

SBS brings communities together at Bondi Pavilion for Harmony Week multilingual broadcast

SBS will broadcast in 10 languages, including Arabic and Hebrew, from Sydney's Bondi Pavilion on Saturday 21 March 2026, bringing Australians together in conversation about social cohesion, belonging and respect.

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This Saturday, SBS will present a special series of outside radio broadcasts from Bondi Pavilion, featuring nine language programs including English content. The broadcasts will create space for community members to share their perspectives on living together in a diverse Australia, particularly in the wake of the tragic attack targeting Jewish Australians at Bondi Beach on 14 December, which deeply affected communities across the country.

Held on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the multilingual broadcasts will invite local leaders, first responders, residents, visitors and others – including "Bondi Hero" Ahmed Al-Ahmed – to exchange their personal stories and reflect on the importance of fostering understanding and unity.

Content will be shared across radio, online and social to connect audiences around Australia. The broadcasts are open to the public to attend from 8am-5pm. They will be conducted in Arabic, English, Filipino, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.



SBS Arabic's Dima Alkaed (right) with Ahmed Al-Ahmed, reflecting on his heroic actions during the Bondi terror attack on 14 December. SBS Arabic and SBS Hebrew will be some of the language programs broadcasting live at Bondi Pavilion this Saturday.



SBS Acting Managing Director, Jane Palfreyman, said: "As the national public broadcaster for all Australians, SBS is committed to amplifying diverse perspectives and fostering dialogue that strengthens inclusion. Bringing communities from different faith and cultural backgrounds together at Bondi Beach like this is a powerful way to highlight solidarity and collective healing."

SBS Director of Audience and Language Content, David Hua, said: "Broadcasting from Bondi Beach allows us to connect directly with communities and ensure their voices are heard in their preferred languages, building bridges and sharing hopes for Australia's future. It reflects the heart of SBS's purpose – to cherish diversity, promote understanding, and help all Australians feel a sense of belonging."

Members of the public attending the broadcasts can participate in a range of activities, including video vox pops and giveaways.

Nearby at Bondi Junction, SBS will also be present with reporters, a stall and free photobooth at Waverley Council's Global Table event – a vibrant cultural celebration bringing the flavours, stories and traditions of the world together with food stalls and 35-metre-long communal table.

SBS live radio broadcast schedule at Bondi Pavilion – Saturday 21 March 2026:

- SBS Mandarin: 8am to 9am
- SBS Italian: 9am to 10am
- SBS Filipino: 10am to 11am
- SBS Arabic: 11am to 12pm
- SBS Russian: 12pm to 1pm
- SBS Spanish: 1pm to 2pm
- SBS Portuguese: 2pm to 3pm*
- SBS Hebrew: 3pm to 4pm*
(includes English programming)
- SBS Greek: 4pm to 5pm

**Content will broadcast on Sunday during regular scheduled shows*

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About SBS Audio

SBS Audio has been the soundtrack for Australia's diverse communities for more than 50 years. From our roots in multilingual radio, SBS Audio connects with audiences in over 60 languages, and continues to evolve with its award-winning podcasts, broadcast and digital radio channels.

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