



VICTORIAN **ANTISEMITISM REPORT – 30 JUNE 2023**

FORWARD

The Australian Jewish community has been fortunate that the Executive Council of Australian Jewry has, for many years, collated an annual report on antisemitism at a national level. This report is an indispensable resource that has given us the opportunity to best understand the challenges we face, but also to efficiently and effectively direct community effort and resources.

What we have been missing in Victoria though, is analysis of antisemitism at a local level. This first edition of the Victorian Antisemitism Report fills this gap.

The Community Security Group (CSG) Victoria offers security guidance and training to Jewish communal institutions, schools and synagogues, as well as providing year-round protection for Jewish communal events and buildings.

The CSG has a Research and Analysis (R&A) department that receives and investigates reports of antisemitism, collates data, and identifies trends. As part of its collation and analysis of antisemitism in Australia, the CSG releases an annual national report containing data and insights on incidents of antisemitism. In conjunction with the JCCV, the CSG is pleased to release this report, the first Victorian antisemitism report, which provides specific insight into local antisemitism and how it affects the Victorian Jewish community.

The CSG defines an antisemitic incident as any malevolent act directed towards individuals, organisations, or properties associated with the Jewish community. Such acts are considered antisemitic if there is evidence of their motivation or content being rooted in antisemitism, or if the victim was specifically targeted due to their Jewish identity or perceived Jewishness.

These incidents encompass a range of offences, such as physical assaults on individuals or property, verbal or written abuse and threats, antisemitic posts on social media, antisemitic gestures, antisemitic graffiti, leaflets, or posters.

Analysing this data helps the CSG identify any action the Jewish community may need to take in order to better

protect itself. It is therefore hoped that this report will provide policy makers, law enforcement, and other local authorities and leaders with an insight into the level and type of antisemitism in Victoria, as well as recent trends, which will therefore aid in formulating concrete plans to mitigate the local rise in antisemitism and ensure the safety of the Jewish community.

The JCCV and the CSG (Victoria) are pleased to work together to produce this report and together encourage policy makers, law enforcement, human rights sector leaders and our community to read this report carefully. In considering the incidents that have occurred and the perceived political and ideological motivations of the perpetrators, we can create evidence-based plans to prevent further incidents through education, a stronger legal framework and steadfast leadership. It is also essential that the Victorian Jewish community works together to address antisemitism. The JCCV will lead the way to bring together affiliate organisations with various skills and focus to effectively combat antisemitism.

The JCCV and the CSG (Victoria) would like to thank Julie Nathan, research director at the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, for supporting the preparation of this report.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

78 years after the Holocaust ended, antisemitism remains prevalent across Victoria and Australia, spearheaded by racial and political ideologies on the right and left. Hate incidents against Jews are being perpetrated across the community, on the street, in schools, on sports grounds, and at university. Concerningly, the number of in-person antisemitic incidents, as well as incidents in Jewish suburbs has increased. The language used by some local protest movements has also veered into antisemitism, where legitimate political grievances are infused with conspiracy theories and extremist rhetoric.

This report examines the key incidents, trends and ideologies driving the growth in antisemitism, which is becoming more threatening and visible, and also reviews the key far-left and far-right groups operating in Victoria, the impact of Covid-19 on these organisations and their leaders in Victoria and nationally. Finally, the report describes, in general terms, the state of rising antisemitism globally to provide the direction in which Australian and Victorian antisemitism may be heading.



WHAT IS ANTISEMITISM?

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) provides a comprehensive definition of antisemitism that was adopted by the Australian Government in October 2021 and the Victorian Government in May 2022.

This definition reads:

Antisemitism is a perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Manifestations might include the targeting of the State of Israel, perceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country or of its policies (actual vs constructed or misrepresented) cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Antisemitism can take the form of vilification or discrimination and occurs on- and offline. Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries. Through social media platforms, individuals who hold antisemitic views can conceal their identities and gain rapid visibility for the antisemitic theories they propagate, which include conspiracy theories, incitements of violence against Jews, refutation, and manipulation of the Holocaust, as well as the so-called "new antisemitism," which targets Israel.

Online antisemitism is particularly dangerous as it reaches large and diverse audiences instantly, making it an effective method to disseminate hateful and manipulated disinformation, and it is difficult to monitor and regulate.

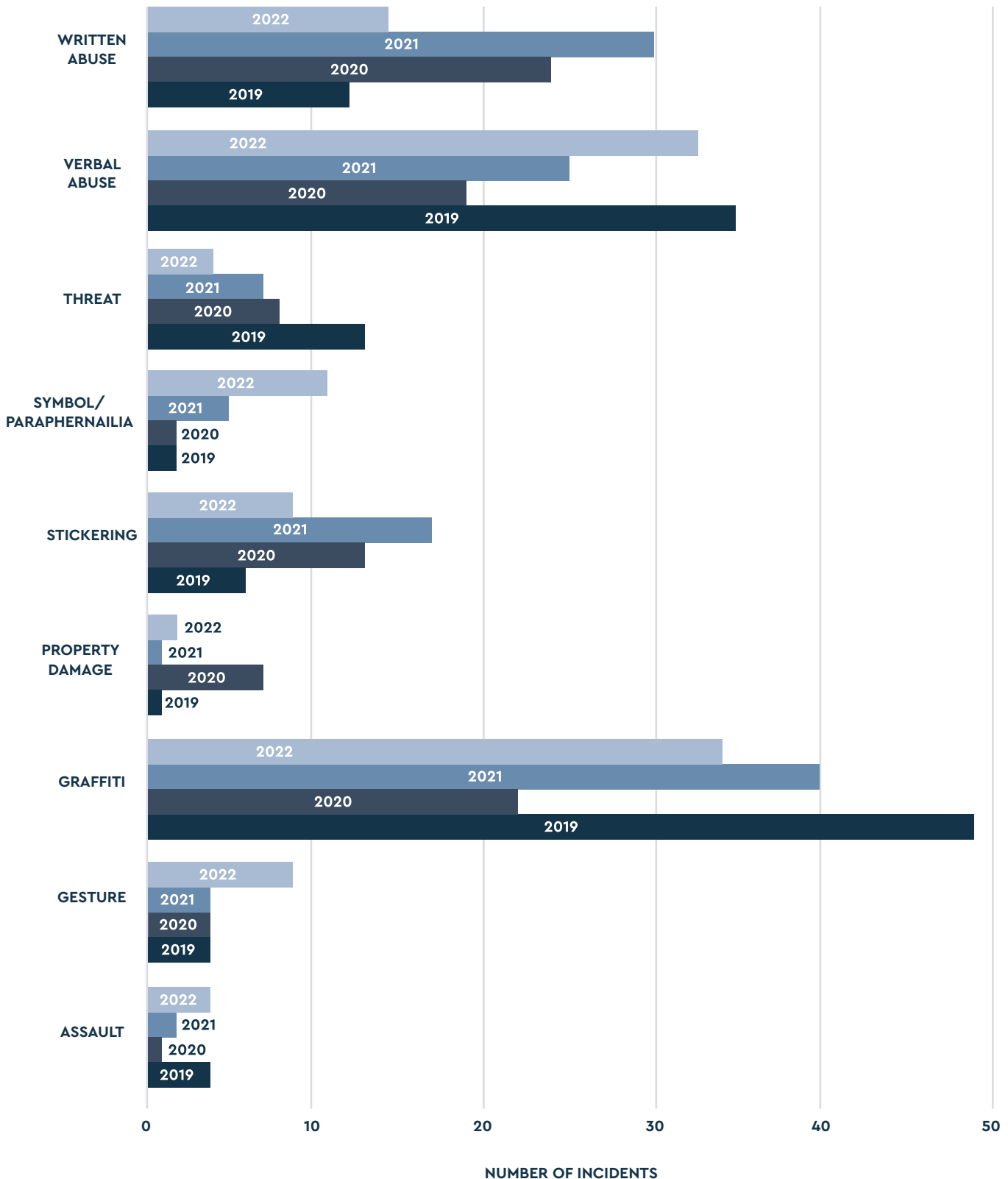
For examples of contemporary antisemitism and forms of expression, refer to the Antisemitism appendix at the end of this report

