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Beyond Blue welcomes Commonwealth investment in mental health services after Bondi attack

Beyond Blue welcomes the Australian Government's \$42.6 million investment in targeted mental health supports for people impacted by last weekend's terrorist attack on the Jewish community at Bondi beach.

CEO Georgie Harman said the government's targeted and multilayered approach – focusing on supporting Jewish and grassroots organisations with the strongest connections to those most directly affected, while bolstering national services given widespread distress across the country – was particularly welcome.

"Right across Australia, the devastation inflicted on Sydney's Jewish community has left people reeling," Ms Harman said.

"It's normal and human to feel shock, grief, profound sadness, anger and fear. But if those feelings spill over into something more difficult, then my message today is: Don't wait. If you're struggling, get help.

"Families and friends are often our first stop when we need to talk. But if that's not enough, it's never too early to reach out to Beyond Blue.

"Accessing support sooner rather than later can make the difference between coping and not coping.

Ms Harman said Beyond Blue was grateful to be one of a number of organisations with national reach that would share in a \$7.6m allocation to scale the capacity of existing services and provide additional mental health support.

"The effects of Sunday's atrocities will be felt for a very long time," Ms Harman said.

"Beyond Blue will be there for everyone who needs us over the weeks and months ahead."

Access our dedicated [online resources](#) or contact the free, 24/7 Beyond Blue Support Service on 1300 22 46 36. Email and webchat support available at beyondblue.org.au/get-support

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About Beyond Blue

Beyond Blue is a national mental health organisation helping people across the country manage anxiety, depression and life's challenges whenever they need it. Beyond Blue works with the community to improve mental health and to help people feel better earlier, get well and stay well. In the 2024-25 financial year, more than 300,000 people contacted the 24/7 Beyond Blue Support Service – a free and confidential service that offers free and immediate

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counselling, advice and referrals via phone, webchat or email. This demand reflects a profound need for accessible, compassionate support, and underscores the vital role Beyond Blue plays in being there for all people in Australia, from those proactively caring for their mental health to those experiencing high distress or crisis.

Beyond Blue is available 24/7, with skilled counsellors who are there to listen. 1300 22 4636 or visit www.beyondblue.org.au