

Media Release



Happy Birthday Aung San Suu Kyi

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The Australia Myanmar Institute (AMI) sends a message of support and birthday greetings to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the occasion of her 76th birthday on Saturday 19th June. Once again, Daw Suu will celebrate her birthday under arrest and detention by the Myanmar's military. This will be the 16th birthday she has experienced under these unjust circumstances.

The Myanmar diaspora around the world are planning to honour their democratically elected leader through various expressions of support. In Sydney, the diaspora and other concerned Australians will celebrate Aung San Suu Kyi's birthday tomorrow by staging a 30 km **Walk-A-Thon to Save Myanmar** from Maroubra Beach to the Royal Botanic Gardens (next to the Opera House) to raise funds for displaced people in Myanmar. Donors are invited to make contributions through the following GoFundMe links:

- gofund.me/3e57a603
- gofund.me/de4be043

Melbourne's Burmese community will celebrate by making special food offerings to the monks at their local Buddhist temple.

AMI, once again, urges all governments and parliaments to acknowledge Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG) and the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) as the legitimately elected leaders of their country. Engaging in practical discussions with the NUG will send a strong message to Myanmar's military regime that Australia respects the outcome of Myanmar's democratic process and wishes for a swift and peaceful return to democracy in their country.

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