Briefing Note

1 October 20



Vic Alhadeff Chief Executive Officer, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

Summary

- Vic Alhadeff was appointed Chief Executive Officer of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies in 2004
- The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies is recognised by the NSW government as the representative body of the Jewish community.
- Prior to his appointment, Vic was former Chair of the Advisory Board of Multicultural NSW, former
 editor of the Australian Jewish News (AJN) and a former sub-editor of The Cape Times. He has also
 written two books on South African history
- SBS Hebrew has a positive relationship with NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. Vic has been a longstanding supporter of SBS Hebrew since its inception (it was previously known as the Jewish Hour). In his capacity as Editor of AJN in 1988, Vic wrote a feature article on the program
- Sufficient airtime has been an ongoing concern for the Jewish community. SBS Hebrew has recognised this issue by broadcasting two hours every Sunday in Hebrew and English (*Shalom Australia* and the *Yiddish Report*)
- Vic is a frequent guest on SBS Hebrew, providing insight on important events and community needs

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Vic Alhadeff biography



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- Vic Alhadeff was appointed CEO of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies in 2004.
- He is a former editor of the Australian Jewish News and a former sub-editor of The Cape Times. He is also the former Chair of the Advisory Board of Multicultural NSW.
- Vic is vocal in the media about anti-Semitism, and has provided comment on SBS, Sky News, and the Daily Telegraph. He has also written articles for the ABC.
- Vic has authored two books on South African history.



Chief Executive Officer, NSW		
Jewish Board of Deputies		
*Attending the meeting		

Recent SBS engagements with NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

SBS Hebrew

Vic is a long-standing supporter of SBS Hebrew from the beginning (it was previously called the Jewish Hour). Vic is a frequent guest on SBS Hebrew, providing insight on community needs and important events.

There is always some concern in the community about the continuation of the language service, but SBS continues to recognise that the Jewish community is part of multicultural Australia. SBS broadcasts for two hours every Sunday in Hebrew, English (*Shalom Australia*) and the *Yiddish Report*.

Shortly after his appointment, James Taylor went on a study trip with a group of media practitioners and journalists to Israel with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

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NSW Jewish Board of Deputies organisation background

Founded in 1944, the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies is recognised by the NSW government as the representative body of the Jewish community. The organisation leads, speaks and advocates on behalf of the NSW Jewish community, with 57 major communal organisations as its constituents.

The governing body meets monthly to discuss community issues.

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies has a goal to unite the NSW Jewish community as part of a harmonious, inclusive and democratic Australian society. They aim to:

Ensure the political and physical security of the NSW Jewish community

- Combat antisemitism and other forms of racism
- Increase understanding of Israel and its centrality to Jewish life
- Promote social inclusion of all segments of NSW society
- Maintain the unity and cohesion of the NSW Jewish community
- Ensure the continuity of a vibrant NSW Jewish community.

Relationships

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies works closely with several Australian and international Jewish organisations, including:

- Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ)
- Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA)
- Ethnic Communities Council of NSW (ECC)
- NSW Jewish War Memorial



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