

An aerial photograph showing a large crowd of people swimming in the ocean. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the people are scattered across the frame, some closer to the shore and others further out. The text "BIG DRUZE WEEKEND SYDNEY" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters.

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The 20th Annual

BIG DRUZE WEEKEND

Sydney 2026

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands hosting BDW2026 and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

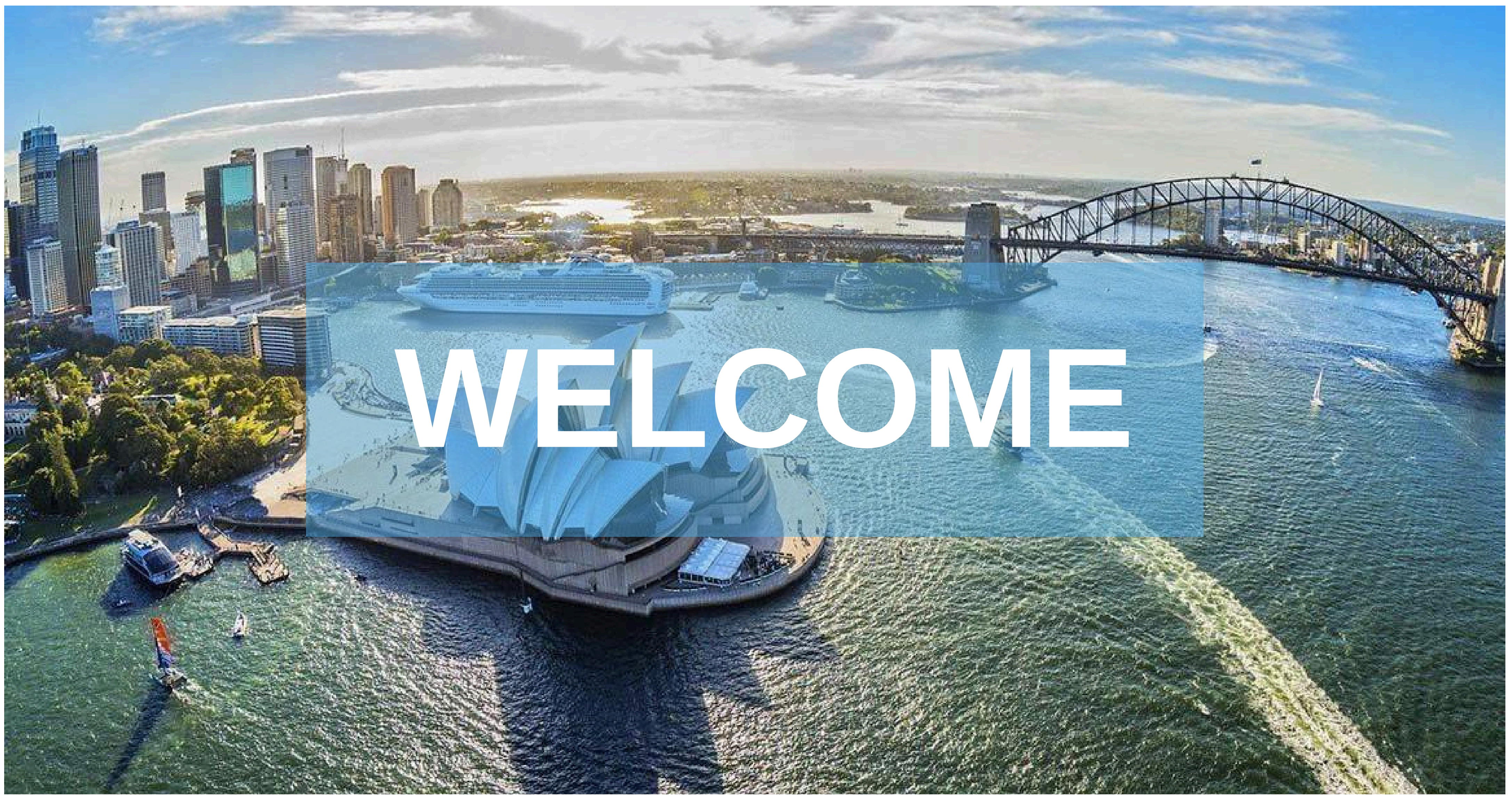
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The New South Wales Druze Youth Committee is proud to host the 20th Annual Big Druze Weekend (BDW) in 2026!

