

2023 VICTORIAN ANTISEMITISM REPORT



FOREWORD

The data contained within the 2023 Victorian Antisemitism Report tells a worrying but not unexpected story.

Victorian Jews have felt welcome and safe at home for many decades. But the sense our community has is that this is at risk. Look through the long list in the appendix, behind each of these incidents is at least one Jewish person, often more, who have been made to feel unsafe and unwelcome.

Importantly, this report indicates that the number of recorded antisemitic incidents was tracking higher even before the massacre in Israel of more than 1200 people by Hamas and the subsequent military incursion into Gaza.

However, there was an enormous surge of incidents immediately following the October 7 massacre, unlike anything ever recorded in Victoria.

Between October 7 and December 31, 252 incidents were reported and there were more antisemitic incidents in the 12 weeks following October 7 than in all of 2021 and 2022 combined. This represented a 688% like-for-like increase on the same period in 2022.

Note that while the significant rise in incidents was linked to the Israel-Hamas war, incident counts peaked in October and early November, before the Israeli military's counter-offensive began. The speed and intensity of the increase in local antisemitism following the Hamas attack could be a topic for further exploration.

In response to the local repercussions of the Middle East conflict, Victoria Police established Operation Park to coordinate the ongoing statewide police response and stood up the State Police Operations Centre. Operation Park included additional police resources for community rallies, ongoing community reassurance patrols and the flow of intelligence to determine assessments for the investigation of alleged offences that may have occurred in community. An additional 29 police units were allocated to the Bayside, Kingston and Glen Eira areas during the worst month, November 2023, to ensure the safety of the local Jewish communities.

It is the role of the Community Security Group (CSG) to protect Jewish life and Jewish way of life. Thanks to the support of a remarkable group of professionals and volunteers, this work continues.

It is the mission of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) to make sure Jews can live safe and proud Jewish lives in Victoria. The JCCV remains focussed and committed to this mission.

This report is a call to action. A call for all leaders across Victoria to do more: to stand up and act with moral clarity to take necessary and urgent action to reverse this disturbing trend.

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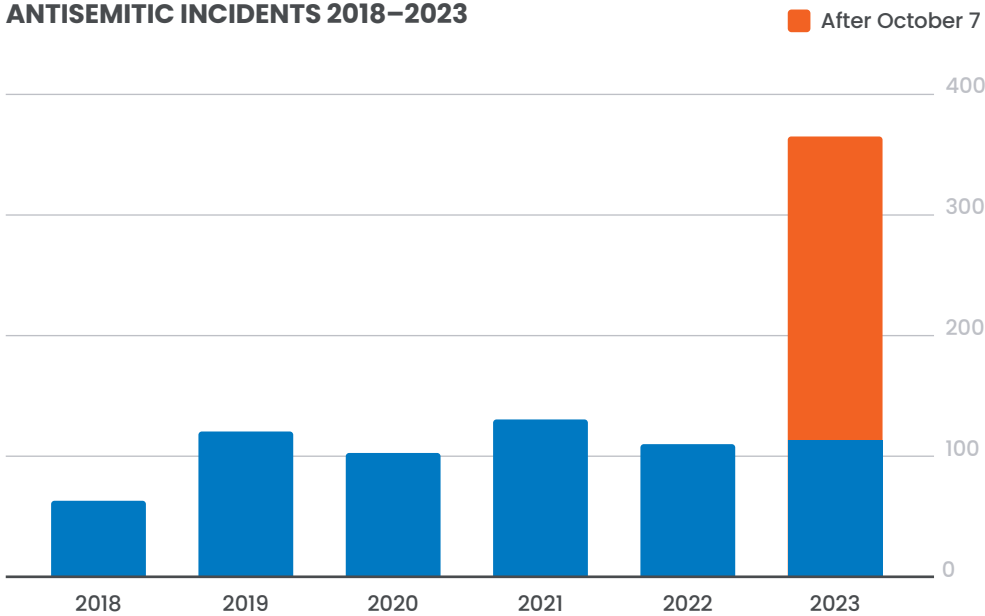
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS 2018–2023



This report examines the occurrence, themes, and trends in antisemitism in Victoria during 2023. It finds that throughout 2023, Victoria’s Jewish community was subject to a dramatic and unprecedented increase in vilification, hatred, and racism, both before and after Hamas’ terror attack against Israel on October 7, 2023.

364 antisemitic incidents were reported in Victoria in 2023, the highest number ever recorded in a single calendar year. In fact, 2023 surpasses the total number of incidents reported in the previous three years combined. The findings of this report make it unequivocally clear that Jewish Victorians faced an unparalleled and record-high rate of antisemitism in 2023.

The surge in antisemitic incidents in 2023 largely followed Hamas’ terror attack on Israel on October 7 and the subsequent war between Israel and Hamas. 252 incidents were reported between

October 7 and December 31, accounting for 69% of all incidents in 2023. In fact, more antisemitic incidents occurred in the 12 weeks following October 7 than in all of 2021 and 2022 combined, constituting a 688% like-for-like increase on the same period in 2022. While antisemitic threats and graffiti were the most common incidents after October 7, there was an alarming increase in criminal incidents and threats. Following October 7, antisemitic threats were 26 times more frequent, property damage was 9 times more likely, and assaults were 8 times more common.

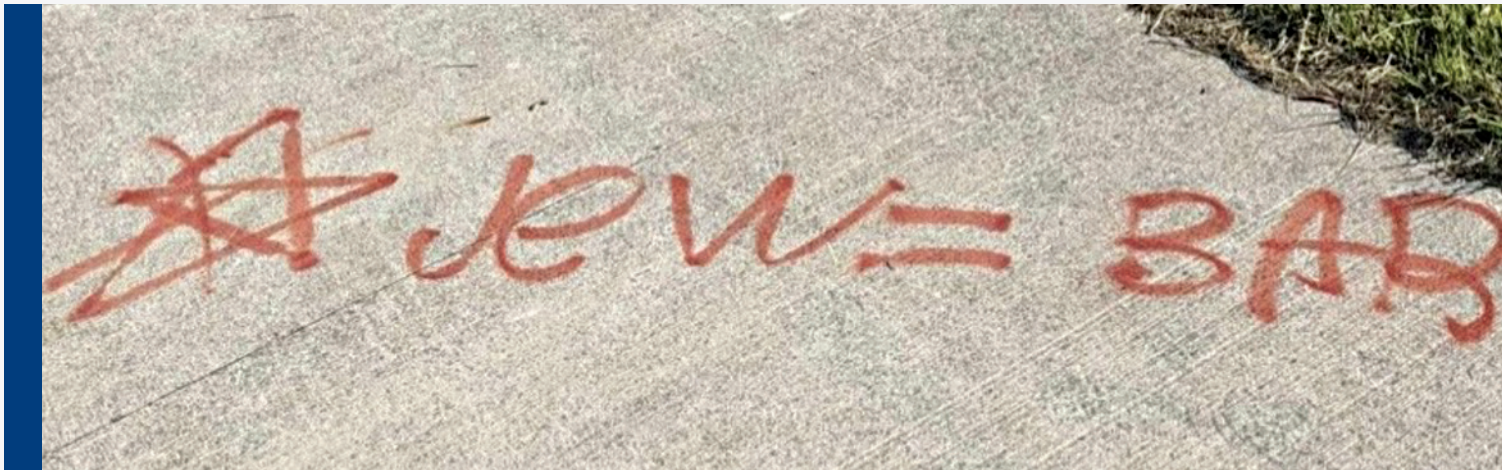
The dramatic spike in incidents after October 7 highlights the reactionary nature of antisemitism which, while a deeply embedded hatred, escalates in response to the given social and political context. As such, conflicts involving Israel are distinct from other conflicts globally in having far-reaching impacts on diaspora communities, including

in Australia. After October 7, there were 142 instances of antisemitism that expressly referenced Israel, Palestine, or Zionism. This was a 1,478% increase on the amount of Israel-linked incidents reported between January 1 and October 6. It is therefore clear that since October 7, Israel-related antisemitism has become the dominant form of anti-Jewish hate in Victoria, overtaking neo-Nazi linked hate and far-right targeting of Jews.

It should be stressed that even before October 7, Victoria was experiencing a record level of antisemitism. More incidents had been reported between January 1 and October 6 2023 than in all of 2022. Assuming the rate of antisemitic incidents prior to October 7 were to persist for the remainder of the year, 2023 would still have broken the previous annual record in 2021. Therefore, even without the dramatic spike in incidents linked to the

October 7 attack and subsequent war between Israel and Hamas, the number of antisemitism was higher than previous.

The Victorian Government acknowledged the need to proactively respond to antisemitism and racism more broadly pre-October 7. On October 23, the *Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Act 2023* commenced. These laws outlawed the performance of Nazi salutes and gestures, and expanded a prohibition on the public display of Nazi symbols, beyond the Nazi Hakenkreuz symbol, which was outlawed in 2022. Victoria Police records show that 47 offences were logged under these laws in 2023. However, there has been no similar legislative response to other forms of antisemitic behaviour that do not have Nazi links.



MAJOR FINDINGS

There were 364 antisemitic incidents in Victoria in 2023, the **highest total ever recorded in a calendar year.**

This is a 228% increase from the 111 antisemitic incidents reported in 2022, and is **178% higher than the previous annual record** of 131 incidents, reported in 2021.

