



3CR Statement on Palestine Remembered

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3CR is an Australian community broadcasting licence holder based in Naarm / Melbourne. We broadcast on 855AM, 3CR Digital and online via www.3cr.org.au. We first received our licence in 1975 and went to air in 1976. The station has a long history of providing access to views not adequately represented by other broadcasting sectors, directly in line with the sector's [Codes of Practice](#).

The community broadcasting sector nationwide consists of hundreds of stations and was specifically established to provide a voice to issues and communities that are misrepresented or underrepresented across other broadcast services. Consequently, this has meant that we have provided airtime to struggles against oppression across many decades, countries and communities including Apartheid in South Africa, the attempted genocide of the Tamil people and the struggle for freedom in East Timor.

3CR firmly adheres to the sector's [Codes of Practice](#) in relation to station activities and behaviour in seeking to 'oppose and break down prejudice on the basis of ethnicity, race, language, gender, sexuality, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, religious, cultural or political beliefs'. We broadcast 24 hours a day across more than 100 locally produced shows, and we do not broadcast material that is likely to 'stereotype, incite, vilify, or perpetuate hatred against, or attempt to demean any person or group, on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, language, gender, sexuality, religion, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, cultural belief or political affiliation'.

Unsurprisingly the mainstream media has chosen to target Nasser Mashni and our [Palestine Remembered](#) weekly show for representing the views and struggle of the Palestinian people. *Palestine Remembered* will celebrate 20 years on air next year, and we are well-versed in the attention that providing the Palestinian issue with a voice brings. We also acknowledge that community knowledge of, and empathy for, the Palestinian cause has dramatically increased in the last month.

We believe that [mainstream media coverage](#) of Nasser Mashni and the station's *Palestine Remembered* show is inflammatory and misrepresents the station's purpose and content over decades. We will continue to provide a media space for views not adequately represented by other broadcast sectors and believe that *Palestine Remembered* is the only radio program in English presented by the Palestinian community in Australia.

Nasser Mashni is an experienced and well-respected broadcaster and advocate for the Palestinian community and is widely considered an authority on the Palestinian struggle. As a volunteer broadcaster, Nasser has presented *Palestine Remembered* for nearly 10 years, making a significant contribution to our station. We firmly stand with Nasser and whole-heartedly support his right to have a voice in the media on the Palestinian issue.

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