

# IMPACT REPORT

FAMILIES FOR PALESTINE

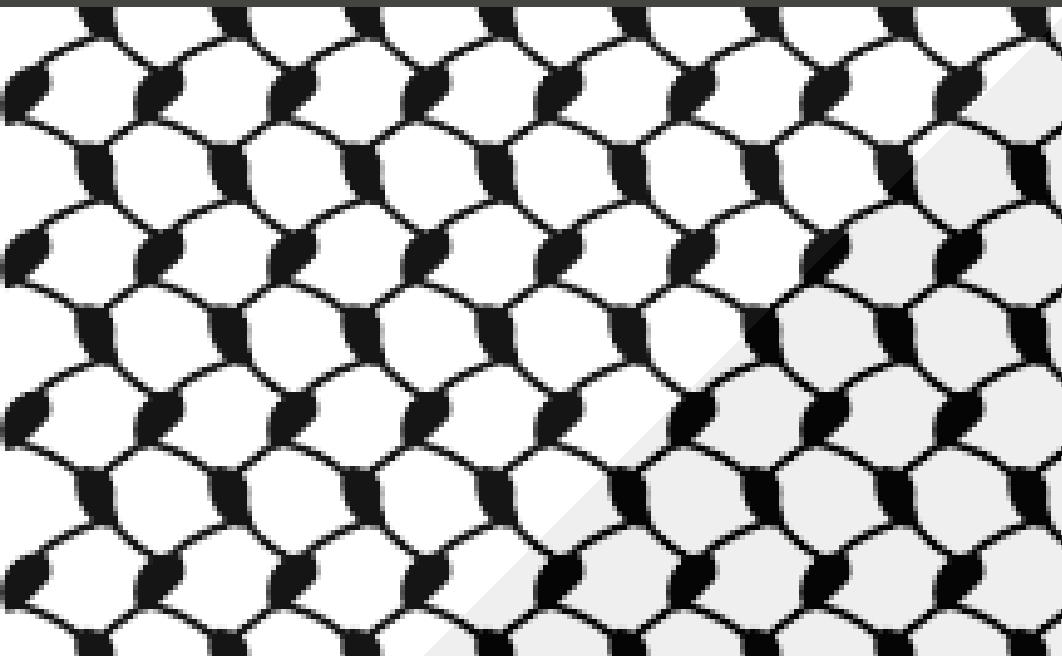
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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



Families for Palestine acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands, skies, and waters on which we live, work, and organise. We honour the deep connection of First Nations peoples to this sacred country, the wisdom and care that have nurtured these lands for tens of thousands of years.

We pay our deepest respects to Elders past and present whose leadership continues to guide their communities in the face of ongoing colonialism. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and that these lands remain Aboriginal land.

Our commitment to justice and liberation begins here, with the recognition that the struggles of First Nations peoples are interconnected with our work for Palestinian freedom. We stand in solidarity with First Nations communities in their calls for truth-telling, land back, and self-determination.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal Land.



Families for Palestine (FFP) is a grassroots community group dedicated to advancing the cause of Palestinian liberation. FFP focuses on raising awareness of the injustices Palestinians face, engaging in advocacy and direct action, collaborating with like-minded groups and organisations, organising family-friendly events, and supporting fundraising initiatives for local NGOs aligned with the Palestinian or First Nations cause.

FFP's membership is a diverse collective that includes parents, caregivers, children, and individuals from various ethnicities, professions, religious and non-religious beliefs, and life experiences. FFP believes in the power of collective action to effect meaningful change and is dedicated to supporting Palestinians in their quest for justice and self-determination.

The group began with a small gathering of Sydney's Inner West local mothers and children who held weekly protests outside Prime Minister Albanese's office, starting on 16 November 2023. With many of its members being mothers, FFP fosters values of compassion and standing up for justice in their children, demonstrating resilience and a steadfast commitment to building a fairer world.

FFP is an inclusive group that welcomes all who share our vision of a free and liberated Palestine.

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND ACTIONS**

## **NOVEMBER 2023 – MARCH 2024**



### **NOVEMBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024**

16 November 2023 – 15

February 2024:

Weekly protests on Thursday mornings outside Anthony Albanese's office in Marrickville.

23 December 2023:

Commemoration of Reem's 'Heavenly Birthday' at the Palestine Action Group (PAG) weekly rally.

19 January 2024: Collected 20 school bags for refugee children and distributed \$1500 to newly arrived families via Mums4Refugees NSW Inc.

17 February 2024:

Staged a satirical engagement party for Anthony Albanese during the PAG weekly rally, mocking his inaction on Palestinian issues.

### **11 FEBRUARY – 28 MARCH 2024:**

24/7 picket outside Albanese's office, involving:

- Overseeing the roster, responded to inquiries from social media and email, coordinated with Albanese's office and police as necessary, communicated with the media, issued media releases, and offered on-the-spot counselling to distressed picketers.
- Maintaining a regular presence at the picket.
- Collaborating with other groups and individuals on activities such as:
  - Banner making with Nicole Barakat.
  - Hosting iftar dinners during Ramadan.
  - Helping to organise a 'die-in' event.