In fact, **more incidents were reported in 2023 than in the previous three years combined.**

This record total is due to the sheer volume of antisemitism perpetrated across Victoria following Hamas' attack on Israel on 7 October 2023.

252 incidents were reported between October 7 and December 31, accounting for 69% of all incidents in 2023.

After October 7, an average of 21 incidents were reported each week, compared to 2.8 per week beforehand.

The 252 incidents that occurred **between October 7 and December 31** represent a 688% increase from the same period in 2022.

This period alone far **exceeds any previous annual total** of antisemitic incidents reported in Victoria.

November saw the **highest number of antisemitic incidents ever recorded in a single month** in Victoria (109). This eclipses the previous monthly record (23) set in March of 2023 by 374%.

The **most frequent form of discourse** expressed in antisemitic incidents in 2023 were references to **Israel, Palestine, or Zionism**, which was evident in 151 incidents.

After October 7, there was a **1,478% increase in this form of antisemitic rhetoric**.

Neo-Nazi related antisemitic activity remained widespread in Victoria throughout 2023, with 107 incidents referencing Hitler, Nazi symbols, or the Holocaust.

Before October 7, Nazi-themed and far-right ideologies were linked to a majority of the antisemitism in Victoria, accounting for **59% of all incidents**.

Prior to October 7, 2023 had already surpassed the total number of antisemitic incidents reported in 2022.

In fact, 2023 was on course to break the record for the most antisemitic incidents ever recorded in single year in Victoria, even without October 7.

Antisemitic incidents **centred around Melbourne's inner South-Eastern suburbs**. However, incidents were also reported across the state in 25 council areas.

DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

This report uses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism as a guideline in defining antisemitic incidents, whilst making further delineations on the distinction between antisemitic and anti-Israel incidents. IHRA, which has been endorsed by the Victorian and Federal Governments, defines antisemitism as:

“A certain 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, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country 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.”



A NOTE ON ANTI-ISRAEL INCIDENTS AND ZIONISM

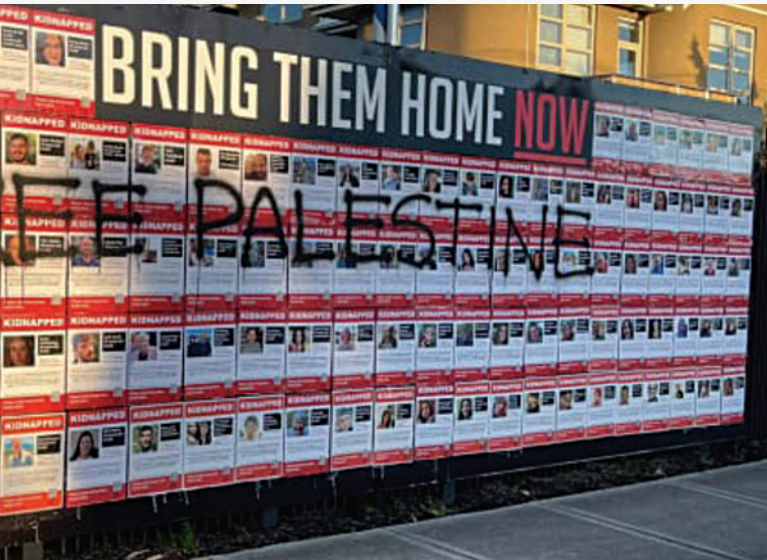
Zionism is defined as “the movement for the self-determination and statehood for the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland, the land of Israel. The vast majority of Jews around the world feel a connection or kinship with Israel, whether or not they explicitly identify as Zionists, and regardless of their opinions on the policies of the Israeli government.”¹ A May 2024 survey found that 91% of Australian Jews felt some emotional attachment to Israel.²

The words “Zionist” and “Zionism” are often incorrectly used in public speech, including as a euphemism for “Jew” or “Jewish”.

The Community Security Group Victoria (CSG) collates reports of both antisemitic and anti-Israel incidents in Victoria. Drawing a line between the two can be challenging, including when trying to differentiate when the terms “Zionist” or “Zionism” have been used accurately.

¹ <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounder/zionism>

² Bankier-Karp, A.L. & Graham, D.J. (2024). Australian Jews in the shadow of war survey. Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University and JCA Sydney.



DATA COLLECTION METHODS

This report relies on data provided by CSG. CSG does not actively monitor for incidents, relying exclusively on reports made to by individuals via app, website, emails or phone call. Antisemitic incidents are reported to CSG from a wide range of sources, including from victims and their family or friends, witnesses, the CSG workforce, third-party security guards at Jewish sites, Jewish organisations, and law enforcement.

CSG does not record incidents of online antisemitism, unless is directed at a Jewish person or organisation and is reported in. The amount of antisemitic material online is overwhelming and there are not enough resources to adequately monitor and track antisemitic social media posts, comments, videos, podcast, articles, memes and other content. For this reason, this report excludes online antisemitic material and hate speech.

Incidents of antisemitism are recorded separately by Victoria Police and the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. There are also antisemitic incidents that are reported to other community activists or grassroots groups. Due to the inconsistency with definitions used, difficulties in accessing some data that is reported to government or statutory entities, and difficulties ensuring single incidents are not double-counted if reported to more than one agency, the authors of this report have chosen to report CSG data only.

That said, there remains significant under-reporting of hate-based and racially vilifying incidents in Victoria. It is likely that many, and perhaps even most, antisemitic incidents are not reported to CSG. Consequently, the actual number of antisemitic incidents that occurred in Victoria in 2023 is likely to be significantly higher than that which is documented in this report. As such, the figures presented should be indicative of trends as opposed to nominal values.

Anti-Israel incidents are not automatically antisemitic. For instance, expressions of hostility towards Israel (e.g. graffiti "Israel = Genocide"), or support for pro-Palestinian ideology (e.g., "Free Palestine") are not classified as antisemitic, although many Jewish people would consider them to be offensive. Hundreds of incidents reported to CSG have been categorised as strictly anti-Israel and not antisemitic. These incidents have been excluded from this report.

However, Israel-related incidents are classified as antisemitic where the incident also involves antisemitic discourse (e.g. "I love Hamas. Get the f*cking Jews wiped out"), evident **antisemitic motivation** and/or the **targeting** of a victim because they are, or are believed to be, Jewish or have relationships to the Jewish community (e.g., shouting towards an identifiably Jewish person, "free Palestine, you support genocide").

CASE STUDY 1



PRINCES PARK

Early in the morning of Friday 10th November, there was an arson attack on the Caulfield branch of the Burgertory restaurant chain.

Burgertory is owned by Hash Tayeh, a prominent Palestinian activist. Despite Victoria Police issuing a statement in the afternoon that the fire was not politically or religiously motivated, rumours circulated that the fire was an attack perpetrated by Zionists. This rumour was supported by Tayeh himself, who labelled the fire a “hate crime”. Other pro-Palestinian advocacy groups went further, claiming the attack was an “anti-Palestinian hate crime” and “Zionist terrorist attack”. This incitement against the Jewish community led to a planned protest outside the Burgertory restaurant in the afternoon.

At 7pm, several pro-Palestinian protesters who had gathered at Burgertory moved to nearby Princes Park, where the group swelled to an estimated 200–300 demonstrators. They were met by a growing crowd of 100–200 counter-protestors from the local community who gathered in response. Dozens of police officers were positioned on the road to keep the groups apart.



Photo: Peter Haskin, Australian Jewish News

For close to four hours, the pro-Palestinian demonstrators protested loudly on the Hawthorn Road edge of Princes Park. Protesters were reported to have chanted antisemitic, violent and derogatory slogans while waving Palestinian flags and wearing keffiyehs. On several occasions, pro-Palestinian protesters attempted to breach police lines, with one man being arrested and others being pepper sprayed. Bottles of water and rocks were thrown at the pro-Israel protesters, with one man hit in the leg by a rock approximately the size of a hand and weighing 150 grams. The male was taken to hospital, and suffered a leg injury.

The demonstration caused the adjacent Central Shule to abandon worship halfway through its Friday evening service, with 150 congregants forced to leave the synagogue for their safety.

There were also reports of cars driving around surrounding suburban streets playing high volume Arabic music, flying Palestinian flags, and shouting abuse at passing pedestrians.

Due to the aggressive nature of the protests, the JCCV received reports of community members being fearful of walking home from nearby synagogues or Shabbat dinners, with some choosing to stay the night at guests' homes due to fear of walking home. Other community members described being so fearful that they were unable to sleep that night.

CASE STUDY 2

KILL JEWS GRAFFITI

On 16 November, the wall of a residential complex in Clayton South where a Jewish person lives was graffitied with the words “kill Jews, Jew lives here” in light pink paint. This incident is just one example of 78 instances of antisemitic graffiti reported in 2023.



GRAFFITI BEFORE OCT 7

Antisemitic graffiti was persistent in Victoria throughout 2023. 36 incidents were reported prior to October 7, averaging 0.9 incidents per week. The most common form of antisemitic graffiti in this period were references to Hitler, the Nazis, or the Holocaust (26 incidents). Nazi-themed graffiti most often involved the engraving or painting of Nazi hakenkreuz symbols (also known as Nazi swastikas). In one incident, a hakenkreuz was burned into a sign on the fence of a Jewish school. Other Nazi-themed graffiti included phrases such as “6MNE”, inferring that the 6 million Jews murdered in the Holocaust was not enough.