This survival guide has everything you need to know to prepare for the weekend, which kicks off on Friday, 23rd January and wraps up on Monday, 26th January.

We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Sydney and help you make the most of this special milestone weekend.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Your attendance at BDW affirms your commitment to the following code of conduct:

I will respect myself, my surroundings and my peers at all times.

I will behave within the general and legal requirements of the country I live in, the state I am visiting/residing in and the venues I am attending.

I will ensure that over the course of the weekend my behaviour does not affect the safety, comfort and/or enjoyment of myself or others.

The New South Wales Druze Youth Committee will have no choice but to **expel** delegates in breach of the code of conduct at any time during the course of the weekend, without compensation.



COMMS

This BDW, we will continue to utilise WhatsApp's Communities feature to share important announcements, including event updates and bus reminders.



Why are we using WhatsApp Communities?

- One-way communication from us to you via the announcements feature
- Your number won't be seen by others, maintaining your privacy

What do we need from you?

- Please ensure that you or somebody else in your accommodation has downloaded WhatsApp and created a profile.
- If applicable, accept the invitation to join the BDW2026 Community.



If you've booked accommodation through the BDW website, you'll be staying at Meriton Suites Bondi Junction on 97 Grafton St, Bondi Junction.

Hotel check in is after 2:00pm on Friday 23rd

Guests arriving before check-in time may store their luggage at Meriton Suites until their room is ready.

For our hotel delegates, transport will be provided to and from all events. You will receive WhatsApp messages notifying you of pick-up and drop-off times.

Hotel check out is by 10:00am on Monday 26th

Please note if you have booked your own accommodation, the ADYC will not be liable for any costs incurred whilst at your accommodation of choice.



For our interstate guests arriving via Sydney Airport, transport will be provided from the airport to Meriton Suites in Bondi Junction.

Members of the BDW2026 Committee will be waiting for you near the luggage carousels to escort you to the buses.

Whilst every effort was made to ensure all our delegates have transport to the hotel, some delegates will need to organise their own transport as they fall outside of our bus schedule window. These delegates will be contacted and reimbursed.

Anticipated Airport Bus Schedule Friday 23rd January

Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 4	Bus 5
7:45am	9:30am	10:15am	11:00am	12:30pm

At the close of the weekend, guests who are flying out of Sydney on Monday 26th will be transported to the airport from our Yallah Bye event.

In the morning, you will need to check out of your accommodation and load your luggage onto the bus to Sydney Park Pavilion, the location of our final event.

It is **imperative** that you load your luggage onto the correct bus in the morning as this will be the bus transporting you to the airport. Further guidance is provided below, and appropriate direction will be provided on the day from the BDW2026 Committee.

Anticipated Airport Bus Schedule
Monday 26th January

Bus 1 2:30pm	Bus 2 3pm
For those travelling between 4pm and 6:45pm	For those travelling from 6pm onwards

If you are departing before 4pm, you will need to organise your own transport to the airport. You will be contacted and reimbursed.

Any other guests not travelling to the airport after the final BDW2026 event will need to organise their own transport from the venue, at their own cost.



NEON NIGHTS THE BIG 20

The 20th annual Big Druze Weekend will launch at our traditional Sydney home with great food, memorable activities and a few surprises!

Join us for a vibrant event lighting the way for a weekend celebrating two decades of unforgettable BDW memories.

Ahla w sahla, el bayt baytkon.

Time: 7pm – 11:00pm
Location: Druze Hall, 259-261 Guildford Rd, Guildford
Dress Code: Smart casual
Hotel bus departure: 6:00pm

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



Kick off your day with a stunning coastal walk from Bondi to Bronte, one of Sydney's most iconic trails.

Soak in the sea breeze, take in those breathtaking ocean views and build up the perfect appetite for brunch.

All are welcome no matter your fitness level!

Time: 8:30am – 9:30am
Location: Bondi Beach, Sydney
Dress Code: Comfortable clothing and walking shoes recommended
Hotel bus departure: 8am

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



Join us for brunch at Bondi's newest venue Bonnibel,
exclusively hired for BDW2026.

Good vibes, great company and even better bites.

Time: 11am

Location: Bonnibel, 5/11 Hollywood Ave,
Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Dress Code: Casual

Guests to make their own way to venue (7
minute walk from Meriton)

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



DRUZE CRUZE: EURO EDITION

Sailing into Aussie Summer, BDW Style.

