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For immediate release

Melbourne Holocaust Museum (MHM) is delighted to announce the appointment of our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Breann Fallon.

"After a competitive process, the MHM Board is thrilled announce the appointment of Dr Breann Fallon as MHM's CEO. We have been inspired by her thoughtful approach and genuine connection with people. We are confident that her leadership will not only strengthen our organisation, but empower our teams and communities to thrive." said Mike Debinski OAM, Co-President.

Bre holds a PhD in Religion and Genocide Studies from the University of Sydney and brings experience in Holocaust education, human rights, and cultural leadership. As the Head of Experience and Learning at MHM and currently the acting co-CEO, she has made a significant impact on the MHM since commencing in July 2023.



Bre is the granddaughter of non-Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution, a deeply personal history that fuels her commitment to the Museum. She has extensive experience in the sector, most recently as the Head of Experience and Learning at the Melbourne Holocaust Museum and previously in the Education department at the Sydney Jewish Museum. In 2023, she played a key role in the federal Senate inquiry into banning Nazi symbols in Australia.

"I am honoured to step into the role of CEO at the Melbourne Holocaust Museum," said Dr Fallon. "More than ever our Museum holds a vital place in the community and I am humbled to continue working with our passionate team to preserve the legacy of Holocaust survivors and inspire future generations through education, remembrance, and action."

Beyond her museum and academic work, Bre has been active in public education through media. She contributed to podcasts and radio programs, and hosted the documentary *Trafficked to Australia*, using storytelling to raise awareness about injustice. Through all her work, she has honored the past and worked toward a more just and compassionate future.

Bre's appointment signals the next chapter in MHM's journey, building on the leadership of former CEOs Jayne Josem and Dr Steven Cooke, and our outstanding staff and volunteers. Under Bre's leadership, MHM will continue to honour our critically important purpose of remembrance, education, collection of Holocaust testimonies and artefacts, and most importantly action against antisemitism and other forms of racism.



About the Melbourne Holocaust Museum

The Melbourne Holocaust Museum was created by Melbourne-based Holocaust survivors as a memorial to the 6 million Jews murdered in WWII. More than just an award-winning museum and education centre, it houses an extraordinary collection of eyewitness testimonies, historical documents and artefacts from the Holocaust.

Founded in 1984, the Melbourne Holocaust Museum (formerly the Jewish Holocaust Centre) is Australia's largest and only dedicated Holocaust Museum. Located within the award-winning Kerstin Thompson Building, it features powerful exhibitions that preserve survivor stories and educate future generations about the dangers of antisemitism, racism and prejudice.

Available for comment

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