An additional 6 instances of graffiti expressed general hatred towards Jews. Examples include graffiti stating, “Satanic Jews”, “I hate Jew dogs”, and “f**k the Jews”. A further 4 graffiti incidents referenced conspiracy theories about Jewish people relating to COVID-19, 9/11 and Jewish control of the world. None of the graffiti incidents prior to October 7 referenced Israel or Palestine.



GRAFFITI AFTER OCT 7

Antisemitic graffiti increased sharply after October 7, with 42 incidents reported between 7 October and 31 December. With an average of 3.5 incidents per week, more incidents were reported in these 12 weeks than in all of the previous 40 weeks of 2023. Nazi-themed graffiti, mainly Nazi hakenkreuz symbols, continued to be the most prevalent form of antisemitic graffiti in Victoria after October 7, with 23 incidents in this category. The frequency of Nazi-themed graffiti increased after October 7 from 0.65 to 1.9 incidents per week. A further 4 acts of graffiti expressed a general hatred towards Jews, such as, “kill Jews”, “Jew free zone”

and “Jew=bad”. None of the graffiti after October 7 was explicitly linked to conspiracy theories about Jewish people.

After October 7, 15 acts of antisemitic graffiti directly referenced Israel or Palestine. Examples include “free Gaza” graffitied on a ‘Happy Chanukah’ sign in Balaclava and graffiti that read “bad Jew” and “Free Palestine” in St Kilda. Given that no such graffiti was reported prior to October 7, this demonstrates that Jewish Victorians faced new manifestations of antisemitism after October 7, which were directly linked to the Israel-Hamas war.

ANTISEMITISM IN VICTORIA

BEFORE OCTOBER 7

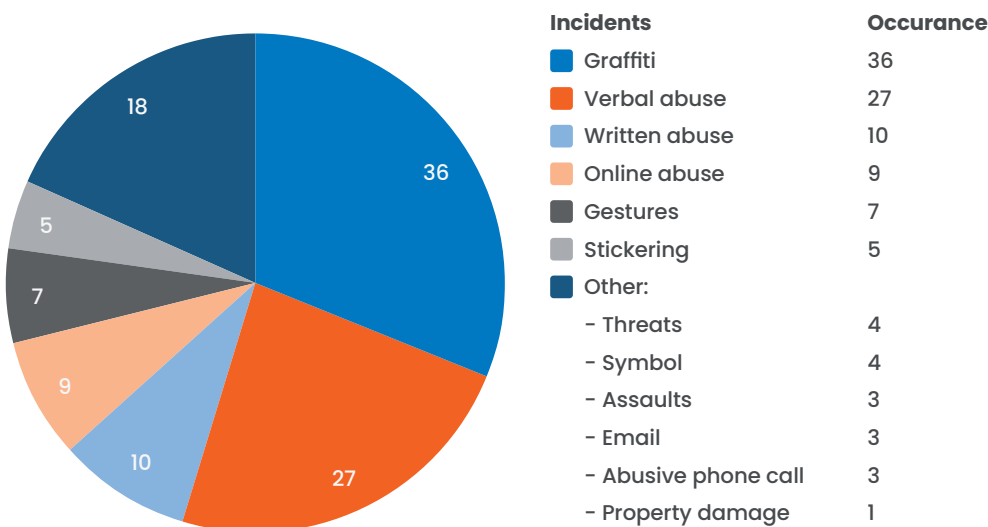
Even before October 7, Victoria was experiencing a record high rate of antisemitism. Prior to October 7, 112 antisemitic incidents were reported to CSG, averaging 2.8 incidents per week. In contrast, the same period in 2022 recorded 79 incidents, averaging 2 incidents per week. In fact, more incidents were reported between 1 January and 6 October 2023 than all of 2022. Assuming the rate of antisemitic incidents prior to October 7 were to persist for the remainder of the year, 2023 would have broken the previous annual record reported in 2021. Importantly, however, 2021 reflected a surge

in antisemitism linked to conflict between Israel and Hamas in May, which was reflected in spikes in May and June of 2021. In contrast, there were no notable escalations in the Middle East between 1 January and 6 October 2023, inferring that the base level of antisemitism in Victoria was at a record high. This is supported by the fact that March 2023 recorded the most incidents ever reported in a single month in Victoria. It is therefore clear that even without the skyrocketing of antisemitism following Hamas' October 7 attack against Israel, antisemitism was at a record high in Victoria.

ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS BEFORE OCTOBER 7

The most common form of antisemitism reported prior to October 7 was graffiti, accounting for 32% of all incidents. This was followed by verbal abuse (24%), written abuse (9%), online abuse (8%), gestures (6%), stickering (5%), threats (4%), symbols (3%), emails (3%), abusive phone calls (3%) assaults (2%) and property damage (1%).

BREAKDOWN OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS PRE-OCTOBER 7



TYPES OF ANTISEMITISM BEFORE OCTOBER 7

A majority (59%) of incidents prior to October 7 were expressly linked to Neo-Nazi or far right ideology. Incidents were included in this category if the conduct referenced Hitler, Nazis, the Holocaust, or pro-white racism. Incidents included Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti, verbal abuse towards Jews such as “heil Hitler” and “Hitler should have finished the job”, as well as written abuse including a letter to Jewish synagogues stating, “it is a pity that Hitler did not finish with you Jewish rats.” Moreover, on 7 occasions, Nazi salutes were directed towards Jewish people. There was an average of 1.7 antisemitic incidents

per week expressing far right or Nazi-themed hate prior to October 7. The 66 incidents recorded in this category between 1 January and 6 October 2023 shows that far-right and Nazi-themed racism was the leading cause of antisemitic hate in Victoria before October 7.



There were four high profile, public gatherings of neo-Nazis in Victoria in 2023:

March 18

A group of around 30 men dressed in black with their faces covered repeatedly performed Nazi salutes at a demonstration on gender outside Victorian Parliament House.

May 13

Around 30 men dressed in black performed Nazi salutes at an anti-immigration demonstration in the Melbourne CBD.

October 13

About 30 men dressed in black with their faces covered displayed a banner that said “expose Jewish power” on the steps of Flinders Street Station. They sang racist songs and posed for photos before boarding a train, accompanied by police. They handed out National Socialist Network business cards to other passengers, harassed passengers and asked them if they were Jewish, and performed Nazi salutes.

December 3

A group of between 20-30 men dressed in black marched through Ballarat holding a banner saying, “Australia for the white man.”

The second most common form of antisemitic discourse prior to October 7 was antisemitic conduct linked to Israel, Palestine, or Zionism. The 9 incidents in this category constituted just 8% of all incidents prior to October 7, highlighting that before October 7, antisemitism was mostly unrelated to Israel or Palestine. Nonetheless, it is clear that Israel-related antisemitism existed prior to October 7, even during periods when Israel was not involved in conflict. On 3 occasions, statements such as “Free Palestine” were shouted towards

identifiable Jews, while in 3 other instances, Jewish individuals were accused of directly slaughtering Palestinians. For instance, at Monash University, a male shouted towards an identifiably Jewish student “how many Palestinian children did you murder today.” 2 instances of Israel-linked antisemitism prior to October 7 occurred online. The final antisemitic incident linked to Israel involved a car driving past various synagogues waving a Palestinian flag.

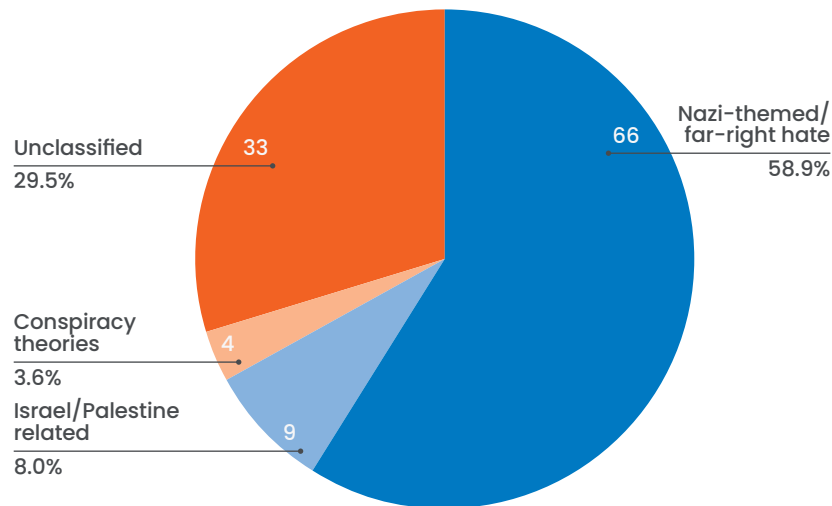
A remaining 4 incidents referred to antisemitic conspiracy theories or stereotypes about Jewish people. At Point Ormond Lookout in Elwood, a Magen David was spray painted with the words "911" inside, next to a website link that claimed Jewish people were responsible for the 9/11 terror attacks. In Kew, the words "f**k the Jew world order and its all evil agenda" was graffitied in a car park, reflecting the international Jewish conspiracy of Jewish world domination. A third incident in Altona North involved graffiti stating that Jews created Covid-19. Finally, one incident of antisemitic verbal abuse referenced Jews having lots of money.