Bringing back an iconic event of past Sydney BDWs, join us as we cruise through the harbour, past the Opera House and under the Harbour Bridge, surrounded by curated sounds and golden skies.

A taste of the Mediterranean, set against Sydney's most iconic backdrop.

Time: 7pm – 11pm

Location: King St Wharf

Dress Code: Euro Summer (think whites, beiges - check our Insta for inspo)

Hotel bus departure: 6pm

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



It's not BDW without a Gala.

Expect a night filled with unforgettable energy, with Sydney's best Arabic band and DJ joining us and setting the tone.

Indulge in a beautifully curated 3-course dinner, surrounded by incredible people and the kind of atmosphere that only a BDW gala can bring.

Time: 6:30pm – 11:30pm

Location: Doltone House Hyde Park, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney CBD

Dress Code: Formal

Hotel bus departure: 6pm

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



All good things must come to an end.

Check out and join us for a chill lunch at Sydney Park as we reminisce on the weekend that was, and make plans for the next BDW.

And of course, we can't forget our iconic BDW group photo. Your chance to be a small part of BDW's history!

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: Sydney Park Pavilion, Euston Road, Alexandria NSW 2015

Dress Code: Casual

Hotel bus departure: 10:30am

Please refer to the Parking section on page 15 for advice on best parking spots for this event.



Street parking in Sydney can be hard to come by. If you wish to drive to an event, it is advised that you book your parking spot in advance.

We have suggested parking garages based on each event. To book, click on the logos below:



Event	Car park information	Parking rates
Option 1 Neon Nights Option 2	Street parking	Free
	Council car park, corner of Talbot Road and Guildford Road	Free
Option 1 Coastal Walk Option 2	Very limited metered street parking for more than 1 hour	Council metered rates \$7.60/hour
	Pacific Bondi Car Park	\$10/hour
Bondi Bites	Adelaide Street Car Park (5min walk)	From \$10 (book online at Wilson)
Option 1 Druze Cruise Option 2	309 Kent Street Car Park (5min walk)	From \$25 (book online at Wilson)
	321 Kent Street Car Park (5min walk)	From \$25 (book online at Wilson)
Option 1 Gala Option 2	255 Pitt Street (Hilton Hotel) Car Park (6min walk)	From \$20 (book online at Wilson)
	201 Elizabeth Street Car Park	From \$29 (book online at Wilson)
Yallah Bye	City of Sydney Sydney Park 167-169 Euston Road Alexandria	Free



WHATS AROUND YOU

Bondi Junction Westfield is a less than 100m walk from the Meriton Suites in Bondi Junction. For all your health, beauty, clothing or grocery needs, visit the centre during trading hours

Friday 23rd	9:30am - 7:00pm
Saturday 24th	9:30am - 6:00pm
Sunday 25th	10:00am - 6:00pm
Monday 26th	9:30am - 6:00pm*

Many stores operate outside the standard centre hours. Visit the Bondi Junction Westfield website and search by store to find specific store trading hours.



Byblos Lebanese Cuisine

212 Bondi Road, Bondi NSW 2026

Byblos Lebanese Cuisine is a must-visit while you're in Sydney, offering a vibrant taste of Lebanon right by the water. Proudly owned by one of our own from the Druze community, the restaurant is known for its generous share plates, fresh mezze, and flavour-packed grilled dishes, it's the perfect spot to enjoy classic Middle Eastern cuisine in a lively atmosphere. From creamy hummus and crispy falafel to tender meats and fragrant spices, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

BDW perk: Enjoy 10% off your bill when you mention BDW2026.



Saturday 24th January

If Markets are more your thing, Saturday is your day.

Drop your bags off and head down to Bondi Farmers' Market for lush local produce stalls, freshly fried fritters and brunchy delights a' plenty.

Once your bellies are full, jump across to The Rocks Market to discover unique art, beats and of course more eats. Take a walk, meet traders, watch demonstrations and soak in the vibe before strolling over to Dawes Point Park. Lay back, relax and take in the serene water views under the shade of the iconic Harbour Bridge.

Hungry for more? You'll want to save maximum belly space for Carriageworks' Farmers Market. Snack your way across this Sydney institution or grab a kombucha on tap and enjoy some of the best dog-watching in the city!

