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## **AOA statement concerning the December 2025 Bondi incident**

All at AOA express our shock and grief at the recent tragedy that occurred at Bondi in Sydney. Our condolences and support go out to all those who have been affected by this event.

Acts of extreme violence intended to instil fear and terror are an affront to our shared humanity. We affirm the inherent worth of all people and their right to practise their faith safely, freely and without fear of intimidation, harassment, or violence.

We are united in our gratitude for the outstanding bravery displayed by all first responders who were so promptly at the scene. We share admiration for those members of the public who risked their own lives to help stop the attack and support those caught in harm's way.

We further commend the health care workers, including many of our members who have provided lifesaving treatment to the victims, and who will continue to deliver much needed ongoing care.

Through these actions, we saw the strength and courage of our nation. We remain united in upholding the values that define us as Australians and bring our community together.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out for support. Health practitioners can contact Drs4Drs on 1300 374 377. Further resources, for healthcare providers and all members of the community, can be found on the Doctor Wellness page of the AOA website. ([aoa.org.au/wellness](http://aoa.org.au/wellness)).

O-type blood donors are in constant need. Appointments to donate can be booked through Lifeblood at [lifeblood.com.au](http://lifeblood.com.au)

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