An additional 33 incidents prior to October 7 conveyed a general hatred towards Jews that could not be linked to a specific discourse

or ideology. Examples of verbal abuse included "f**k the Jews" and "you Jews should be wiped out", while acts of graffiti read "Jew lovers burn in the hellfire" and "I hate Jew dogs." On 2 separate occasions, identifiably Jewish individuals had projectiles thrown at them from passing cars. Importantly, despite the absence of a direct link to a specific discourse, it is likely that offenders were driven by particular types of antisemitic hate, such as neo-Nazi ideology, anti-Israel sentiment or conspiracy theories about Jewish people.



ANTISEMITIC DISCOURSE BEFORE OCTOBER 7



THE INTENSIFICATION OF ANTISEMITISM POST OCTOBER 7

The record amount of antisemitism reported in Victoria in 2023 was largely due to the sheer volume of antisemitism perpetrated following Hamas' terror attack against Israel on October 7. The attack had an instant and galvanising effect on antisemitism in Victoria, bringing it to levels unprecedented in the state's history. 252 instances of antisemitism were reported between October 7 and December 31, accounting for 69% of all incidents recorded in 2023. This was a 688% increase compared to the same period in 2022. An average of 21 incidents per week were reported between October 7 and 31 December, compared to 2.8 between 1 January and 6 October 2023, and 2 in 2022. In fact, more antisemitic incidents occurred in the 12 weeks following October 7 than in all of 2021 and 2022 combined. This fundamentally demonstrates the connection between the surge in antisemitism in Victoria, and the October 7 terror attack and subsequent war between Israel and Hamas.

It has been empirically proven that antisemitism in Australia is significantly higher during times of conflict in Israel.³ While this was true in 2023, the scale and nature of antisemitism perpetrated following October 7 was far greater than that witnessed in previous conflicts involving Israel. For instance, during the previous conflict in May 2021, 18 incidents were reported for May, compared to 91 in October 2023. This is, to an extent, reflective of the larger scale of conflict. However, rather than incident counts increasing as Israel's response gathered momentum and Palestinian casualties rose in Gaza, incidents peaked in October and early November, and slowly declined thereafter.

THE IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THE OCTOBER 7 TERROR ATTACK

There was an immediate surge in antisemitism in response to Hamas' terror attack against Israel on October 7, which preceded Israel's military response. For example, less than 24 hours after Hamas' attack, two vehicles drove past various synagogues in Caulfield North and shouted towards Jewish community members "we killed your whole country in 1 day", "fuck the Jews", "go Palestine" and "you Jews should die." In the immediate week following October 7, 23 antisemitic incidents were reported, more than three times the previous weekly record. In fact, the days of 19 October and 22 October both had more antisemitic incidents individually than the previous weekly record. In total, 75 incidents were reported in the period between October 7 and October 27, the date when Israel coordinated a substantive military response. The speed at which antisemites mobilised following Hamas' attack suggests that much of the antisemitism perpetrated in Victoria was, if anything, a celebration of Hamas' massacre, as opposed to Israel's military response.

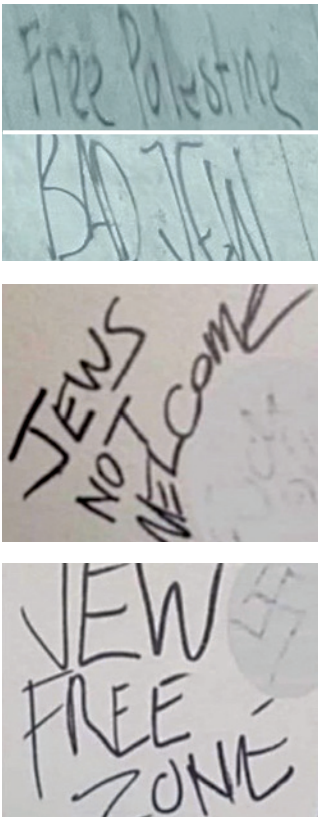


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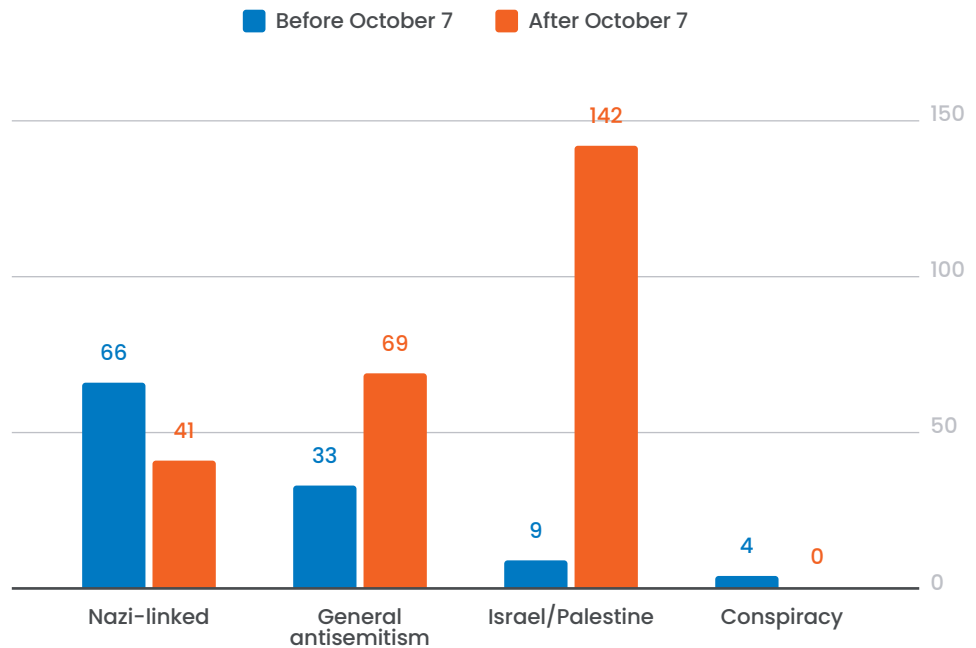
THE RISE OF ANTISEMITISM LINKED TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Following October 7, the number of antisemitic incidents that referenced Israel, Palestine or Zionism skyrocketed, becoming the dominant form of antisemitic discourse. Between 1 January and 6 October, 8% of incidents referenced Israel/Palestine. In contrast, between 7 October and 31 December, 56% of all incidents directly referenced Israel, Palestine, or Zionism. The 142 incidents linked to Israel after October 7 represent a 1,478% increase on the 9 Israel-linked incidents reported between 1 January 1 and 6 October. This highlights the reactionary nature of antisemitism which, while a deeply embedded hatred, emerges in accordance with the current social, cultural and political context.

Whilst the single largest driver behind the unprecedented rate of antisemitism were incidents connected to Israel, all types of antisemitism increased after October 7, but for antisemitism linked to conspiracy theories. 41 incidents of antisemitism following October 7 contained Nazi-themes, a rate double that before October 7. This underscores that neo-Nazi and far right hatred towards Jews intensified in the aftermath of October 7. Additionally, 69 antisemitic incidents conveyed a general hatred towards Jews that could not be directly linked to an ideology or Israel/Palestine. This occurred at a rate six times higher than that before October 7. Although these incidents could not be directly linked to Israel, their heightened frequency suggests that offenders were motivated by Hamas' attack on Israel and the subsequent war.



