

# Media Response

01 July 2025



## **Attributed to a Council spokesperson:**

Greater Dandenong City Council does not endorse Cr Garard's re-tweets in relation to the IDF, Israel or Zionism.

Some of her re-tweets support anti-semitic language and are likely to cause pain, offense and harm to the Jewish community.

Our community is one of the most culturally- and faith-diverse in Australia. The conflicts in the Middle East are a source of great stress and pain to many people in our community, and our thoughts are with them.

Genuine political comment should never cross into vilification, abuse or inciting hatred against people on the basis of their faith, race or other protected characteristics.

ENDS (enquiry and background below)

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# Media Enquiry

01 July 2025

## From Herald Sun

Good morning,

I'm a journalist at the Herald Sun and am writing a story about some of the tweets reposted by one of your councillors Rhonda Garad.

Over the past few days she has retweeted a number of posts supporting chants of Death to the IDF at a protest in Melbourne and at Glastonbury in the UK. Last week she also retweeted a post which questioned why "Jews need a homeland in the Middle East when they already own America". There was also another comment she retweeted after being tagged in a video about Professor Maranda's comments which read: "New hero's since the holocaust".

I spoke to Rhonda this morning who said she stood by the posts.

Does the council believe this is acceptable behaviour from a councillor?  
There are accusations that these tweets are antisemitic. Does the council believe they're antisemitic?  
Will the council speak to Dr Garad?

Will the council ask her to remove any of the posts?

My deadline is 4pm today. Please let me know if you require more time to respond.

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**Dr Rhonda Garad**

66.1K posts

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**Dr Rhonda Garad** @RhondaGarad · 17m

Go Melbourne!



**Furkan Gözükara** @Gozukar... · 1h

A new era has started with a single man



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Dr Rhonda Garad reposted



**Secular Smurf** @SecularSmurf · 1h

Replying to @GozukaraFurkan

My home town.

Go Melbourne

↻ Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted



**Joel Jenkins** ✓ @boganintel · 3h



**Israel is a satanic state**, Australia still keeps its ambassador and trades with it.

Our @abcnews writes lines couched in "Israel says", while doing everything they can to sack any staff that dare call this what it is.

The corporate ideologues that gatekeep our media companies, are heartless ghouls, who see this conflict through sheer racism.

While the apocalypse is on the ground in Gaza, it's in the hearts, minds and souls of Australians who are still pretending that this is normal, and that living in a world like this is okay.

9:18

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↻ Dr Rhonda Garad reposted



**Its Time** @pangolincovid · 33m

DEATH TO THE IDF  
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SETTLER RABBI DOV LIOR'S LOVE CHILD: THE IDF.

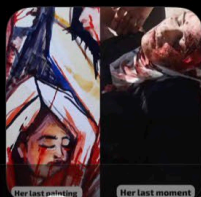
Lior and other killers brainwash the IDF with hate & religious zionism

Months and months ago I outed this killer rabbi

[imeu.org/article/rabbi-...](http://imeu.org/article/rabbi-...)



**Dr Rhonda Garad** @RhondaGa... · 2h



**BREAKING** :The Israeli army killed renowned Palestinian visual artist Frans Al-Salmi in the Gaza city.

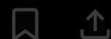


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 Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted



**Dr Sheep Person Podge** @noplacetofo... · 4h ...

We have no idea what the murdering Zionists pigs are doing in Gaza & the West Bank right now, & we should assume that they are carrying out a massive slaughter of Palestinians under cover of the attacks on Iran.

They are the people from hell. Send them back there


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 1.1K



 Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted




**Tadhg** @TadhgHickey · 12h

I trust Iran with nukes more than Israel


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 1.2K

 12K

 202K



 Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted



**Fahad Ali** @fahad\_s\_ali · 29m

Israel is a threat to world safety and the continued existence of the human species.

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 Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted



**Waltzing Austen Tayshus** @jameslta... · 5h ...

Replying to @RhondaGarad @AltMediaWatch and @NovaPeris

@NovaPeris is owned the #jew\_israel\_zionist\_lobby. #Defeat\_Zionism and #Boycott\_Israel for a #FreePalestine and #safe\_world



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 Dr Rhonda Garad @rhondagarad.bsky.social reposted



**Michael Khalsa** @MichaelKhalsa01 · 1h  ...

Replying to @RhondaGarad

New hero's since the holocaust.



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**Michael Khalsa** @MichaelKhalsa01 · 1h

@RhondaGarad



**Dalia Canora** @DaliaCanora · 19h

Here you go Professor Maranda! Thanks for speaking truth to all those complicit. We are all heartbroken & thinking of you the proud people of Iran. 🙏💕



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**Dr Rhonda Garad** @rhondagar... · 1h

He's so right.

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