ANTISEMITISM IN VICTORIA

The graph and table below contain reported antisemitic incidents in Victoria by category from 2019–2022. These incidents have been reported to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry or the Community Security Group by Jewish Victorians. It is anticipated that these reports reflect just a fraction of the total antisemitic incidents that have taken place in the community.

The term “identifiably Jewish” refers to someone wearing traditional Jewish garb, such as a kippah/yarmulke (skull-cap) in the case of a male, the Jewish Star of David necklace, and the like.

This revised graph, updated on 30 June 2023, contains logged data and statistics of the number and type of incidents during 2019 – 2022.

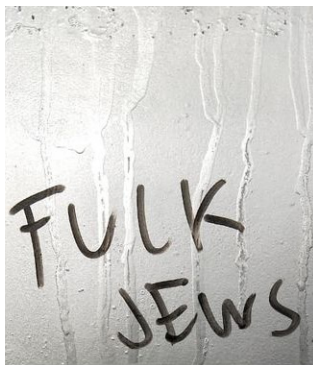


The second table below contains specific examples of antisemitic incidents during the period 2020–2023.

CATEGORY	DATE	LOCATION	INCIDENT
Stickers, Posters, Placards, Banners, Leaflets Etc	October-December 2020	Ashwood/Burwood	National Socialist Network (NSN) stickers ('Join NSN', 'Australia for the White Man', 'White Revolution is the Only Solution', 'National Socialism Now') were stuck in multiple places, including along Gardiners Creek Trail, near a Jewish school, on several council signposts, at a Woolworths carpark, Ashwood Reserve, and elsewhere
Postal Mail	14 April 2021	Not Applicable	A letter from "Global Citizens [sic] Workers (Global Citizens)" was sent to a Jewish organisation in Caulfield. Inside the envelope was a newspaper article focusing on Victoria's Rich List and a prominent member of the Jewish community, whose picture was defaced with the word "Jew" and a dollar sign on his face. On the side of the article was written, "Your corrupt money system allows you to live an obscene parasite life-style. It must be abolished now."
Graffiti	26 Aug. 2021	St Kilda	Graffiti stating "Jews Do Your Children Feel Safe Or Do U Sodom'z Molest... And Abuse... Them... Like Insane... Lying... Criminals..." was sprayed on the wall at a tram stop in St Kilda by a male who then sat and verbally abused Jews who walked by
Graffiti	23 Sep. 2021	Richmond	Graffiti of "NO JEW JAB FOR OZ" and "NO JEW JAB" was left in Richmond
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	3 Dec. 2021	Mount Martha	Verbal abuse of boys in an identifiably Jewish Venturer Scouts group by boys in another Venturer Scouts group (aged 15–17) through a series of antisemitic comments, including "Go gas yourselves" and "Hitler is my dad", at a Boys Scout Camp in Mount Martha
Stickers, Posters, Placards, Banners, Leaflets Etc	21 April 2022	Mount Evelyn	Swastikas were carved into the turf at Mount Evelyn in Melbourne's outer east – they were spotted by a Jewish man during a helicopter flight but can be seen from the ground too
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	23 May 2022	St Kilda	A Glen Eira College student yelled "Heil Hitler!" at students from a Jewish school during an inter-school sport competition, Heatherton, Melbourne.
Vandalism	Nov. 2022	South Yarra	A cross was etched into the door of a home with a Jewish resident. The door had a mezuzah on it, identifying the resident as Jewish
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	Jan 2023	Elwood	25 males gathered at Elwood's Ormond Point lookout, in which the European Australia Movement flag was hoisted followed by the Nazi salute

For a full list of the Incidents, refer to the appendix at the end of this report.

In some categories, there is a spike in 2021 incidents as a result of the conflict with Hamas in May 2021.



A swastika on a tram stop on Hawthorn Rd Caulfield, just up from the Beth Weizmann Community Centre. Photo: Peter Haskin



IMPACT OF AND TRENDS ARISING SINCE COVID 19

The Covid-19 pandemic, which began in Australia in early 2020, has produced its own forms of antisemitism in Victoria and elsewhere. In its latest report in early 2023, ASIO maintained that violent extremism remains a persistent and resilient threat, constantly adapting and evolving, and is an endlessly demanding problem. However, ASIO chief Mike Burgess did acknowledge that the threat from right-wing extremist groups had receded since Covid restrictions were removed. Nevertheless, antisemites latched onto the pandemic, using it as part of their arsenal of false charges against Jews. Much of this was documented and exposed in an extensive article published in May 2020: Covid-19 and the plague of online antisemitism. The claims, posted on extremist sites, said that Covid-19 was created by Jews, spread by Jews, part of a Jewish plot to control the world, was a Jewish hoax, a Jewish money-making scam, that Jews are receiving divine punishment, and also mocked the Holocaust and expressed joy at Jewish deaths.

As the pandemic went on, Covid-related antisemitism became much more public and mainstream, rather than remaining on extremist websites (where it remains prolific). It was spread by politicians, street protesters, anti-vaxxers and others. Only antisemitism expressed on mainstream sites, e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, is included in this section.

There were two particular incidents where small groups of Jews in Melbourne held gatherings in breach of Covid regulations. These resulted in media publicity and elicited numerous antisemitic comments online. These breaches were loudly condemned by Jewish leaders and most of the Jewish community, but nevertheless led to a significant rise in aggressive antisemitic activity in Melbourne.

Conversely, a peculiar trend developed whereby Covid deniers and those opposed to government health measures, such as vaccinations and lockdowns, appropriated the yellow star that Jews were forced to wear by the Nazis in the 1940s as a protest against government regulations. While this practice is not necessarily done with intentional hostility toward Jews, it is highly offensive as it minimises and trivialises the Holocaust.

