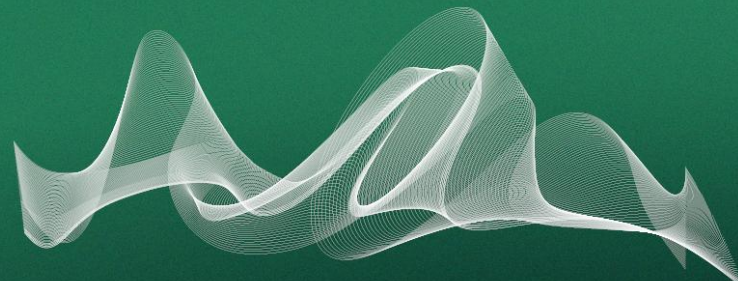




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Australian Multicultural Council

Statement on the Bondi terrorist attack

Monday 15 December 2025

The Australian Multicultural Council expresses its profound sorrow and solidarity with the Jewish community following the tragic and violent attack at Bondi Beach yesterday. Our thoughts are with the victims, their families and all those affected.

Such an abhorrent form of violence, motivated by hatred and antisemitism, has no place in Australia. The safety, dignity and belonging of every individual in Australia is fundamental to the strength of our multicultural democracy. The Australian Multicultural Council reaffirms and remains committed to Australia's strength in our diversity, our shared values, and our commitment to inclusion. In moments like these, it is vital that we come together as one community, supporting all Australians, rejecting fear and intolerance.

Jewish Australians are an integral part of our national story. When any community or individual is targeted because of their identity or faith, it is not only that community or individual that is harmed; it is everyone, and the values that bind us together as Australians.

Multiculturalism is not only about the diversity we celebrate. It encompasses the choices we make when any community is targeted; to speak out against hatred, to stand alongside those who feel vulnerable and to ensure no one feels isolated or unsafe. To stand up and actively be a voice for community safety, protecting the dignity and belonging of every person in Australia is to practise multiculturalism in a substantive and meaningful way.

At moments like this, multiculturalism cannot be passive. It is sustained through leadership, responsibility and action by individuals, institutions and governments alike.

The Australian Multicultural Council urges all Australians to uphold the principles of respect, understanding, and belonging as demonstrated by the heroes that offered unwavering support for the victims of Sunday's tragedy. All leaders, institutions and communities are united as they stand up and respond with resolve and care, to reject division and to continue the shared work of strengthening belonging, understanding and trust across Australia's diverse society.

Our thoughts remain with those impacted, and we commend the police and emergency services and community members who responded with courage and compassion.

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