ANTISEMITIC THEMES BEFORE AND AFTER OCTOBER 7

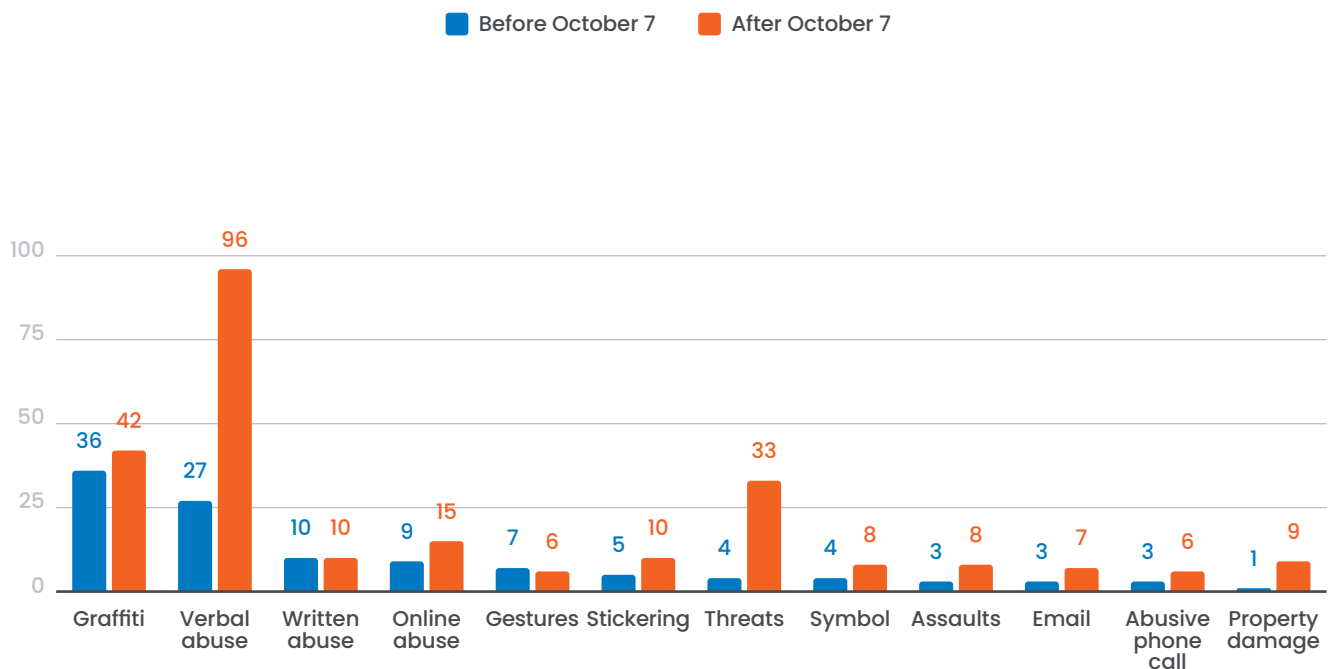


ANTISEMITIC CONDUCT AFTER OCTOBER 7

Every category of antisemitic incident occurred at a heightened rate following October 7. The two largest categories of incidents were verbal abuse, with 96 incidents, and graffiti, with 42. Antisemitic verbal abuse occurred at a rate nearly 11 times greater than that before October 7, while antisemitic graffiti was 3 times more frequent. Antisemitic incidents during times of conflict in Israel are also more likely to involve criminal violence or threats.⁴ This was clearly demonstrated after October 7, with 33 threats made to Jews or Jewish institutions, including 5 bomb threats, and 5 threats to kill Jewish people. In contrast, 4 threats were made in both 2023 before October 7 and all of 2022, with no bomb threats. Antisemitic threats were thus 26 times more common after October 7. Antisemitic assaults were also 8 times more frequent after October 7. Further, there were 9 incidents of property damage after October 7, compared to 1 before. In one incident, a known Jewish resident had dog faeces placed on her door handle, while another community member had their mezuzah forcibly removed.

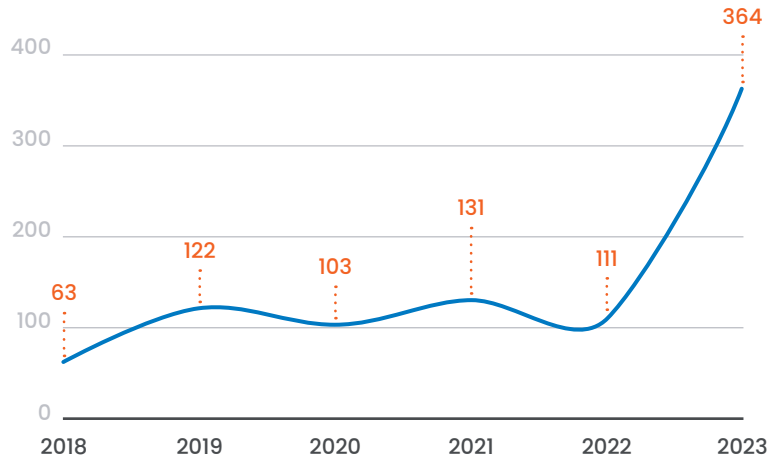
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COMPARISON OF 2023 INCIDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER OCTOBER 7



COMPARING ANTISEMITISM IN 2023 TO PREVIOUS YEARS

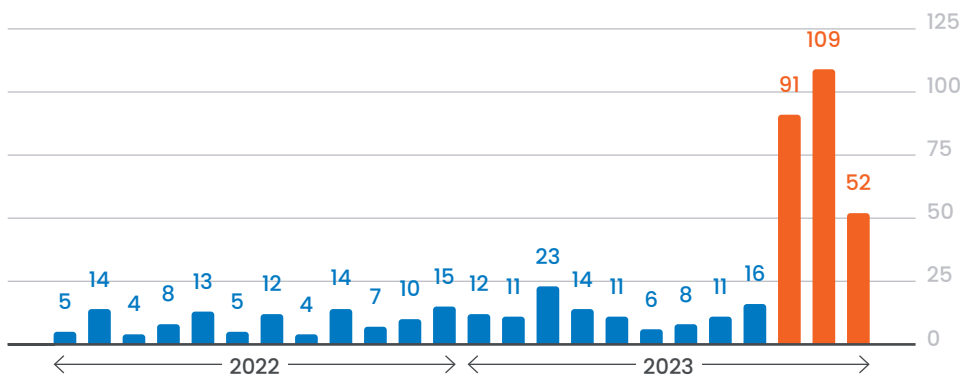
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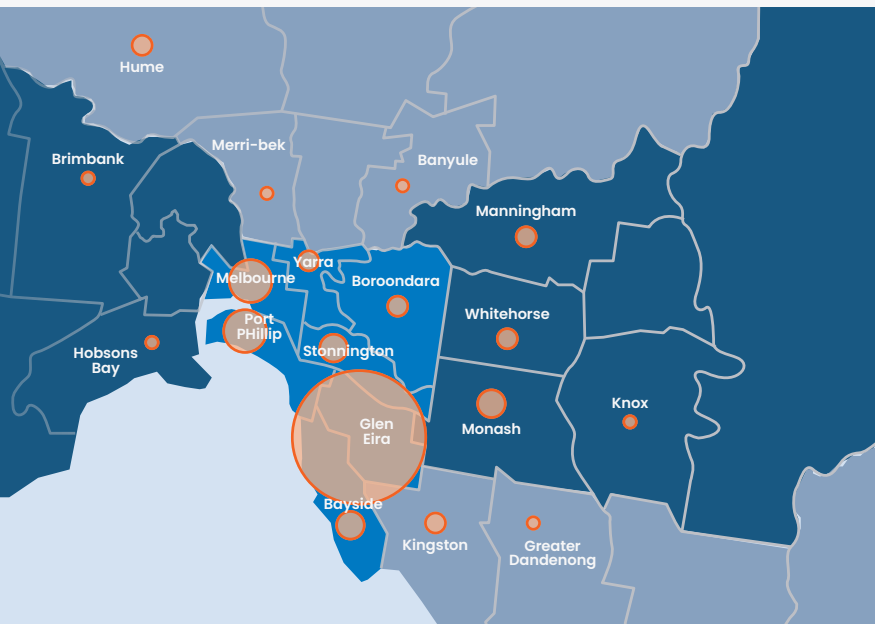
2023 broke the record for the most antisemitic incidents ever reported in a single year in Victoria. The 364 antisemitic incidents represent a 228% increase on the 111 incidents reported in 2022, and a 478% increase on the level of antisemitism in Victoria recorded 5 years earlier. Compared to 2022, Jewish Victorians experienced 2,300% more antisemitic verbal abuse, 900% more antisemitic written abuse, 825% more antisemitic threats, and 264% more antisemitic graffiti in 2023. The single largest driver behind the increase in antisemitism in 2023 was verbal abuse, with 123 incidents in this category, compared to just 17 in 2022.

The unprecedented level of antisemitism in 2023 was largely due to the surge in antisemitism perpetrated following October 7, as illustrated in the graph below. There were 91 antisemitic incidents recorded in October, 109 in November and 52 in December. Each of these months recorded over double the previous monthly record, set in March 2023. In just these three months, more antisemitic incidents were reported than in all of 2021 and 2022 combined. However, it is important to note that even prior to October 7, antisemitism was an elevated level in Victoria, averaging 12.3 monthly incidents compared to 8.8 monthly incidents in 2022. In fact, the rate of antisemitism prior to October 7 was already at an all-time high.

MONTHLY INCIDENTS 2018–2023



GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS



ANTISEMITISM CENTRED IN MELBOURNE'S EASTERN SUBURBS

Before and after October 7, reports of antisemitism were clustered around Melbourne's inner south-eastern suburbs, where most Jewish Victorians live. The City of Glen Eira, the area with the highest Jewish population, recorded 160 incidents, accounting for 52% of all in-person antisemitism reported in 2023. 26% of all incidents occurred in the Caulfield area. The local council areas with the next most antisemitic incidents were the City of Melbourne (11%) with 33 incidents, and the City of Port Phillip (10%) with 30. 7% of reported antisemitism occurred in the City of Stonnington, while 3% occurred in each of the City of Monash and City of Bayside, and 2% in each the City of Boroondara and the City of Yarra. Although antisemitic incidents were concentrated in Melbourne's Eastern suburbs, incidents were reported in a further 16 council areas throughout Victoria, which collectively accounted for 9% of all incidents, showing that antisemitism is a state-wide problem. Moreover, incident reports are skewed towards areas where Jewish people live or frequent, meaning that antisemitism is likely to be at a relatively higher level outside of Melbourne's Eastern suburbs than reported.

ANTISEMITISM IN THE CITY OF MELBOURNE

33 antisemitic incidents were reported in the City of Melbourne. The substantial increase in incidents that occurred in the Melbourne City Council area in 2023 (from 1 incident in 2022, and 5 in 2023 prior to October 7) was due to various pro-Palestinian demonstrations that have taken place in the CBD weekly since October 7. After October 7, 86% of antisemitic incidents in the Melbourne City explicitly referenced Israel, Palestine, or Zionism.