MELBOURNE ENGAGEMENT PARTY BY ORTHODOX JEWS IN BREACH OF COVID REGULATIONS

Following an engagement party held by Orthodox Jews in a private St Kilda house on 11 August 2021, attended by 69 people, media coverage on 16 August elicited antisemitic comments online. Some examples are:

Doreen Bonello, a clinical assistant at The Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH), posted a comment on a Facebook group which led to her dismissal from the RMH. Bonello wrote, "Put_them_in_a_gas_chamber." Her dismissal became a media story and elicited further antisemitic comments online.

- o **Channel 7 News: pixelation:**
 - Channel 7 News posted an article titled "Royal Melbourne Hospital worker sacked after anti-Semitic 'gas chamber' comment about partygoers".

There was a stark difference in coverage of the engagement party people and Bonello.

- In the article, the photo of Bonello and her name were pixelated, and only her comment – "Put them in a gas chamber" – was not pixelated. In contrast, the article published three photos, each showing the faces of many who attended the party. The faces were clearly visible and identifiable.
- Channel 7 protected the identity of the person calling for the gassing of Jews, via pixelation, and revealed the faces of the Jews who were targeted with this threat.

Twitter comments

- Hi I'm Fox@Fox95165518 · Aug 16, 2021
 - o Why doesn't our federal government just ask Germany if we can borrow Auschwitz for a bit. I'll gladly dress up in an SS uniform and toss these fucking idiots into the oven. Lock down fucking sucks.

ROSH HASHANAH SYNAGOGUE SERVICE IN MELBOURNE IN BREACH OF COVID REGULATIONS

The Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) began on the evening of 6 September 2021. With lockdown in place in Melbourne and elsewhere, places of worship, including synagogues, were closed. In breach of the regulations, a small group of ultra-Orthodox Jews held services in a Ripponlea synagogue. Police were called and surrounded the venue.

The Age ran several stories on the matter and posted them on Facebook. In at least four posts, The Age "limited who can comment on this post", meaning that no comments could be made at all, and thus avoided having antisemitic comments on its posts. However, The Age did open one post to comments:

Twitter comments –

- Kharlos Rino Jobbitt: They cry for freedom all the time how about the palestinians on the west bank ?

¹ <https://theconversation.com/covid-wasnt-a-bumper-campaign-for-right-wing-extremists-but-the-threat-from-terror-remains-199964>

² <https://www.jwire.com.au/covid-19-and-the-plague-of-online-antisemitism/>.

- Elle Palma: Typical behaviour from this lot of people putting others in danger. Feeling entitled and exempt!!!
- Ian Pennington: These so called non Australians are the biggest problem,
- In response to an Opinion piece in The Herald Sun on 8 September 2021 "Ultra-Orthodox worshippers showed an appalling disregard for public health with a gathering far more dangerous than Nadia Bartel's nonsense", were these Twitter posts:
 - o Craig Kennedy: take it from Ripponlea / Balaclava locals... theyre about to get smacked up the side of the head. We have had enough of them
 - o Michael Mdn: Good Luck getting them to pay the fines.
 - o Al Kades: tax deductions!!
 - o Matthew Corda: "These ppl think they are the chosen, and commit crimes, everywhere" and
 - o Jackson Capper: The goyim know shut it down
 - o Nick Alvaro: Put a Bulldozer through synagogue end of story"
 - o Edwin Nancarrow: You would think that these people would have had a secret annex to hide in.... It worked in the past."

UNIVERSITY INCIDENTS:

THE INFLUENCE OF THE FAR-LEFT

There are concerning patterns of antisemitism at university campuses around the world, often disguised as support for Palestinians and/or criticism of Israel. The University of Melbourne saw similar instances in 2022. On 29 April the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) passed a resolution endorsing the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaign.

Describing Israel as a "settler colonial apartheid state", the motion states that the "Occupation State" "continuously denies the native Palestinians of their right to self-determination, freedom, dignity and equality". Commenting on the growing global solidarity, UMSU explained that students in the Palestinian territories and around the world have been key participants in the fight against the "illegal occupation of Palestine", protesting, organising, and creating discussions on campuses, and that many student unions and associations across Europe, North America and Australia have formally endorsed BDS or some version of it.

UMSU said it stands against "the Israeli occupation of Palestine" and condemns the ongoing "ethnic cleansing" of Palestinians. Regarding Israel's founding ideology, it declared "Zionism as a racist, colonial ideology".

UMSU expressed solidarity with Jewish students, saying it opposes "any and all forms of anti-Semitism against students of the Jewish faith". The motion explains that UMSU recognises that Israel's actions are not representative of the Jewish community. It similarly stated that Israel's alleged crimes are its responsibility alone and not that of Jewish people worldwide.

UMSU attempted to demonstrate a non-antisemitic position by saying it strongly believes that "Judaism and Zionism are not to be conflated as one", before endorsing a number of pro-BDS Resolutions. However, the motion's movers did not reach out to MUJSS (Melbourne University Jewish Student Society) or consult the Jewish community about the views and beliefs of the Jewish student population at the University of Melbourne.

The impact of the campaign for, and effects since, the passing of this motion, and a second motion later in 2022 (see later in this section), have been profound. Threats and intimidation of Victorian university students (eg. "Fuck Zionism" graffiti) and the reluctance of some Jewish and Israeli students to reveal their real

identity out of fear of false accusations of racism are just some of the results of student organisations passing BDS motions.

Melbourne University condemned the motion on 4 May. "This anti-Semitic motion ... is not the position of the University of Melbourne; nor is it one that is endorsed or supported by the University", a spokesman said. UMSU "is a self-governing body and operates as a separate entity to the University".

In response, Zionist Federation of Australia president Jeremy Leibler thanked the university and said that Zionism is Jewish self-determination and a central component of modern Jewish identity. "This motion denies to Jews – and only to Jews – the right to self-determination. It is intrinsically antisemitic. It is difficult to imagine the impact that this antisemitic resolution will have on the wellbeing and safety of Jewish students on campus. It seems that the student union has great regard for all minorities on campus other than the Jewish students".

Reacting to the resolution, Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council Executive Director Dr. Colin Rubenstein stated, "this deplorable motion uses language we would have expected to have come from Hamas or Hezbollah, as terrorist groups committed to the destruction of Israel, not from the student union of an esteemed centre of learning here in Australia.

"Those behind the motion have created a fictitious, one-sided narrative of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in which Palestinians are natives and any Jewish connection to the land is denied. Based upon that falsehood, as constructed, the motion is antithetical to all that institutions of higher learning are meant to stand for and will do untold harm to the credibility of both UMSU and the University of Melbourne. The lip service in the motion to condemning antisemitism does nothing to change that reality. It is in fact ironic, given that antisemitism is inherent to the motion itself."

