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Premier of New South Wales

Media Release
NSW to honour victims of Bondi Beach attack one year on

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As we come up to one year since the devastating antisemitic terrorist attack at Bondi Beach, NSW will come together to honour the innocent lives lost, remember those whose lives were forever changed, and stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and all those affected.

A series of commemorative events will take place at Bondi Beach throughout December, allowing people to come together in remembrance.

The NSW Government is working with Waverley Council, Jewish community groups and the local Bondi community to support these events, alongside additional mental health and welfare services for those who need them.

This time will be especially difficult for bereaved families, survivors, first-responders, witnesses and others still living with the trauma of that day.

To those who lost loved ones, friends and community members, to those who witnessed the horrific events, and all those who continue to be impacted: you are not alone.

Together we remember the lives lost and acknowledge those who continue to carry the impact of the 2025 attack and stand together in support of one another.

Commemorative Events

For those who wish to gather, the following commemorative events will take place at Bondi Beach. More information can be found on the NSW Government website.

- **Dec 4-14: Sharing Light**

  Supported by Waverley Council and NSW Government, ***Sharing Light*** is a public art installation featuring more than 6,000 handmade clay bowls, each containing a solar-powered light, which will be displayed at Archer Park. The bowls have been created by members of the community, including local families, schoolchildren, survivors and first responders.

  Each evening, the lights will illuminate the park, creating a space for quiet reflection and remembrance.

  The installation is free and open to the public throughout the 11 days.

- **Sunday, December 6: We Are One – 7pm (Gates open at 5.30pm)**

  "We Are One – from Darkness to Light" is a free ticketed concert at Bondi Beach, bringing people together through music, remembrance and light.

  The event starts at 7pm and will include a tribute to victims and a public Chanukah candle lighting. The concert will also be broadcast on ABC TV and iview.

- **Monday, December 14: Stronger Together – 5.30am**

At dawn, lifesavers from Surf Life Saving NSW will gather on Bondi Beach for a lowering of the surf club flags, before coming together on the water and shoulder to shoulder on the sand to reflect and commemorate. (Flags will be lowered at 5.30am, followed by the moment of unity at 6.30am).

- **Monday, December 14: 'A Moment for Bondi' - 6.15pm (Gates open 5pm)**

  The community is encouraged to gather at Dolphin Court, near Bondi Pavilion, to observe 12 months since the attack, honouring those who lost their lives and recognising everyone affected by the attack. This 'Moment for Bondi' will include a short musical performance and some heartfelt words before pausing for a minute of silence at 6.42pm. All communities across NSW are encouraged to pause at 6.42pm to reflect and remember.

  Security: Attendees will be subject to screening and bag checks.

Support available for the community

Recognising the grief and trauma that the anniversary may bring, the NSW Government will reopen the **Community Support Hub at Bondi Pavilion** during December. Opening hours:

- 4 to 5 December: 10:00am to 4:00pm daily
- 7 to 13 December: 10:00am to 4:00pm daily
- 14 December: 5:30am to 8:00pm

The Hub will be convened by the NSW Reconstruction Authority and will provide information, mental health and wellbeing support, service navigation and referral pathways to appropriate services.

Waverley Council will also arrange additional mental health support officers throughout the Bondi Beach precinct on Monday 14 December.

Support remains available beyond the anniversary. Resilience and Support Services can connect people with a dedicated support worker to access tailored emotional and wellbeing support, financial assistance and other services.

There are also 24-hour support services available, including:

- NSW Mental Health Line: 1800 011 511
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Further information about support available can be found at nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/bondi-beach-attack.

Supporting victims and families

The NSW Government has donated $1 million to the Unite for Bondi - Bondi Terror Attack Appeal which will provide support to primary victims.

Members of the public, businesses, corporates and philanthropists who wish to donate can do so via rawcs.org.au. Donors will receive tax deductible receipts for the contributions they make.

The appeal is administered by the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) which is a registered charitable organisation which delivers benevolent, humanitarian and disaster relief projects throughout Australia and internationally.

Premier Chris Minns said:

"One year ago, what should have been a day of joy became a day of unimaginable horror. Innocent lives were taken, families were torn apart and our state was forever changed."

"Our thoughts are with those who lost someone they loved, those who survived and all those still carrying the trauma of that day. We will never forget those we lost or what happened.

“This was an act of antisemitic terror targeting the Jewish community. We must never lose sight of that, and we must remain absolutely united in our determination to confront antisemitism and hatred wherever it appears and in all its forms.

“In the Jewish tradition, this anniversary is known as the Yahrzeit, or ‘year time’, where loved ones remember the soul of the departed, lighting a candle in their memory.

“This is a time to remember those whose lives were lost, to acknowledge the many survivors who are still living with this attack, and to stand together in support of one another.

“I hope these commemorations provide some comfort to those who need it, whether that's being surrounded by others or finding a quiet moment to reflect.

“What matters most is that we continue to look after one another, support those who are grieving and ensure the Jewish community and the local community of Bondi knows that NSW stands with them, now and always.”

Waverley Mayor Steven Lewis said:

“Our thoughts remain with all who lost family members and those injured and traumatised by the events of a year ago.

“Anniversaries can bring memories and renewed grief, trauma, and difficult emotions. There is no right way to feel or to mark this time. Some of you may wish to come together with family, friends or community; others may prefer privacy and space.

“We continue to work with the community to ensure that the famous Bondi Beach returns as a place of joy and beauty, and that locals and visitors can come together in unity and peace.”

Surf Life Saving NSW CEO Steven Pearce said:

“For many of our lifesavers, 14 December will always be a deeply painful day. They were among the first to respond, stepping forward in circumstances none of us could ever have imagined, and while their actions that day were extraordinary, many are still working through the deep trauma of what they witnessed and experienced.

“The first anniversary is an important opportunity to come together, to remember those whose lives were lost and forever changed, and to support one another. We hope these commemorative events provide a safe and respectful opportunity for reflection and, in some small way, help our members and the wider Bondi community continue the process of healing.”

Notes for media:

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