If you've got any more gas in tank, or time up your sleeve, finish your adventures at Glebe Markets, where you'll find massive variety of vintage treasures.



Sunday 25th January

Enjoy a stroll through the Royal Botanical Gardens. Wander your way into the heart of the Garden's and marvel home to one of the largest green walls in the southern hemisphere at The Calyx.

Ready for an art crawl? Well, you're in luck and enticingly close to three of the four leading Sydney cultural institutions behind The National, a biennial of contemporary Australian art. Make your way through the diverse and exciting exhibitions at The Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, The Art Gallery of NSW and Carriageworks. Entry is free across all venues.



Monday 26th January

Spend some time exploring The Grounds of Alexandria, one of Sydney's most iconic destinations. Visit one of the on-site eateries and wander through the beautifully styled grounds, known for their seasonal installations, lush spaces, and vibrant atmosphere. It's the perfect spot to enjoy great food, take photos, and soak up a uniquely Sydney experience.

Continue the immersive experience and make a short pit stop at Spice Alley and meander through the landscape of Asian cuisine from Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Vietnam and China. We recommend the Roti cani from Alex Lee Kitchen.

Take immersion to the next level with DARKFIELD, a collection of multi-sensory audio experiences in complete darkness. The total loss of vision causes other senses to heighten, fixating on to every movement and sound. Definitely one for the more daring among us!



Activities

If you're staying longer in Bondi, make sure to check out some great things to do on this TripAdvisor list of attractions:



Food

There's simply too much to list! We recommend checking out the urban list for some of Sydney's best food and drink options at <https://www.theurbanlist.com/sydney/food-and-drink> or speak to one of the committee members for some of our favourites.



Bondi Icebergs	1 Notts Ave, Bondi
Lox, Stock and Barrel	140 Glenayr Ave, Bondi Beach
Porch and Parlour	17-18/110 Ramsgate Ave, North Bondi
Glory Days	Bondi Pavilion, Shop/3 Queen Elizabeth Dr, Bondi Beach
Out of the Blue	2/277 Clovelly Rd, Coogee
Melonhead	256 Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee
Bondi Farmers' Market	Bondi Beach Public School, Campbell Parade, Bondi
The Rocks Market	Cnr Playfair & George Sts, The Rocks
Dawes Point Park	Hickson Road, The Rocks

Carriageworks	245 Wilson St, Eveleigh
Glebe Markets	Glebe Primary School, Cnr Derby Place and Glebe Pt Rd, Glebe
Royal Botanic Gardens	Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney
The Calyx	Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia	140 George St, The Rocks
Art Gallery of NSW	Art Gallery Rd, Sydney
Carriageworks	245 Wilson St, Eveleigh
Disney at the Grounds	The Grounds of Alexandria, 7a/2 Huntley St, Alexandria
Spice Alley	Kensington St, Chippendale
DARKFIELD	Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo



Bondi Junction train station is located only 15m away from the Meriton Suites and will take you directly into the CBD.

Bondi Junction bus interchange is right next to the train station with multiple routes passing through the interchange.

Visit www.transportnsw.info to learn more or use the bus routes below to explore Sydney's beautiful coastline.

Bondi Beach	Coogee Beach
333 Stand A	313 Stand F
380 Stand B	350 Stand F
Bronte Beach	Tamarama Beach
379 Stand K	381 Stand B

Plan your trip

To calculate the best way to travel from A to B using Sydney Transport, you may:

- Download Opal Travel for free on your phones
- Visit www.transportnsw.info
- Speak to a BDW2026 crew member or fellow Sydney sider

Ticketing

There are different ways to pay for your travel on public transport in NSW

You can enjoy the convenience of travelling with your credit or debit card by simply tapping on and off with your physical card or digital wallet.

You can also load travel money on an Opal card that allows you to travel on all forms of public transport in Sydney. There is no charge for an Opal card, however a minimum top up value of \$20 when using top up machines.

You can also purchase Opal single tickets; however, prices are more expensive than using an Opal card and some stations, stops and wharves do not sell them.

CONTACTS

For any inquiries throughout the weekend please contact one of the BDW committee members for assistance.



WITH THANKS

We would like to thank the NSW Australian Druze Community for their assistance and support of BDW2026. Your continued support in uniting the Australian Druze Youth is most appreciated.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for their contributions to the success of BDW2026.