The university's position is important because many people presume that BDS's goals include ending the occupation and implementing a peaceful two-state solution. However, BDS movement documents demand a "right of return" to Israel proper for millions of Palestinians descended from refugees from the 1948 war – a demand widely viewed as inconsistent with Israel's continued existence as a homeland for Jews. Moreover, its co-founder, Omar Barghouti, has been unequivocally clear that BDS's goal is Israel's elimination as a Jewish nation state. Student Justin Riazaty, who is not student, threatened UMSU with legal action over the controversial motion, accusing UMSU of acting outside its purpose as a student union and violating the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001. He said he would call on UMSU to apologise for the hurt they've caused to both Jewish and non-Jewish students in making them feel "unsafe and vilified".

On 15 August 2022, UMSU passed a new BDS motion. Jewish organisations in Australia accused the motion of targeting Jewish students and wrongly accusing the Jewish state of apartheid and ethnic cleansing. Jewish organisations further noted that Jewish students in Victoria have, in some instances, been excluded from supporting progressive causes unless they denounce their support for Zionism and Israel, and others have also been targets of "death threats and a planned stabbing".

In the motion, UMSU supported Palestinian self-determination, and their right to self-defence against the "racist and colonial Zionist Apartheid State occupiers" (Preamble to Motion).

UMSU also voted to condemn "any and all forms of antisemitism," again noting that "Israel's actions are not representative of the Jewish community".

In response, the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) said: "The Australasian Union of Jewish Students vehemently opposes the new motion to boycott Israel", adding that "we also reject the utterly false and ludicrous version of history set out in the motion's preamble. Jewish students are determined to fight against this insidious form of racism and fight back against anyone who is making Jewish students feel unsafe on Australian university campuses, with every legal means at our disposal".

A number of other Jewish communal organisations released statements saying that "it is disingenuous to suggest that this motion is simply about criticism of the Israeli government or support for the Palestinians." AUJS added that "It effectively advocates the eradication of Israel as a state and thus denies the basic right of national self-determination of the Jewish people. It rejected the lies, the denial of Jewish connection to Israel, and said they stand by Jewish students who face constant antisemitism and unrelenting hatred on campus because of who they are, and their family, ethnic, cultural and religious connections to Israel."

When student representatives deny the Jewish connection to Israel, they deny Jewish students the right to their own identity. When they promote hatred of Israel, they are telling Jewish students and faculty that they don't belong on campus unless they forego their own identity. This has real-world implications, with Jewish students facing intimidation and threats as a result.

One Jewish student at the university, who wanted to remain anonymous due to fear of being "targeted", said he no longer felt safe on campus and tried to hide his Jewish identity due to UMSU's actions. With posters such as "Why we should oppose the Israeli apartheid" plastered around campus, the student said he was ashamed of being Jewish and Israeli at university. The student, who said he was hesitant to say his own name while in class out of fear that his peers would realise he was Israeli, claimed UMSU was not representative of many students.

In January 2023, the University of Melbourne included the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism as part of its Anti-Racism Policy. This will help the university to better understand and address antisemitism, although this policy is separate to policies of UMSU.

This revived motion, as well as activities at the University of Sydney and University of Adelaide (see later in this report) are mirroring developments across esteemed tertiary education institutions in the United States and Canada.

For an in-depth analysis of anti-Israel/antisemitism on the far-left, refer to Section 7 of the 2021 Report on Antisemitism published by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

VICTORIA – THE FAR- RIGHT

The Antipodean Resistance was formed in late 2016, a neo-Nazi group with a flag that featured a swastika. The group promoted hatred and violence through anti-Jewish posters including one that called for the legalisation of the killing of Jews. This transformed into the Lads Society in 2018. It had club houses in Sydney and Melbourne, its members began performing Nazi salutes.

In 2020, the National Socialist Network (NSN) was formed, and is now referred to as the European Australia Movement (EAM). Thomas Sewell was one of the organisers of a January 2021 group trip to the Grampians, which was reported on by local news outlets. An undercover reporter filmed parts of the trip, including members performing Nazi salutes, engaging in antisemitic and racist behaviour and discussions. Before being allowed to join the trip, the undercover infiltrator had to demonstrate to NSN members that he was an antisemite.

There have been numerous incidents carried out by these groups or people supporting or inspired by them. These include:

- National Socialist Network (NSN) stickers ('Join NSN', 'Australia for the White Man', 'White Revolution is the Only Solution', 'National Socialism Now') were stuck in multiple places, including along Gardiners Creek Trail, near a Jewish school, on several council signposts, at Woolworths carpark, Ashwood Reserve, and elsewhere, in the Melbourne suburbs of Ashwood and Burwood (throughout October – December 2020).
- Increasingly brazen presence of neo-Nazi affiliated individuals distributing antisemitic posters, stickers, and graffiti in suburbs with large Jewish populations, such as Caulfield and Balaclava.

- A gathering of 25 males at Elwood's Point Ormond Lookout on January 17, 2023, in which a neo-Nazi flag was hoisted, accompanied by the Nazi salute.
- On Saturday, 18 March 2023, Neo-Nazis gate-crashed an anti-transgender rally on the steps of the Victorian Parliament where some members performed the Nazi salute. In response the Victorian Labor Government and the federal Coalition proposed a ban of the Nazi symbol but it remains to be seen whether such a move would have any

meaningful impact fighting the hateful ideology, as The Age reported in late March 2023 that early evidence suggests that the criminalisation of the public display of the Swastika in December 2022 may have led an increase in the public display of Nazism.

VICTORIAN LEGAL FRAMEWORK – ANALYSIS OF LEGAL MEANS AVAILABLE TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM:

The most commonly used legal instrument for the prevention and punishment of antisemitism in Victoria is currently the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act of 2001 (RRTA) (Vic), which came into effect in January 2002. This Act is an essential element of Victoria's human rights framework, alongside the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (EOA) (Vic) and the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic) (the Charter).

The object of the RRTA is stated as being to promote the full and equal participation of every person in a society which values the freedom of expression, and which is an open and multicultural democracy. In essence, the RRTA was intended to promote harmony and multiculturalism in Victoria, but has the Act been as effective as it might have been in dealing with antisemitism?

The intention was certainly good, namely, to prohibit racial and religious vilification and to criminalise serious racial and religious vilification and the victimisation of complainants on the basis of their religious belief or activity, their descent or ancestry, their nationality, their ethnicity, or their ethnic origin. In the Act, vilification is defined as conduct which a person knows and intends to be likely to incite hatred against, serious contempt for, or revulsion or severe ridicule of another or against a specific class of persons.

Section 25 of the Act states that conduct which threatens or incites others to threaten physical harm against that person or class of persons or the property of that person or class of persons is guilty of an offence punishable by six months imprisonment or 60 penalty units – or both. The Act also offers civil remedies for breaches of its provisions.