ANTISEMITISM IN RURAL VICTORIA

98% of the incidents occurred in Metropolitan Melbourne, while 2% occurred in rural Victoria. Every antisemitic incident outside Metropolitan Melbourne contained Nazi-themes, showing that antisemitism in rural Victoria was largely connected to neo-Nazi and far right ideologies.

ANTISEMITISM ONLINE OR OVER THE PHONE

58 incidents of antisemitism occurred online, via email or over the phone. 78% of these incidents were after October 7.

CASE STUDY 3

PROTESTING THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ISRAELI HOSTAGES

INCIDENT

In late November, a group of five Israelis, comprising family members and friends of those kidnapped or killed on October 7, were brought to Australia to share their experiences of October 7 with politicians, Jewish community groups and the media. At 10:30pm on November 29, the group returned to their hotel, the Crowne Plaza in the CBD, following an emotional event with the Jewish community at Mount Scopus Memorial College.

Having tracked down where the Israelis were staying, a group of approximately 20 masked pro-Palestinian activists gathered in the hotel foyer and awaited their arrival. The activists brandished banners reading “Stop Arming

Israel, Free Palestine” and “Zionism is Fascism”, and scattered child dolls splattered with fake blood on the lobby floor. Several demonstrators held loudspeakers, through which they played loud sirens, recordings of gun shots and explosions, as well as shouting discriminatory and offensive slogans.

Upon arriving at their hotel, the Israelis were blocked from accessing their rooms by the demonstrators. The Israeli group were quickly removed from the hotel by Embassy security and taken to a nearby police station to seek shelter. The group spent two hours inside a secure area at the police station until officers cleared the lobby and deemed it safe for them to return.





IMPACT

For the grieving Israelis, the incident triggered terrible memories, causing feelings of fear and insecurity. Tali Kizhner, whose son was murdered by Hamas, described how the demonstration “flashed back” the fear and pain she experienced on October 7. Ofir Tamir, whose two best friends were taken hostage, said he felt scared and unsafe, while Elad Levy described how he felt “ambushed” and “insecure”. Amit Parapara, whose friends were taken hostage, said the demonstration made the group feel as if they were not human beings.

REACTION

The demonstration received resounding bipartisan condemnation. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese described the demonstration as “beyond contempt”, saying “I’m appalled by the actions of these protestors, and I condemn them”. Opposition Leader Peter Dutton described the demonstration as “an act of depravity... that has no place in our country”. Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan condemned the demonstration “in the strongest possible terms”.

CASE STUDY 4

On 10 November, a vehicle with 5 occupants stopped outside Yeshiva College in St Kilda East. The vehicle appeared to have intentionally come into the St Kilda East area to target Jews. An occupant in the vehicle proceeded to yell towards an identifiably Jewish child "Free Palestine, f**k the Jews, f**k your country, everybody hates the Jews" and "we have tons of gas" before the car sped off.

There were 123 incidents of antisemitic verbal abuse in Victoria in 2023. 78% of antisemitic verbal abuse occurred in the 12 weeks following Hamas' October 7th attack on Israel.

ANTISEMITIC VERBAL ABUSE PRE-OCTOBER 7

27 incidents of antisemitic verbal abuse were reported in the 40 weeks prior to October 7. Of these, 49% expressed a general hatred towards Jews that could not be linked to a specific discourse. Examples include "let's go kill those Jews" and "you people, your kind, you cause all the trouble". A further 39% of verbal abuse prior to October 7 made direct references to Hitler, Nazism, or the Holocaust. Often this involved passerby shouting "Heil Hitler" towards identifiably Jewish people, while other remarks included "Hitler should have finished the job", and "I'm going to do a Hitler to you". Finally, 12% of verbal abuse referenced Israel/Palestine. These statements included, for example, a male shouting towards an identifiably Jewish man "how many Palestinian children did you kill today, you Jew dogs are going to die". The 27 antisemitic verbal abuse incidents recorded prior to October 7 surpasses the total number of verbal abuse incidents recorded in all of 2022 (17). This demonstrates that even before the Israel-Hamas war, Jewish Victorians were increasingly the victims of abusive hate speech.

ANTISEMITIC VERBAL ABUSE POST OCTOBER 7

Antisemitic verbal abuse skyrocketed in the aftermath of October 7. 96 incidents were reported between 7 October and 31 December, averaging more than 1 incident every single day. This represents a 2,300% increase on the same period in 2022. In just the immediate month following October 7, there were 47 incidents of verbal abuse against Jewish Victorians.

The majority (55%) of the verbal abuse after October 7 explicitly referenced Israel, Palestine, or Zionism, highlighting how Victorian Jews were personally targeted in relation to the war between Israel and Hamas. The thrust of antisemitic verbal abuse after October 7 came from supporters of Palestinians. Most of these incidents conveyed a general statement of hostility towards Israel, or support for Palestine, in conjunction with a statement expressing hatred for Jews. For example, in Flinders Street, a pro-Palestinian protestor noticed a Jewish person and chanted in their direction "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free", followed by "gas the Jews" and "f**k

the Jews". In a separate incident in Fitzroy, a Jewish hospital worker was told "you f**king Jew, I'm gonna kill you guys, you guys are f**king c**ts, free Palestine."

A further 38% of the verbal abuse directed towards Jewish Victorians after October 7 expressed a general hatred for Jews that could not be linked to a discourse or motivation. Verbal abuse included "you f**king Jews are a disgrace to the world", and "go die you f**king Jewish whore". Even though incidents of verbal abuse expressing hatred towards Jews did not directly reference Israel or Palestine, their heightened frequency following October 7 underscores that these incidents were motivated by the war between Israel and Hamas.

The final 8% of incidents involved Nazi-related verbal abuse, including statements directed towards Jews such as "it's a shame the Nazi's didn't kill you" and "heil Hitler". Just 8% of verbal abuse after October 7 referenced Nazi-themes, compared to 49% prior. This reinforces the conclusion that the explosion of antisemitism after October 7 was driven by, and occurred in relation to, the war between Israel and Hamas.



APPENDIX A

TABLE OF INCIDENTS

DATE	INCIDENT TITLE	CATEGORY	LOCATION
4/01/2023	Government primary school – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Stonnington
5/01/2023	Jewish-linked website – Antisemitic comments	Online abuse	Online
6/01/2023	Inkerman St, St Kilda East – Antisemitic comments regarding camp	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
9/01/2023	Supermarket – Gesture	Gesture	Glen Eira
11/01/2023	Jewish-linked website – Abusive comment	Online abuse	Online
20/01/2023	School – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Monash
21/01/2023	Orrong Rd/Glen Eira Rd bus stop – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
24/01/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	N/A
25/01/2023	Community Member Email – Abusive email	Online abuse	Online
27/01/2023	Antisemitic interaction	Verbal abuse	N/A
21/01/2023	Synagogue – Heil Hitler gesture	Gesture	Glen Eira
21/01/2023	Jewish-linked website – Antisemitic abuse	Online abuse	Online
4/02/2023	Balaclava Rd – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
7/02/2023	Tram Route 16, Balaclava Rd – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Glen Eira
8/02/2023	Carrington Gr, St Kilda East – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
8/02/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
11/02/2023	Jewish school – Heil Hitler salute	Gesture	Glen Eira
12/02/2023	Dandenong Rd – Hitler Salute	Gesture	Glen Eira
13/02/2023	Queens St/Collins St – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
19/02/2023	Swanston St – Heil Hitler gesture	Gesture	Melbourne
24/02/2023	Jewish organisation – Abusive email	Written abuse	Online
27/02/2023	St Georges Rd, Toorak – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Stonnington
28/02/2023	Doncaster – Graffiti	Graffiti	Manningham
1/03/2023	School – Antisemitic bullying	Verbal abuse	Monash

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4/03/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call 2	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
7/03/2023	Corner Franklin and Queen Sts – Combat 18 sticker	Stickering	Melbourne
7/03/2023	Ulupna Rd, Ormond – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
9/03/2023	Public area – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol engraving	Graffiti	Whitehorse
11/03/2023	Elsternwick – Antisemitic note	Written abuse	Glen Eira
16/03/2023	Richmond – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Yarra
17/03/2023	School – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
18/03/2023	Public area – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Yarra
20/03/2023	Community member emails - Antisemitic email	Written abuse	Online
21/03/2023	University - Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Monash
23/03/2023	Bridport St, Albert Park - Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Port Phillip
23/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Boroondara
24/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Doncaster
24/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
25/03/2023	Inkerman Rd, Caulfield North – Assault	Assault	Glen Eira
27/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Melbourne
28/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
28/03/2023	School – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
29/03/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Bayside
30/03/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Whitehorse
31/03/2023	Melbourne City – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Melbourne
31/03/2023	Sunbury – Antisemitic stickers	Stickering	Hume
3/04/2023	Jewish school - “Free Palestine” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
6/04/2023	Synagogue – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
7/04/2023	Jewish school – Threats	Threat	Glen Eira
8/04/2023	Synagogue – Palestinian flag	Suspicious vehicle	Glen Eira
13/04/2023	Synagogue – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
14/04/2023	Brimbank – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Brimbank
16/04/2023	Business – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira

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18/04/2023	Jewish organisation – Online threats	Online abuse	N/A
20/04/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
21/04/2023	Wangaratta – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Wangaratta
24/04/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
26/04/2023	Corner Franklin and Queen Sts – Combat 18 sticker	Stickering	Melbourne
26/04/2023	School – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Bayside
2/05/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
4/05/2023	Bayside – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Bayside
13/05/2023	Synagogue – Aggressive behaviour	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
14/05/2023	Alexandra St – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Bayside
15/05/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/05/2023	Thompson Rd, North Geelong – Antisemitic Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Greater Geelong
26/05/2023	School – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Stonnington
27/05/2023	Elmhurst Rd – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
27/05/2023	Caulfield North – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Glen Eira
30/05/2023	Glen Eira Rd, Ripponlea – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Port Phillip
31/05/2023	Station St, Malvern – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Stonnington
11/06/2023	4chan – Bomb threat	Online threat	N/A
16/06/2023	Caulfield Park – NSN sticker	Stickering	Glen Eira
21/06/2023	Fitzroy – Suspicious letter	Written abuse	Yarra
22/06/2023	Belgrave train – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	N/A
24/06/2023	Hawthorn Rd – Antisemitic Abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
29/06/2023	Bay St, Port Melbourne – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol Graffiti	Graffiti	Port Phillip
4/07/2023	Jewish organisation – Message	Online abuse	Online
14/07/2023	Weebar Rd, Drouin – Golf ball with nazi hakenkreuz symbol and bullet	Threat	Baw Baw
16/07/2023	Public area – Antisemitic incident at sporting match	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
22/07/2023	Synagogue – Heil Hitler gesture	Gesture	Glen Eira

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25/07/2023	Mountain Hwy, Bayswater – Combat 18 sticker	Stickering	Knox
26/07/2023	Business, Camberwell – White supremacist letter	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Boroondara
27/07/2023	Business, Hawthorn – White supremacist letter	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Boroondara
27/07/2023	Online – Antisemitic email	Suspicious email	Online
1/08/2023	Jewish organisation – White supremacist letter	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Glen Eira
3/08/2023	Public transport – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
7/08/2023	Online abuse	Online abuse	Online
12/08/2023	Maryborough–Dunolly Rd, Bet Bet – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Central Goldfields
16/08/2023	Jewish organisation – Abusive messages	Online abuse	Online
18/08/2023	4chan – Online threats	Online abuse	Online
21/08/2023	Armadale – Vandalism	Property damage	Stonnington
26/08/2023	Lorne St, Melbourne – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
28/08/2023	Bambra Rd, Caulfield – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
28/08/2023	Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
29/08/2023	Southbank promenade – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Melbourne
4/09/2023	Jewish school – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Glen Eira
4/09/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
5/09/2023	Business – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Boroondara
7/09/2023	Empress Rd – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
11/09/2023	Point Ormond, Elwood – 9/11 conspiracy	Graffiti	Port Phillip
13/09/2023	Glencoe St – Trespass	Threat	Glen Eira
15/09/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic behaviour	Suspicious interaction	Melbourne
15/09/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic remark	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
16/09/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
17/09/2023	St Kilda park – Antisemitic behaviour	Gesture	Port Phillip
19/09/2023	Business – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Boroondara

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19/09/2023	Jewish school – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
22/09/2023	Millers Rd underpass, Altona North – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Hobsons Bay
24/09/2023	Jewish school – “Palestine” Shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
29/09/2023	Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield South – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Glen Eira
30/09/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
3/10/2023	Bellevue Rd, Bentleigh East – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol on tree	Graffiti	Glen Eira
8/10/2023	Synagogue – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
9/10/2023	University – Free Palestine promotion	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Banyule
9/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Threatening call	Threat	N/A
10/10/2023	Park Rd, Chadstone – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Monash
10/10/2023	Balaclava Rd – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/10/2023	Toorak Rd/Williams Rd – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Stonnington
11/10/2023	Synagogue – Bomb threat	Threat	Glen Eira
11/10/2023	MacGowan Ave – Anti-Zionist abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/10/2023	Carlisle St – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/10/2023	Business – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
13/10/2023	Clarendon St, South Melbourne – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Port Phillip
13/10/2023	Business – Antisemitic threatening phone calls	Threat	Melbourne
13/10/2023	Business – Antisemitic threatening phone call	Threat	Port Phillip
14/10/2023	Bent St – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Glen Eira
14/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic written abuse	Online abuse	Online
14/10/2023	Malvern East – Sticker	Stickering	Stonnington
15/10/2023	Acland St, St Kilda – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
15/10/2023	Caulfield train station – Shouted Heil Hitler	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/10/2023	Facebook – Antisemitic abuse/threats	Threat	Online

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15/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/10/2023	Kensington – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Melbourne
15/10/2023	Online – Antisemitic written abuse	Written abuse	Online
17/10/2023	Community member phone call – Threatening language	Threat	N/A
17/10/2023	Higher education – 2x antisemitic incidents	Verbal abuse	Monash
17/10/2023	St Georges Rd – Antisemitic symbols	Graffiti	Stonnington
18/10/2023	Jewish school – “Free Palestine” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
18/10/2023	Balaclava Rd/Hawthorn Rd – Possibly antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
18/10/2023	Elizabeth St – Posters vandalised	Graffiti	Melbourne
18/10/2023	University – Pro-Palestinian activity	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Melbourne
19/10/2023	Burreel Ave – Anti-Israel graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
19/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic comments	Online abuse	Online
19/10/2023	University – Antisemitic gesture	Gesture	Monash
19/10/2023	NSW – Abusive phone call	Verbal abuse	Online
19/10/2023	Tram route 5 – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
19/10/2023	Jewish school – “Free Palestine” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
19/10/2023	Jewish school – Free Palestine	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
20/10/2023	Blessington St/Herbert St – Free Palestine graffiti	Graffiti	Port Phillip
20/10/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
20/10/2023	Jewish school – Unknown antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
21/10/2023	Glen Eira Rd, Caulfield North – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Glen Eira
21/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
21/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic voice message	Verbal abuse	N/A
22/10/2023	Bambra Rd, Caulfield South – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Property damage	Glen Eira
22/10/2023	Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic Verbal Abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
22/10/2023	Repton Rd, Malvern East – Mezuzah theft	Property damage	Stonnington

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22/10/2023	Glen Eira Rd, St Kilda East – Free Palestine engraving	Graffiti	Glen Eira
22/10/2023	Carlisle St, Balaclava – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal Abuse	Glen Eira
22/10/2023	Business – Antisemitic altercation	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
22/10/2023	Public area – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
22/10/2023	Online – Antisemitic written abuse	Threat	Online
22/10/2023	University – Defaced posters	Property damage	Melbourne
23/10/2023	Business – Anti-Israel posters	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Yarra
23/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Written abuse	Written abuse	Online
23/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Boroondara
24/10/2023	Brighton – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Bayside
24/10/2023	Carlisle St, Balaclava – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
24/10/2023	Southland – Antisemitic abuse	Gesture	Kingston
24/10/2023	St Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Yarra
24/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic email	Written abuse	Online
24/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Abusive email	Written abuse	Online
25/10/2023	Supermarket – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
25/10/2023	Facebook	Online abuse	Online
25/10/2023	George St, Doncaster East – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Manningham
26/10/2023	Irving Ave, Prahran – Threats	Threat	Stonnington
26/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic comments	Online abuse	Online
26/10/2023	Carnegie – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol in grass	Property damage	Glen Eira
26/10/2023	Business – Antisemitic comments	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
26/10/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
27/10/2023	Brighton Rd/Carlisle St – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
27/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
27/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Online threat	Online abuse	Online
27/10/2023	School – Antisemitic comments	Verbal abuse	Yarra

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27/10/2023	Business – Pro-Palestinian graffiti	Graffiti	Greater Dandenong
27/10/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
28/10/2023	Oakpark Dr, Chadstone – Antisemitic rhetoric	Verbal abuse	Monash
28/10/2023	Balaclava Rd, St Kilda East – Antisemitic Verbal Abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
28/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Hate mail	Email	Online
28/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Hate mail	Email	Online
29/10/2023	Inkerman Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic gesture	Gesture	Glen Eira
29/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic intimidation	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Glen Eira
29/10/2023	Frankston Line train – Antisemitic questioning	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
30/10/2023	Malvern Rd, Malvern – Free Palestine	Graffiti	Stonnington
30/10/2023	Centre Rd, Bentleigh – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
31/10/2023	Chapel St, St Kilda – Achtung Juden	Graffiti	Port Phillip
31/10/2023	Curraweena Rd, Caulfield South – Threatening phone call	Threat	Glen Eira
31/10/2023	Orrong Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
31/10/2023	Public area – Nazi hakenkreuz symbols	Graffiti	Monash
31/10/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic phone call	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
31/10/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic email	Email	Online
1/11/2023	Public area – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
1/11/2023	Finch St, Malvern East – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Stonnington
1/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic email	Online abuse	Online
1/11/2023	Jewish school – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Stonnington
1/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
1/11/2023	School – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Bayside
2/11/2023	Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North – Hitler face	Graffiti	Glen Eira
2/11/2023	Online – Harassment	Threat	Online
3/11/2023	Park St, South Melbourne – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Port Phillip