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## **APRIL 2024 - JUNE 2024**



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April 2024: Organised a donation drive for the Palestinian Christians in Australia (PCIA), collecting home essentials and vouchers (up to 18 families assisted).

7 April 2024: Conducted 'Birds of Gaza' creative activities for children during the PAG weekly rally.

21 April 2024: Organised 'Flood The Post' campaign during the PAG weekly rally.

26 April 2024: Coordinated children's excursion to Sydney University Encampment with Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah.

### **MAY - JUNE 2024:**

- 31 May: Led a Vivid Walk wearing keffiyeh and waving Palestinian flags in Circular Quay and The Rocks to raise awareness about the genocide in Gaza.
- 9 June: Hosted an online panel discussion, 'Navigating Uncertainty, highlighting visa challenges faced by Palestinians in Australia.'
- 22 June: Organised a successful 'Freedom Flotilla' fundraiser, raising over \$5,000. The event featured screening of 'Lost at Sea' and Q&A with the film director.



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## **JULY 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2024**



### **JULY 2024**

14 July 2024: Organised a pram action during a PAG weekly rally, displaying portraits and names of children killed by the 'Israeli' Occupation Forces (IOF).

20 July 2024: Organised a Dabke dance workshop for children with a dancer from Tulkarm, Palestine, and a bracelet-making workshop for adults and children. Proceeds of >\$100 donated to Addi Road Community Org.

26 July 2024: Held a "We Are Not Numbers" vigil at Sydney Town Hall lighting up 15,000 candles to honour martyred Palestinian children.

### **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024:**

- 17 August: Hosted a Lebanon and Palestine vigil in Bankstown.
- 23 August: Hosted a Tatreez (Palestinian embroidery) workshop at with Jaffa Roots raising >\$1000 for Gaza Children's Fund.
- 13 August: Participated in advocating for BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) motion at the Inner West Council meeting.
- 2 September: Hosted a Father's Day action during a PAG weekly rally.
- 14 September: Volunteered for the Inner West Greens during council elections.



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## **OCTOBER 2024 – NOVEMBER 2024**



### **OCTOBER 2024**

5 October 2024: Volunteered at the Palestine Fair Trade market stall at the IFAM convention in Rosehill Gardens.

7 October 2024: Organised second 'Flood the Post' campaign at Burwood Park.

8 October 2024: Supported the organisation of 'THE NAKBA NEVER ENDED' action at Parliament House in Ngambri/Ngunnawal country, Canberra.

### **NOVEMBER 2024:**

- 17 November: Coordinated children's crafts and face-painting activities for UN Children's Day at the PAC weekly rally.
- 28 November: Supported the organisation of Gadigal contingent to Ngambri/Ngunnawal country, Canberra, in support of Senator Lidia Thorpe's Genocide Bill & END THE GENOCIDE rally.



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## **DECEMBER 2024**



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14 December: Hosted a Solidarity Market/Souk to:

- Support Palestinian and allied businesses.
- Assist refugee women in Tulkarm.
- Raise funds for First Nations mutual aid via the Blak Caucus (over \$1300 raised).

22 December: Organised the 'Soul of My Soul' memorial for Uncle Khaled at the weekend PAG rally.

23 December: Organised a fundraising initiative to sponsor seven Palestinian women in obtaining Food Safety Supervisor Certificates and Food Authority registrations, aiding them to pursue employment opportunities.

### **ONGOING EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

- Collecting and distributing supermarket vouchers for newly arrived Palestinians from Gaza.
- Writing letters to politicians and the media.
- Creating petitions and Calls to Action campaigns.
- Leveraging social media platforms to advocate for the Palestinian cause.
- Collaborating with other groups and individuals to promote their events and campaigns.



# THANK YOU AND LOOKING AHEAD IN 2025



## GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made these actions possible:

- The Gadigal Elders.
- Mums4Refugees NSW Inc.
- The dedicated volunteers who supported all our events and call to actions.
- Addison Road Community Organisation.
- Greek Atlas Community and Cultural Centre.
- The Greens staff and politicians: Mehreen Faruqi, David Shoebridge, Jenny Leong.
- All the Palestinian, Lebanese and Ally groups and individuals that collaborated with us online and offline.

## 2025 AND LOOKING AHEAD:

- Continue our work for the liberation of Palestine.
- Continue supporting newly arrived Palestinians in NSW.
- Reach out to us for possible collaborations: [familiesforpalestine@gmail.com](mailto:familiesforpalestine@gmail.com)
- Follow our Instagram account [@familiesforpalestine](https://www.instagram.com/familiesforpalestine) for upcoming actions and events.

*until  
liberation!*