Such conduct includes racist graffitiing, the production and dissemination of racist posters and stickers, and racist comments made in publications, including on the internet, in emails, in statements or in other material.

It appears that the law, which was intended to be the solution to increasing racial and religious vilification in Victoria, lacks teeth (see further below). The recent motions passed by UMSU demonstrate the need to strengthen the range of offences prescribed by the Act which ought to protect Jews on the basis of their 'Jewishness' whilst also providing protection for

those targeted because of their Zionist identity and connection to Israel. Jewish organisations have commended the Victorian Government on its legislative initiatives and support further progress to bring vilification actions taken by individuals and others (e.g., university student unions) against targeting individuals and/or groups on the basis of their identity or their political views (such as Jewish university students and Israeli-owned businesses in Victoria).

In May 2021, the Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Committee tabled a report in Victorian Parliament into the state's anti-vilification protections.

The Committee was tasked with investigating the challenges faced by individuals and groups which should have been protected by the anti-vilification law. It received 62 submissions, 11 supplementary submissions and heard seven days of live evidence from concerned parties.

Amongst them were submissions from the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, the Australian Jewish Association, the Union for Progressive Judaism, and the Anti-Defamation Commission, all of whom attested to increasing antisemitism in Victoria and the urgent need for greater protections.

The Committee released its report in August 2021.

The report makes 36 recommendations, the majority of which the government supports in principle, acknowledging that "sadly the evidence presented to the Committee suggests hate conduct and vilification are clearly present in Victoria". However, because "addressing the causes and responses to vilification and hate conduct is complex", it will take time for consideration, consultation, and implementation.

Among the recommendations were proposals to improve data

collection on hate incidents in Victoria. Without robust data, it is difficult for the Jewish community and others to assess protective and security requirements.

The government says it is committed to engaging with the report's findings and as such it established the Anti-Racism Taskforce to develop Victoria's new Anti-Racism Strategy to ensure that changes will be made with community input and a focus on human rights. These include lowering the legal threshold for incitement-based vilification and introducing a harm-based vilification provision to make it easier to substantiate complaints.

To deal with online vilification, the government has agreed to continue to engage with the Commonwealth on the implementation of recommendation six of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Final Report of the Digital Platform Inquiry, to ensure the creation of a single media regulatory framework to regulate all forms of professionally produced media. It will also continue to monitor the regulation of user-generated content on social media through the Commonwealth's Online Safety Act 2021 and will seek a formal update on the Review into Australian Classification Regulation.

The Victorian Government has responded to the committee's recommendation to ban the public display of the Nazi swastika. With the amendment of the Summary Offences Act 1966 in

December 2022, Victoria became the first Australian state to criminalise intentionally displaying the Nazi swastika in public in Victoria. Despite an alarming increase in its use over the last year, the Nazi salute is still yet to be banned in Victoria, although there is a push to rectify this situation and bring Victoria in line with Germany, Austria, and a number of other countries.

Victorian authorities are taking positive steps to deal with racial and religious vilification and Jewish organisations strongly support the initiatives undertaken to date and the further implementation of the Committee's further recommendations. Redrafting statutes, developing guidelines, and establishing principles have little effect when police and other bodies have few resources, funding, expertise, or manpower to do what needs to be done.

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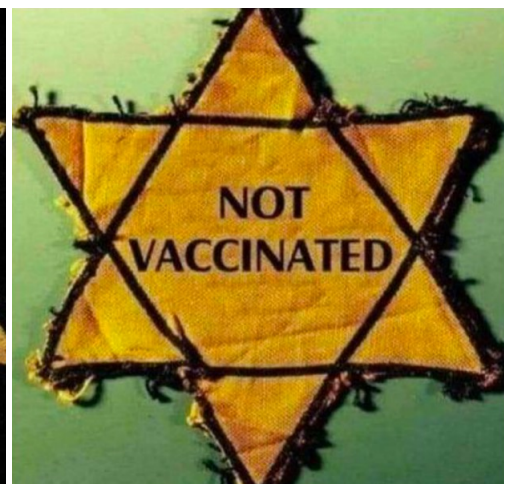
AUSTRALIAN ANTISEMITISM RECENT HISTORY

YOM KIPPUR INCIDENT – SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER 2021

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish year and in 2021, it occurred on 16 September. The NSW Government provided an exemption for members of the Jewish community to pray at specific outdoor locations in Sydney.

Attendees had to comply with strict regulations including being doubly vaccinated, remaining within 5km of their own LGA, wear masks, social distancing, and the like. Police were present to ensure compliance.

The Daily Mail ran an article titled "Jewish community in ultra-elite harbourside suburb in Sydney's east is given an exemption to gather in a park to celebrate Yom Kippur during lockdown". This article was posted on a Facebook group, 'Western Sydney starter packs', and elicited many antisemitic comments. It is well known that Sydney's eastern suburbs have a high proportion of Jewish residents. It is to be noted that western Sydney at this time had many Covid cases and was under stricter lockdown regulations than other areas of Sydney. The article elicited traffic on Twitter, such as:



- Jaye Cochrane: Disgusting arrest them all
- Wendy Mulligan: Send them all back to where they come from
- Asher Cooper: did they pay off local council or government?

A trend has developed whereby Covid deniers and those opposed to government health measures, such as vaccinations and lockdowns, have appropriated the yellow star that Jews were forced to wear by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Under Nazi Germany, the star was meant to further isolate Jews, speed up deportations, and deter the public from interfering. Sociologists call this kind of behaviour by anti-vaxxers "secondary antisemitism" – a hatred of Jews not despite the Holocaust, but because of it.

SPEARHEADING THE RISE OF ANTISEMITISM

The National Socialist Network is now our nation's most prominent neo-Nazi group; it includes former members of Reclaim Australia, the Lads Society and Antipodean Resistance.

Other groups include the Proud Boys, Binary Australia, True Blue Crew and Australia First, as well as some lesser-known white supremacist groups, such as the Australian Natives Association, SA Mens Health Club and White Wellbeing Australia.

RECENT STATISTICS

During the twelve-month period from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022, there were 478 antisemitic incidents logged across Australia by volunteer Community Security Groups (CSGs), official Jewish state roof bodies and the ECAJ, a 6.9% increase over the 447 incidents recorded in the previous 12-month period to 30 September 2021, which itself accounted for a significant 35% increase above the number reported for the 12-months ended 30 September 2020. The average number of reported antisemitic incidents each year from 2013 to 2020 was 298.

The categories of incidents that saw the greatest increases were the use of posters/stickers/flags/clothing (up 70% following a much steeper rise of over 150% from the previous 12-month period) and graffiti (up almost 20% after a sharp rise from the previous 12-month period), both emerging during and after the numerous street protests and anti-lockdown and anti-vax activities prevalent in Melbourne, which also led to numerous anti-Jewish conspiracy theories, in addition to an uptick in far-right and increasingly brazen neo-Nazi propaganda activities online and predominantly in the eastern states.