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3/11/2023	Inkerman Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
3/11/2023	Glen Huntly Rd, Caulfield South – Antisemitic remarks	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
3/11/2023	Business – Antisemitic “Kill Israel” sticker	Stickering	Glen Eira
5/11/2023	Inkerman St, St Kilda – Nazi hakenkreuz symbols	Graffiti	Port Phillip
5/11/2023	Flinders St, Melbourne – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Melbourne
5/11/2023	Swanston St, Melbourne – Stickering	Stickering	Melbourne
5/11/2023	Caulfield – Antisemitic intimidation	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
5/11/2023	Clarinda – Faeces on door	Property damage	Kingston
5/11/2023	Corner Lonsdale and Russell Sts, Melbourne – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
5/11/2023	Huntingdale Station – Antisemitic Threats	Threat	Monash
6/11/2023	Flinders St, Melbourne – Egging	Property damage	Melbourne
6/11/2023	Public area – Antisemitic threats	Threat	Glen Eira
6/11/2023	Public area – Assault	Assault	Melbourne
6/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic comment	Online abuse	Online
6/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	Port Phillip
6/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Threats	Threat	Online
7/11/2023	Snowdon Ave, Caulfield – Stickering	Property damage	Glen Eira
7/11/2023	Public area – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
7/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
7/11/2023	Community member instagram – Antisemitic threat	Threat	Online
7/11/2023	Online – Antisemitic trope	Online abuse	Online
7/11/2023	Wizz app – Antisemitic online comment	Online abuse	Online
7/11/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
8/11/2023	Acland St – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Port Phillip
8/11/2023	Business – “Israel kills Gaza’s children” sticker	Stickering	Glen Eira
8/11/2023	Jessamine Ave/Dandenong Rd – Pro-Palestinian stickers	Stickering	Stonnington
8/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic email	Email	Online

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8/11/2023	Public area – Light assault	Assault	Melbourne
8/11/2023	Windsor Station – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Stonnington
9/11/2023	Russell St, Melbourne – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Melbourne
9/11/2023	Hart St, Caulfield North – Antisemitic property damage	Property damage	Glen Eira
9/11/2023	M1 – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Geelong
10/11/2023	Caulfield South – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Balaclava Rd – “Free Palestine” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Public area – Rock throwing	Assault	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Jewish school – “Free Palestine” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
10/11/2023	Pro-Palestinian rally at Princes Park		Glen Eira
11/11/2023	Chapel St, Windsor – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Stonnington
11/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
11/11/2023	Hotham St – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
11/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic written abuse	Email	Online
12/11/2023	Wellington St, St Kilda – Heil Hitler	Gesture	Port Phillip
12/11/2023	Inkerman St, St Kilda East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/11/2023	Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic behaviour	Property damage	Glen Eira
12/11/2023	Balaclava Rd, St Kilda East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/11/2023	Chapel St, South Yarra – Antisemitic assault	Assault	Stonnington
12/11/2023	Queens Ave, Caulfield East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Waving keffiyah	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Glen Eira
12/11/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic intimidation	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Glen Eira
14/11/2023	Business – Graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira

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14/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Abusive message	Online abuse	Online
14/11/2023	Phone call – Threat	Threat	N/A
14/11/2023	Phone call – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Threat	N/A
14/11/2023	Business – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/11/2023	Community member phone calls – Abusive phone calls	Verbal abuse	N/A
14/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic/criminal graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
16/11/2023	Newport St, Clayton South – Threat	Graffiti	Kingston
16/11/2023	Community member messages – Antisemitic message	Online abuse	Online
17/11/2023	Swanston St, Melbourne – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
17/11/2023	Business – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
18/11/2023	St Kilda East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
18/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Boroondara
18/11/2023	St Kilda – Antisemitic intimidation	Symbol/ paraphernalia	Port Phillip
18/11/2023	Brunswick – Jew free zone	Graffiti	Merri-bek
18/11/2023	Community member online messages – Antisemitic death threats	Threat	Online
18/11/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
18/11/2023	Synagogue – Pistol gesture and antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
19/11/2023	Jacka Blvd, St Kilda – Antisemitic Verbal Abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
19/11/2023	Corner Inkerman St and Orrong Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic intimidation	Gesture	Glen Eira
19/11/2023	Elwood Marina – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Port Phillip
19/11/2023	Robinson St/Haughton Rd, Clayton – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Monash
20/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic online comment	Online abuse	Online
20/11/2023	Royal Arcade, Melbourne CBD – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
20/11/2023	Royal Arcade, Melbourne CBD – Anti-Israel verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
21/11/2023	Carlisle St, Balaclava – Anti-Israel sticker	Stickering	Glen Eira

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21/11/2023	Carlisle St – Stickers	Stickers	Glen Eira
21/11/2023	Synagogue – Stickers	Stickers	Glen Eira
22/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Abusive phone call	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
22/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Hate mail	Written abuse	Port Phillip
22/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic spraying	Assault	Port Phillip
23/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
24/11/2023	Caulfield – Numerous incidents of antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
24/11/2023	Community member phone calls – 3x antisemitic phone calls	Abusive phone call	N/A
24/11/2023	St Kilda East – “Free Gaza” shouted	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
24/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
25/11/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
26/11/2023	Glen Eira Rd, Elsternwick – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
26/11/2023	Instagram – Antisemitic online abuse	Online abuse	Online
27/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Hate mail	Written abuse	Glen Eira
27/11/2023	Synagogue – Hate mail	Written abuse	Stonnington
27/11/2023	Community member emails – Antisemitic emails	Written abuse	Online
27/11/2023	Jewish school – Antisemitic online message	Online abuse	Stonnington
28/11/2023	St Kilda East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
28/11/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic email	Email	Online
29/11/2023	Business – BDS stickers	Stickers	N/A
30/11/2023	Crowne Plaza hostage group demonstration	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
30/11/2023	Community member website – Antisemitic online abuse	Online abuse	Online
3/12/2023	Emails – Bomb threat	Threat	Online
3/12/2023	Inkerman Rd/Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
3/12/2023	Melbourne Pavilion – Threats	Threat	Melbourne
3/12/2023	St Kilda Rd/Park St, Melbourne – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
3/12/2023	Hawthorn Rd – Yelling “Allah Akbar”	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira

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4/12/2023	Royal Women's Hospital – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
5/12/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
6/12/2023	Balaclava Rd and Catherine St, Caulfield North – Offensive graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
6/12/2023	Facebook direct messages – Antisemitic threat	Threat	Online
7/12/2023	Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
7/12/2023	Business – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
7/12/2023	Business – Threats made to identifiably Jewish males	Threat	Stonnington
8/12/2023	Synagogue – Threatening gesture	Threat	Glen Eira
8/12/2023	Community member WhatsApp – antisemitic threat	Threat	Online
8/12/2023	Dendy Plaza, Brighton – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Bayside
9/12/2023	Public transport – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
9/12/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic threat	Threat	Online
10/12/2023	Melbourne Central – Harassment and Intimidation	Threat	Melbourne
10/12/2023	South Melbourne – Nazi hakenkreuz symbols and kill Jews	Graffiti	Port Phillip
10/12/2023	Business – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
12/12/2023	Dandenong Rd – “Bad Jew”/“Free Palestine” graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
13/12/2023	Public area – Antisemitic graffiti	Graffiti	Darebin
14/12/2023	425 Collins St – Hitler moustache graffiti	Graffiti	Melbourne
14/12/2023	Business – Verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/12/2023	Business – Driver yelling at congregants	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
15/12/2023	Melbourne Airport – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Hume
17/12/2023	Business – “Free Gaza” graffiti	Graffiti	Glen Eira
17/12/2023	Emails – Bomb threats	Threat	Glen Eira
18/12/2023	Catani Archway, St Kilda – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Port Phillip
20/12/2023	Business – 4x antisemitic phone calls, plus threat	Threat	Glen Eira

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21/12/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic phone call	Verbal abuse	Bayside
21/12/2023	Kings Way – Heil Hitler gesture	Gesture	Port Phillip
23/12/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic voice messages	Abusive phone call	Glen Eira
23/12/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic voicemail	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
24/12/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic phone call	Abusive phone call	Port Phillip
25/12/2023	Business – Antisemitic stickering	Stickering	Port Phillip
25/12/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic email	Email	Online
25/12/2023	Jewish organisation – Antisemitic written abuse	Written abuse	Online
26/12/2023	Public area – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Melbourne
26/12/2023	Point Nepean Rd, Rye – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol	Graffiti	Mornington
26/12/2023	Public area – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Mornington
26/12/2023	Emails – Bomb threat	Threat	Online
26/12/2023	Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
28/12/2023	Princess Hwy, NSW Border – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	East Gippsland Shire
29/12/2023	Carlisle St – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
29/12/2023	Carlisle St/Sidwell Ave – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
29/12/2023	Synagogue – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
30/12/2023	Balaclava Rd, St Kilda East – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
30/12/2023	Alma Rd/Dandenong Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
31/12/2023	Eastern Fwy – “Free Palestine” banner	Symbol/paraphernalia	Yarra
31/12/2023	Glen Eira Rd, Caulfield North – Antisemitic verbal abuse	Verbal abuse	Glen Eira
31/12/2023	Public area – Nazi hakenkreuz symbol graffiti	Graffiti	Moorabool
31/12/2023	Synagogue – Free Palestine soccer balls	Symbol/paraphernalia	Glen Eira

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