

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Premier



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VICTORIAN STATE VIGIL HELD ON NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

A multifaith vigil to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Bondi Beach terrorist attack will be held at 11.15am on Thursday, 22 January at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral.

The Premier Jacinta Allan announced the Victorian State Vigil (the Vigil) is as part of the National Day of Mourning for the victims of the Bondi Terrorist Attack – a day for all Australians to come together and honour the victims and all those impacted by the attack.

In a gathering of unity and remembrance the Premier will join political and multifaith leaders from across Victoria including from the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faith communities at the iconic St Paul's Cathedral.

Victorians are heartbroken and grieving this antisemitic act of evil. The Vigil will be an opportunity for them to pause, to remember, and light a candle in honour of those who lost their lives – and to encourage peace, and an end to hatred.

In recognition of the National Day of Mourning, flags will be flown at half-mast at all Commonwealth and Victorian Government buildings and from dusk, landmark buildings across Victoria will also be lit up in white as a symbol of light as we move forward as a nation.

At 7.01pm, Australians are also invited to observe a minute of silence to remember the 15 innocent people whose lives and futures were cruelly stolen on 14 December 2025.

Victorians are also encouraged to:

- come together, share a meal and spend time with family and friends of all faiths and backgrounds
- leave a candle on your doorstep or window as a symbol of remembrance, mourning and solidarity with the Jewish community
- undertake one or more of the 15 suggested Mitzvah for Bondi.

The Victorian State Vigil will be open to the public and live streamed online.

Details about the service, including how to attend, or view the live stream can be found at www.vic.gov.au/VictorianStateVigil.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"The National Day of Mourning will be a time for us to stand together in grief, in solidarity and in hope – honouring the lives lost in the Bondi Beach terrorist attack and holding close their families, friends and communities."

"This vigil is a moment to stand with the Jewish community and reaffirm who we are – a community united across faiths and backgrounds, rejecting hatred, violence and antisemitism, and committing ourselves to peace and respect for one another."

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