The number of physical assaults was down from 8 to 5 (following a year where there was no change) as was antisemitic messaging; verbal abuse was slightly down (from 147 to 138 incidents), whilst vandalism was up from 10 to 11 incidents. The emerging trend of verbal abuse of Jewish students at public and private schools and lack of affirmative action by school administrations has continued; abuse/harassment (up 14% from 128 in 2020 to 147 in 2021). There were minimal decreases in the number of incidents of postal and telephone threats and a larger decrease in the number of email threats.

Hizb ut'Tahrir, an extremist Muslim group, organised an anti-Israel protest in Lakemba, Sydney, in May 2021 during the armed conflict with Hamas in Gaza, where several speakers chanted slogans vilifying and calling for violence against Jews. These included: "Khaybar, Khaybar, oh Jews! The army of Muhammad will return!", "Destroy the Jews!", "Oh Allah, give us the necks of the Jews!", "Oh Allah, give us the necks of those evildoers!", and "Oh Allah, help us purify the Al-Aqsa Mosque from their filth!".

On the right, the NSN remains a source of concern, as the ECAJ has reported for some years, and its threat level is rising. It is active in recruiting, group bonding activities, and sharing propaganda. Its leadership and other prominent members have vocally vilified Jews online, citing the 'Protocols of the

Elders of Zion' (an entirely fabricated document from the early 20th century), espousing support for Hitler, and the like. Like Antipodean Resistance before it, NSN's long-term goal is one of developing a vanguard with which to eventually take power and institute a regime of National Socialism in Australia.

Places of worship, schools, communal organisations, and community centres of the Jewish community need, for security reasons, to operate under the protection of high fences, armed guards, metal detectors, CCTV cameras and the like. This necessity is recognised by Australia's law enforcement agencies, and arises from the entrenched and rising threat of antisemitism in Western and Middle Eastern cultures, which have resulted in a high rate of physical attacks against Jews and Jewish communal buildings in those places over the last three decades.



GLOBAL ANTISEMITISM

On the 84th anniversary of Kristallnacht last year, a spate of antisemitic incidents around the globe reminded us of how easily words of hatred and populist incitement can cause antisemitism to explode in popularity in an otherwise normative society.

Some Jewish leaders and Holocaust survivors think that the level of hatred against Jews today reminds them of the level of hatred before World War II. On 15 November 2022, The Jerusalem Post reported, "You see people forget how bad humans can get and allow themselves to stretch the balloon each time a little bit more until it explodes". An article on that day claimed that Europe's Jews were murdered for two reasons: Hatred that politicians failed to address that led to wide-spread incitement across the political spectrum, and cynical politicians riding the wave of hatred as a way to unite people against a "so-called enemy".

Antisemitism and criticism of Israel ought to be two separate things, however, often they are not and antisemitism in Europe – even if you keep Israel out of the equation – is growing.

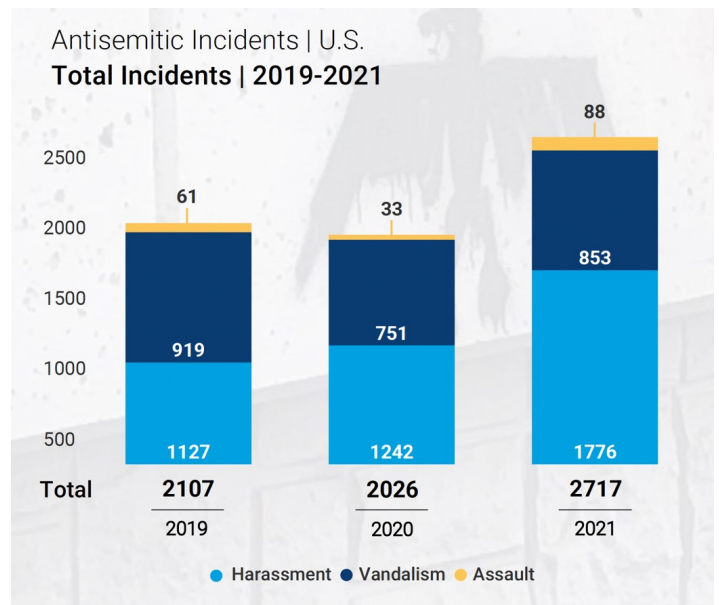
For an in depth understanding of antisemitism around the globe, refer to the **Antisemitism Worldwide Report 2021¹** and, **Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2021 Report by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**. It says that in 2021 there was "a significant increase in various types of anti-Semitic incidents in most countries with large Jewish populations".

The Worldwide Report found that:

- In the **United States**, which has the largest Jewish population outside Israel, the number of anti-Jewish hate crimes recorded in both New York and Los Angeles were almost twice that of the previous year. On 7 December 2022, The Jerusalem Post reported that the 45 antisemitic hate crimes in NYC in November 2022 more than doubled since November 2021 – the rise coincided with antisemitic activity by Kanye West online and in interviews;
- In **France**, the number of recorded antisemitic incidents increased by almost 75% compared to 2020;
- In **Canada**, a leading Jewish group reported a 40-year record in antisemitic physical violence in one month – August; (three months after the May 2021 Gaza war).
- In the **United Kingdom**, the number of recorded physical assaults against Jews increased by 78% compared to 2020. On 17 January 2023, The Jerusalem Post reported that the British Home Office figures showed that Jews are 500% more likely to suffer hate crime than any other faith group per capita;
- In **Germany**, antisemitic incidents recorded by police were up 29% from 2020, and 49% from 2019;

- **Australia** also experienced a sharp rise in recorded antisemitic incidents, with 88 in May 2021 alone (during the "Gaza War") – the highest monthly total ever (although the CSG recorded 106 incidents in that month).
- According to an **ADL report** published in December 2022, issues in the Middle East directly impact local Jewish communities in **South America** and **South Africa**, with noticeable spikes in antisemitic incidents when tensions rise between Israelis and Palestinians, as was the case during the May 2021 conflict with Hamas. The rise in antisemitism in South Africa, however, accelerated following the inaugural Durban conference on racism in 2001 which was utilised by pro-Palestinian groups and since then has heavily featured anti-Israel content. In South Africa, the brutal and racist apartheid regime of the past has made local anti-colonial movements such as the ANC receptive to the Palestinian narrative of the conflict.
- Unlike their European and North American counterparts, BDS and other forms of anti-Israel activism have yet to make a significant impact in Latin/**South America**, with the exception of Venezuela and Chile, which has the largest Palestinian community outside the Middle East.

GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF US INCIDENTS



¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-61228552>

CONCLUSION

Incidents of antisemitism in Australia, and particularly Victoria, were always present but relatively low compared to incidents in North America and Europe. While antisemitism is a greater problem in the abovementioned places, both the severity and scope of antisemitic incidents is rising in Victoria, with threats stemming from both extreme right-wing groups on the one hand, and far-left groups, including those associated with Palestinian and BDS causes. This report provides the data and analysis of events taking place on university grounds, at schools, and in the community at large.

The authors of this report appreciate initiatives undertaken by the Victorian Government to combat the rise in extremism and antisemitism through the introduction of legislation to address shortcomings in the current legal framework for protecting targets of vilification. This report encourages both the government and law enforcement agencies to do more, and to implement recommendations from the inquiry into vilification in areas where the law remains inadequate to protect the vulnerable.

APPENDIX 1

EXAMPLES OF **CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMISM** AND FORMS OF EXPRESSION

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews or the power of Jews as collective such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intention of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own countries or nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.
- Justifying actions against Israel in international forums as a result of the influence of the "Jewish Lobby".
- Denying Jews the right to visit and pray at the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site, in violation of the UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a status undoubtedly held by Jews in respect of Jerusalem, supported by historical continuity with pre-colonial and/or settlor societies, archaeological and genetic evidence.

APPENDIX 2

CATEGORY	DATE	LOCATION	INCIDENT
Assault	18 March 2021	St Kilda	Assault and abuse of a Jewish woman in St Kilda walking home from synagogue. A man standing at the entrance to a block of flats said, "Jewish scum" and other derogatory words, then said, "You will get what's coming to you" and spat at the woman.
Assault	6 June 2021	Caulfield	A woman walking on the footpath in Caulfield encountered a Jewish male on his scooter. She stopped him and said, "You should put on a helmet, you don't want to be a Jew that dies", then added "you can see by my hair that I'm German and if I could, I would kill you guys", then said, "Your kind should be dead", "Your kind should all get gassed", "I'll kill you", and "Fucking pigs, fuck you" and spat at him, hitting his shoe.
Assault	20 Aug 2021	St Kilda	On a footpath in St Kilda, someone holding a hammer and other construction gear appeared to intentionally walk into a Jewish woman, saying, "Fucking Jew". The woman went to hospital, having suffered severe bruising to her ribs.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	11 June 2021	Caulfield	A male on a bike in Caulfield was overheard swearing loudly and yelling "I'm going to put a bomb and blow you all up", before approaching two Jewish girls and yelling "Fucking Jewish whores"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	7 July 2021	Balaclava	Two individuals who exited Balaclava Railway Station said, "Jew, Jew" and then yelled "How were the gas chambers?" to an identifiably Jewish male who also exited the station.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	10 July 2021	Caulfield	Occupants of a vehicle slowed down in front of a Caulfield synagogue and displayed the middle finger to congregants gathered outside.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	August 2021	St Kilda	After extensive media coverage, the Jewish couple who held a Melbourne engagement party in August 2021 in breach of state health regulations received numerous death threats, had to hire private security, and went into hiding.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	24 Nov. 2021	Elsternwick	A vehicle stopped on a corner with the windows down and music playing very loudly; an identifiably Jewish man sitting near the corner approached the vehicle and asked, "could you play it any louder"; the driver of the vehicle then started yelling at the Jew telling him to "Fuck off!" and "Go fuck yourself Jew cunt!"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	28 Nov. 2021	St Kilda	A male, potentially homeless, sleeping near the centre where a public function was being set-up, was woken up by the noise and yelled "Oh you fucking Jews!"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	28 Nov. 2021	Noble Park North	A male in a vehicle driving near a Jewish religious institution stopped in the street and yelled out the window "Death to Israel!"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	30 Nov. 2021	Crown Casino, Southbank	An identifiably Jewish rabbi was harassed and verbally abused, including with the words "You're one of those that Hitler didn't finish"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	1 Dec. 2021	St Kilda	A male exited from a tram near a Jewish school, approached a female teacher waiting outside the school, and asked her if she believed paedophiles were criminals. The teacher said yes, and the man then asked her how she could believe that as "90% of Jews are paedophiles". When the teacher walked away, he began yelling "the Rabbis in the school just wanted to fuck you up the ass"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	3 Dec. 2021	Mount Martha	Verbal abuse of boys in an identifiably Jewish Venturer Scouts group by boys in another Venturer Scouts group (aged 15-17) through a series of antisemitic comments, including "Go gas yourselves" and "Hitler is my dad", at a Boys Scout Camp in Mount Martha
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	22 Jan. 2022	Caulfield	Occupants of a vehicle raised their middle fingers at people outside a Caulfield synagogue. Further down the road they tooted the horn and the driver yelled antisemitic slurs at pedestrians
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	1 Feb. 2022	Elsternwick	An individual boarded a tram, swearing and cursing. He then approached a woman and threw his drink at her; an identifiably Jewish man then came to the aid of the woman, at which point the male began verbally abusing the Jewish man saying, "You're a fat cunt Jew bitch with no foreskin and balls" and "a rich doctor".
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	Feb. 2022	Prahran	A group of Orthodox Jewish males were verbally abused and physically assaulted: their skullcaps were forcibly removed from their heads, and they were taunted by the assailants who refused requests to return the skullcaps. The Jewish males were pushed, physically harassed and called "Zionist dogs". They were subjected to shouted insults of "Fuck you, you Jew dogs, fuck your mums, you fucking rats, fuck you, get out of here". The assailants were a group of males of Middle Eastern background. Panda Nightclub
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	1 April 2022	Elsternwick	Verbal abuse of an identifiably Jewish man at the Coles carpark, where a woman in her car started verbally abusing him, including saying, "You fucking Jew!" multiple times. claiming that he pushed the plastic lane divider into her vehicle, she continued verbally abusing him after he apologized.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	15 April 2022	Caulfield North	Verbal abuse by a male on a pushbike who yelled "Worshipping Satan, worshipping Satan" very aggressively towards a Rabbi and his toddler walking on the footpath.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	22 April 2022	East St Kilda / Caulfield	Verbal abuse by three teenagers on electric scooters who yelled "Heil Hitler!" at two identifiably Jewish teenagers near a Jewish school

