

Item 3.2

Bondi Junction Attack

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Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

On 13 April 2024, six people didn't come home from what should have been a regular day out at Bondi Junction's Westfield shopping centre.

Five women: Jade Young, Ashlee Good, Pikria Darchia, Yixuan Cheng and Dawn Singleton were murdered by a lone attacker. Faraz Tahir, who was working his first shift as a security guard was also killed as he tried to stop the attacker.

In that twenty minutes of terror, another 12 people were injured, including new mother Ashlee Good's nine-month-old baby.

Our community united in its horror and sadness over the attack. Local leaders joined community members to lay flowers at a makeshift memorial outside the shopping centre, and a black ribbon symbolising remembrance and mourning was projected onto the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

On 21 April 2024, I joined thousands at a candlelight vigil to honour those impacted. It was a moving display of resilience and strength.

Since the attack, the Australian Red Cross established a pop-up blood donation centre in Bondi, and the NSW Government activated support services to anyone impacted. The NSW Government also allocated \$18 million towards a Coronial Inquest into the attack.

I thank the first responders, police, paramedics and ordinary people, who acted so quickly and bravely to look after each other, restore safety and save lives.

I have written to the Mayor of Waverley on behalf of the City of Sydney offering our sincere condolences and assistance if needed.

I extend my deepest sympathy to the families of those who lost their lives, and those who have been injured.

I am proposing that the City of Sydney donate \$30,000 to Lifeline Northern Beaches Limited who offer crisis support and suicide prevention services and have a dedicated program for people affected by the Bondi Junction attack.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) expresses its sincere condolences to the families and friends of those affected by the Bondi Junction attack, and all those affected in the community;
- (B) donate \$30,000 to Lifeline Northern Beaches Limited from the 2023/24 General Contingency Fund to support people affected by the Bondi Junction attack; and
- (C) endorse the Australian Red Cross blood collection drive and encourage people who can donate blood through the City's various communication channels.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor