company Secretary on 23 November 2021.

**Melissa Blackley** took up the role of ATC Company Secretary 24 November 2021. She has been a professional executive with 20 years in human resources, corporate planning and regulation compliance including General Manager HR at APA and Board Director at LUCRF Super. She holds a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Economics (first class honours) and has had a strong interest in the Tibet cause over many years.

# FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL REPORTS

ATC is 100% community funded and reliant on funds from supporters to carry out our work. Voice for Tibet membership is our largest and most regular and reliable income stream. This is followed by appeals, raffles, events and merchandise.

As a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our programs were once again affected. For another year we had to postpone our Little Tibet Tour, a fundraising adventure tour to the heart of Tibetans-in-exile in Dharamsala, India. Other fundraising plans such as peer-to-peer fundraising activities centred around gatherings and events were also cancelled.

However Tibet supporters were very responsive to online activities and fundraising and we thank them for their support.





# SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Australian Tibet Council Limited  
A.B.N 15 088 312 529

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Appeals		15,089	66,605
Donations and Bequests		327	21,445
Interest		5	28
Events Income		961	4,633
Membership Fees		76,219	71,036
Grants		-	-
Raffles		23,768	22,849
Auction revenue		-	6,457
Merchandise		9,469	20,415
Government COVID stimulus		34,404	79,980
<b>Total Trading and Other Income</b>		<b>160,242</b>	<b>293,448</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advocacy Expenses		14,397	24,416
Audit Review Fee		1,000	1,000
Bank Fees and Charges		1,794	3,058
Communications		6,221	3,974
Events Expenses		-	545
Fundraising Expenses		3,782	10,196
Merchandise Expenses		4,991	9,721
Payroll Expenses		174,331	153,492
Operational & Administration expenses		9,453	8,116
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>215,969</b>	<b>214,848</b>
<b>Net Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax</b>		<b>(55,727)</b>	<b>78,927</b>
Income Tax Expenses	1	-	-
<b>Net Profit / (Loss) after Income Tax</b>		<b>(55,727)</b>	<b>78,927</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss)</b>		<b>(55,727)</b>	<b>78,927</b>

# BALANCE SHEET

## Australian Tibet Council Limited A.B.N 15 088 312 529

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		51,248	101,242
Financial Assets		-	-
Other Assets		-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>51,248</u>	<u>101,242</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment		-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>51,248</u>	<u>101,242</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables		3,620	3,427
Current tax liabilities		6,056	4,718
Provisions		6,922	3,719
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>16,598</u>	<u>11,864</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>34,650</u>	<u>89,378</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Profits		34,650	89,378
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>34,650</u>	<u>89,378</u>



# THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Australian Tibet Council Limited A.B.N 15 088 312 529

### Review of Financial Report to the Members of Australia Tibet Council Limited

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Australia Tibet Council Limited (Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The director's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimate that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report – Company Limited by Guarantee, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including : giving a true fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001. ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Australia Tibet Council Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.



# THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Australian Tibet Council Limited A.B.N 15 088 312 529

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#### Qualification

As is common for organisation of this type, it is not practicable for the company to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions, and other fund-raising activities, especially those of the state branches, until the monies are banked. Accordingly, our audit in relation to funds from the above activities was limited to amounts recorded.

#### Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, except for the matter described in the preceding paragraphs, nothing has come to our attention that makes us believe that the financial report of Australia Tibet Council Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Emphasis Matter-

#### Basis of Accounting

- We draw your attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the company's constitution and meet the needs of the members. As a result, financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

A JOSEPH & CO  
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Dated this ...23...day of ...June ... 2022

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The people of Tibet need your help. Please visit our website where you can take the following actions and support our vital work for human rights of Tibetans.

[www.atc.org.au](http://www.atc.org.au)

## Stay informed

Our supporters are essential for our movement. When you subscribe to our mailing list, you will receive regular email updates about our campaigns and how you can take part to support Tibet.

## Be a Voice for Tibet

Our membership program is called Voice For Tibet. This is a monthly giving program that provides us with the most reliable source of funding. By becoming a Voice for Tibet, you join a dedicated group of members powering our campaigns for the long-term. As a monthly giving member, you can help shape the direction of the organisation by standing for Board positions and sharing your passion and skills to champion the Tibet cause.

## Make a one-off donation

If you are not in a position to become a member right now, please consider making a one-off donation. Every contribution helps. It drives every single campaign.

## Become a volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to meet like-minded people while helping to make a positive change in the world. At Australia Tibet Council, the passion and dedication of our volunteers are vital to our ongoing campaigns to promote freedom and human rights for Tibetans. ATC volunteers can work from anywhere in Australia. We don't have a physical office. You can work on one event or campaign for a short time or take on a more significant role to support ATC throughout the year.





# Bequests

## Leave a bequest

Including a gift in your will to Australia Tibet Council can make a profound difference, allowing us to continue working for Tibet far into the future. After taking care of your nearest and dearest, we hope you will consider leaving a legacy for Tibet. Your support will help provide us with critical resources to continue our work until Tibetans enjoy genuine freedom. Any gift, large or small, will be a lasting legacy of your compassion and support for the Tibetan people.

ATC wholeheartedly appreciates our lifelong Tibet supporters, including the late Damian Lovelock and Denis Stanley Klein who generously left a bequest to ATC to ensure the movement continues.

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# Thank you!