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Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	23 April 2022	Caulfield	Driver of a vehicle travelling past a Melbourne synagogue yelled "Fucking religion, need fucking guards to protect the religion", towards people at the front of the synagogue
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	4 May 2022	Caulfield	A male driver performed a Nazi salute to an identifiably Jewish woman and her two-year-old son as they were standing on the pedestrian refuge near a Caulfield synagogue
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	6 May 2022	Caulfield	A male exited a tram outside a synagogue and shouted "I hate Jews",
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	23 May 2022	St Kilda	A Glen Eira College student yelled "Heil Hitler!" at students from a Jewish school during an inter-school sport competition, Heatherton, Melbourne.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	May 2022	St Kilda	Verbal abuse by a cyclist who yelled "Heil Hitler!" towards two Jews walking on the pedestrian track
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	May 2022	Elsternwick	A man approached an identifiably Jewish male, refused to allow him to pass and attempted to remove his skullcap; another Jewish man then attempted to intervene and help, leading to the man physically assaulting the second Jewish man, who sustained bodily injuries of bruising and lacerations
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	16 June 2022	Caulfield	Upon noticing that students on a bus were from a Jewish school, a male school student standing at a bus stop, performed a Nazi salute at the Jewish students
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	1 July 2022	Caulfield	An occupant of a vehicle shouted "Free Palestine!" at two identifiable Jews walking along the footpath near a Melbourne synagogue
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	1 July 2022	Caulfield	Occupants of a vehicle shouted "Hitler is still number one" towards a Jewish family walking near a Melbourne synagogue
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	2 July 2022	Malvern	One soccer coach said to another coach, within earshot of a Jewish coach, "I don't like Jews and there are too many of them in Melbourne"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	7 July 2022	Aireys Inlet	Occupants of a vehicle travelled past an identifiably Jewish family and shouted "Fucking Jewish cunts!" towards them.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	9 July 2022	St Kilda	A passenger in a passing car yelled "Hitler's coming back!", at an identifiably Jewish father and his seven-year-old son walking along the street.
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	16 July 2022	Caulfield	A male shouted "the Jews killed Jesus", "I will nail your hands to crucifixes", "the Jews control everything" and "the Jews control the police" and other general threats of violence, outside a Melbourne synagogue
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	20 July 2022	Caulfield/St Kilda	A Jewish man exited a tram, after which a woman yelled at him, "Hitler should have finished you" and "You belong in the gas chambers"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	21 July 2022	St Kilda East	As a vehicle drove past a Melbourne Jewish school, the driver tooted the horn at security, the front passenger raised their middle finger towards the guard, and the front and back passengers yelled "Fuck fucking Jewish"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	13 Aug. 2022	Caulfield	As an identifiably Jewish man with a skullcap exited a train, he heard a young male say to his group of friends "Fucking Jew cunt should have ripped it (the skullcap) off his head"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	18 Sep. 2022	Balaclava	A Jewish driver stuck behind a taxi hooted at it to move on, after which one of the males exiting the taxi shouted at him, "What are you doing Jew?"
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	20 Sep. 2022	Caulfield North	A male made a Nazi salute at an identifiably Jewish individual
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	26 Sep. 2022	Elsternwick	The driver of a vehicle yelled "Fuck you!" and "Go back to Palestine!" towards Jewish pedestrians
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	28 Sep. 2022	Camberwell	A male shouted "We should have killed all the fucking Jews!", "We will kill the fucking Jews!", "Heil Hitler", "Sieg Heil", multiple times, making the Nazi salute towards the public, including to a Jewish man, and raised his middle finger to the Jewish man
Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation Or Threats Of Violence	Jan 2023	Elwood	25 males gathered at Elwood's Ormond Point lookout, in which the Neo-Nazi flag was hoisted followed by the Nazi salute

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Vandalism	Nov. 2021	Melbourne	A series of ongoing attacks on a Jewish community soup kitchen over many months, including slashing the tyres of the charity's van three times; snapping off the van's side mirrors; stealing and dumping the trailer in two separate incidents
Vandalism	Nov. 2022	South Yarra	A cross was etched into the door of a home with a Jewish resident. The door had a mezuzah on it, identifying the resident as Jewish
Vandalism	24 Nov 2022	South Yarra	A public Jewish art installation at Birrarung Marr, South Yarra, titled "Sukkah" had part of its structure torn down, and graffiti of "Is this where they practised blood libel on kidnapped children?"
Graffiti	25 June 2021	St Kilda	"Israel is evil" was graffitied on a real estate sign at a private residence in St Kilda, across from a Jewish educational organisation
Graffiti	11 Aug. 2021	Caulfield	"Free Palestine" was etched into a sidewalk
Graffiti	26 Aug. 2021	St Kilda	Graffiti stating "Jews Do Your Children Feel Safe Or Do U Sodom'z Molest... And Abuse... Them... Like Insane... Lying... Criminals..." was sprayed on the wall at a tram stop in St Kilda by a male who then sat and verbally abused Jews who walked by
Graffiti	13 Sep. 2021	Cheltenham	"6MNE" (6 Million Not Enough) and multiple swastikas and SS bolts were graffitied in a park.
Graffiti	14 Sep. 2021	Elsternwick	Graffiti of "Are Jews... Insane Lying Crimin's... Like Sodom + Gaymora..." was sprayed in an Elsternwick location frequented by Jews
Graffiti	23 Sep. 2021	Richmond	Graffiti of "NO JEW JAB FOR OZ" and "NO JEW JAB" was left in Richmond
Emails	1 April 2021	Not Applicable	An email was sent from "Adolf Shekelberg" to the Jewish Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC) in Melbourne, saying, "Eat shit you disgusting parasite, a day will come when you disgusting shylock mother fuckers find a rope. ... You people are cursed and want us all to be cursed with you. Fuck that and fuck you!!!"
Emails	8 April 2021	Not Applicable	A subscriber to the ADC self-identified as "kILLaLLjEWS" (kill all Jews) with an email address of "1488@MURDERJEWS.LOL"
Postal Mail	15 Feb. 2021	Not Applicable	A letter was sent to Glen Eira Council but directed to a Jewish Councillor, complaining about Council's inaction, making antisemitic and racist remarks, and referring to the councillor as "Jewish money hungry" and focusing too much on "refugees and bloody abos"
Postal Mail	14 April 2021	Not Applicable	A letter from "Global Citicens [sic] Workers (Global Citizens)" was sent to a Jewish organisation in Caulfield. Inside the envelope was a newspaper article focusing on Victoria's Rich List and a prominent member of the Jewish community, whose picture was defaced with the word "Jew" and a dollar sign on his face. On the side of the article was written, "Your corrupt money system allows you to live an obscene parasite life-style. It must be abolished now."
Telephone	30 March 2021	Caulfield	A male called a Melbourne synagogue and called the secretary a "fucking bitch"; in another phone call to someone else, he said "Fucking Jews, bloody Jews, dirty Jews, this is all your fault" and then hung up; in another phone call, he said "Kike" and "you should have all died in the Holocaust"
Stickers, Posters, Placards, Banners, Leaflets Etc	October-December 2020	Ashwood/Burwood	National Socialist Network (NSN) stickers ('Join NSN', 'Australia for the White Man', 'White Revolution is the Only Solution', 'National Socialism Now') were stuck in multiple places, including along Gardiners Creek Trail, near a Jewish school, on several council signposts, at a Woolworths carpark, Ashwood Reserve, and elsewhere
Stickers, Posters, Placards, Banners, Leaflets Etc	19 March 2021	Richmond	A man wearing a cap with a Nazi swastika was seen at Richmond Station
Stickers, Posters, Placards, Banners, Leaflets Etc	21 April 2022	Mount Evelyn	Swastikas were carved into the turf at Mount Evelyn in Melbourne's outer east – they were spotted by a Jewish man during a helicopter flight but can be seen from the ground too



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