



Australians unite in support of Israel

Code Red – Stop the Rockets Campaign

Summary

In shows of solidarity, around 4000 supporters of Israel attended rallies across Australia on Sunday, 18 November, wearing red in line with the "Code Red – Stop the Rockets" campaign, which draws attention to the 15 seconds Israelis have to reach safety at the sound of the "Code Red/Tzeva Adom" siren.

The Zionist Federation of Australia, along with the respective state Zionist councils, Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) and Australasian Zionist Youth Council (AZYC), coordinated rallies in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The rally in the Australian Capital Territory was coordinated with the Israeli Embassy.

Community leaders and politicians spoke at the rallies, unequivocally voicing their support for Israel's right self-defence and showing sympathy for Israeli citizens who have been living in fear for the last 12 years as 12,000 rockets have been released by Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

Rallies



Melbourne

Attendance: 1800

Location: Princes Park, Caulfield South

Highlighted speakers:

- Philip Chester, President, Zionist Federation of Australia
- Sam Tatarka, President, Zionist Council of Victoria
- Daniel Nash, President, Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS)
- Scott Ryan, Senator for Victoria
- The Hon. Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Federal Member for Isaacs
- David Southwick MP, Member for Caulfield
- Marsha Thomson MP, Member for Footscray

Coming up: [Community solidarity evening and tefillah](#), 20 November, 7:30 pm, Melbourne Hebrew Congregation (Toorak Shule)



Sydney

Attendance: 1000

Location: Mizrahi Synagogue, Bondi

Highlighted speakers:

- Richard Balkin, President, Zionist Council of New South Wales
- Dr Ron Weiser AM, ZFA Immediate Past President
- Gabrielle Upton MP, Member for

Vaucluse

- The Hon. Walt Secord MP, Member of the Legislative Council

Perth

Attendance: 800

Location: Carmel College, Dianella

Highlighted speakers:

- Navit Shchigel, State Zionist Council of WA
- The Hon. Kate Doust MP, Member of the Legislative Council
- Michael Sutherland MP, Member for Mount Lawley
- The Hon. Bob Kucera, former Member for the Electorate of Yokine
- Stephen Price, Australian Workers Union



Others in attendance: Ian Britza MP, Member of the Legislative Assembly, representing WA Premier Colin Barnett

Canberra

Attendance: 100

Location: Outside Israeli Embassy

Highlighted speakers:

- Yuval Rotem, Israel's Ambassador to Australia
- Mike Kelly MP, Member for Eden-Monaro, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence
- Noey Kolt, AZYC

Brisbane

Attendance: 30

Location: QLD Jewish Community Centre

Highlights: At the State Zionist Council of Queensland AGM, the board passed a resolution supporting Israel and condemning Hamas



Media Coverage:

The rallies and the Code Red campaign have been extensively covered throughout Australia, Israel and internationally.

From Australia

- TV – The rallies were covered by Channel 7, Channel 10, SBS, ABC and SkyNews
- The Australian
- [The Age](#) (Melbourne)
- [Herald Sun](#) (Melbourne)
- [Canberra Times](#)
- [ABC, rally in ACT](#)
- [ABC, rally in Perth](#)
- [Perth Now](#) post-rally reaction
- [J-wire](#)

News from Israel:

- [Ha'aretz](#)
- [Ma'ariv](#) (Hebrew)
- [Ynet News](#) (Hebrew)
- [Israel Hayon](#) (Hebrew)
- [Channel 2](#) (Hebrew)
- Israel radio: Kol Yisrael and Gali Tzahal
- Makor Rishon
- Channel 10
- [Nexter](#)
- [Megafon](#)

From around the world:

- On JTA: [Rally and Code Red solidarity movement](#)
- [Jewish Press](#)
- [E-Jewish Philanthropy](#)

Resources:

From the rallies:

- [Photo Gallery](#) – Code Red Rallies
- Address by [Philip Chester](#), ZFA President, at Melbourne rally
- Address by [Yuval Rotem](#), Israel's Ambassador to Australia, at ACT rally
- Resolution by [SZCQLD](#) at AGM
- [NSW video](#)

On the Web:

- [ZFA Pillar of Defense page](#): A guide with links and an outline
- [ZFA Facebook](#)
- [ZFA Twitter: @ZionistFedAus](#)
- [Code Red – Stop the Rockets](#) on Facebook

