RIPPLES

THE AUSSIE PADDLE OUT FOR UNITY

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 7AM



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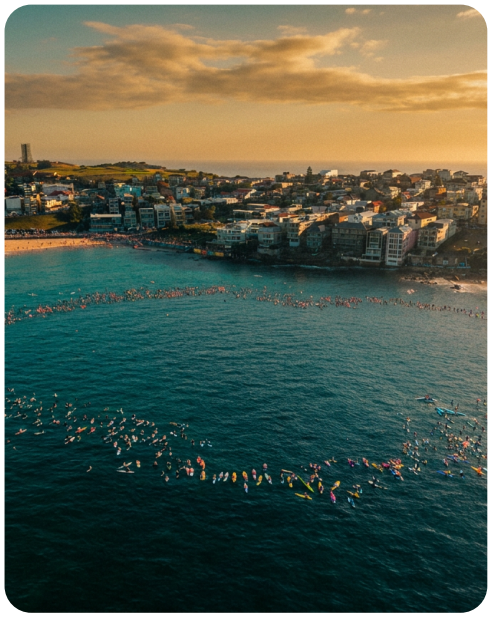
On Friday 11 December, Aussies across the country are heading to the beach to celebrate the way of life we're lucky to have and the communities that make it so special. One morning to show that we're stronger together than apart. Bring a board or stand on the sand. Everyone's welcome.

EVERY RIPPLE STARTS SOMEWHERE

Last December, more than 2,000 people paddled out at Bondi to honour the victims of the terror attack, stand with their families and recognise the courage of the first responders who helped save lives.

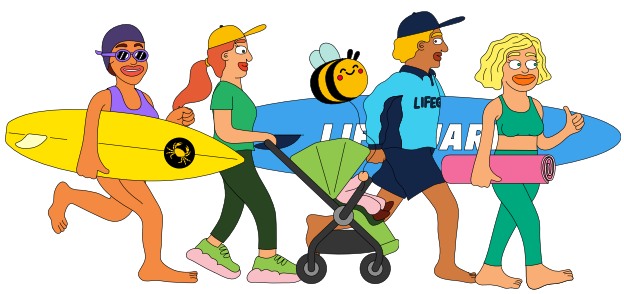
What began as a memorial became a beautiful act of unity. A reminder of the resilience of our communities, and something Aussies do so well: show up for each other.

This year, that ripple is spreading to beaches across Australia. Be part of it and help make RIPPLES Australia's next great tradition.



2025 Bondi Paddle Out. Photo: Bill Morris.





DOING YOUR OWN RIPPLES PADDLE OUT?

HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

WATER SAFETY – PRIORITY NUMBER ONE

A great morning starts with everyone getting home safely. Work with your local surf club or qualified local water safety people to plan your paddle out. If conditions aren't safe on the day, keep the event on the sand. Everyone can still be part of it.

COUNCIL APPROVAL

Rules depend on your beach, council and event size. Check local approval and permit requirements early - some locations require them. If approval is needed, speak to the RIPPLES team first. RIPPLES Events will act as the contracting entity, support permitting costs and provide public liability insurance. Confirm the arrangements before applying.

BEFORE THE DAY

- [ ] Choose a calm, suitable beach.
- [ ] Work with your local surf lifesaving club, water safety providers or council lifeguards to select a patrolled beach and arrange appropriate water safety coverage (IRBs, jet skis, rescue boards as needed).
- [ ] Strongly consider drone-assisted shark spotting from an hour before, where available and permitted.
- [ ] Have first aid, an emergency plan and a water-safety lead. Agree when to switch to a beach-only event.
- [ ] Promote the event on your relevant WhatsApp and social channels.

PARTICIPANT SAFETY COMMS

- [ ] Entering the water is at your own risk. If you're not comfortable, stay on the sand.
- [ ] Only enter if you're water-proficient and conditions suit your ability.
- [ ] Use an appropriate flotation device and paddle with a buddy.
- [ ] Respect others, look out for fellow paddlers and follow all water safety instructions.

YOUR MORNING AT A GLANCE

1. **6:00 am**: Arrive 1 hour before start to assess conditions and manage water safety logistics.
2. **7:00 am**: Event start. Gather for speech:
   – Explain why we're here.
   – Honour Bondi's victims, families & first responders.
   – Celebrate the community spirit that brings us together.
3. **7:15 am:** Water-safety briefing & final go/no-go decision.
4. **7:25 am:** Paddle out and minute silence. Finish with a splash.
5. **8:00 am**: Back to shore; share the supplied remembrance candles.
6. Optional: food, music & a good old catch-up.

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