



Suicide Prevention
Australia

Member Prospectus

By becoming a member you'll join others across Australia working towards a world without suicide





Being a member is an opportunity to leverage each other's knowledge – everyone else's strengths, everyone else's learning.



Relationships Australia Canberra & Region.

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OVER **7.5 MILLION**
AUSTRALIANS
HAVE BEEN
IMPACTED BY
SUICIDE.

Your Sector Advocate

We are the national peak body for suicide prevention in Australia, working with our 350+ members towards a shared vision of a world without suicide.

Our members are central to everything we do. We serve as their advocate, providing a clear, collective voice for the more than 140,000 clinicians, practitioners, researchers, volunteers and people with lived experience we represent.

Tragically more than 3,000 people die by suicide each year, with an estimated 55,000 people attempting suicide each year.

We collaborate with our members to drive down suicide rates by uniting the sector, advocating for change, supporting vital research, informing through data and evidence, and building capacity and capability.

Through a united voice and collective impact we can save more lives.



What We Do



Advocate for change

Our members play a central role in our advocacy efforts and we actively seek their input. Around 300 members participate in our consultations every year, helping to shape our submissions, briefings and campaigns.

Suicide Prevention Australia maintains regular engagement with key decision-makers across Federal, State, and Territory Governments. We use these connections to ensure policymakers understand the challenges our members face and what is needed to improve services and save lives.

We produce influential research and thought-leadership reports on critical issues which are presented directly to politicians and make numerous submissions to government to ensure the needs of our members are considered in reforms.

And we use our media and social media presence to hold governments accountable, motivate policy makers, amplify messaging and build community support.

Lived experience plays a pivotal role in this work, with our Lived Experience Panel informing our work operationally and on the ground. Additionally, our Lived Experience Advisory Committee advises Suicide Prevention Australia's Board on strategic matters, ensuring that lived experience is embedded in all we do.

Combined, these efforts create systemic change at every level of government, keeping decision makers informed, influencing public perception and raising awareness.

My motivation to be a member of the Lived Experience Panel for Suicide Prevention Australia is to continue to help amplify the voices of people with a lived experience – and ensure lived experience is included at every level of suicide prevention.

Tanya Blazewicz



Strengthen capacity and capability

We develop new frameworks, tools and resources to build sector capability and enhance workforce capacity through strengthening suicide prevention skills and knowledge. This includes our Learnlinc platform which provides over 200 resources and educational opportunities to facilitate learning and skill development, and Suicide Prevention Australia's Accreditation Program which supports organisations to implement safe, high-quality, and effective suicide prevention and postvention programs.



Support vital research

Suicide Prevention Australia manages the Suicide Prevention Research Fund established by the Federal Government to foster research and deepen understanding and practical application. From scholarships through to clinical trials, innovation research grants, fellowships and implementation science grants, the fund aims to address gaps in suicide prevention research and facilitate the rapid translation of knowledge into more effective services for communities.



Inform through evidence

We serve as a gateway to current knowledge and best practice in suicide prevention. Collecting and synthesising knowledge, evidence and robust data and developing insights and key recommendations to inform stakeholders, raise awareness and destigmatise suicide. This includes our State of the Nation and Community Tracker reports which serve as a pulse check of our sector and community.



It is fantastic that Learnlinc is designed to support those currently working in the suicide prevention sector, as well as those with no previous experience. As an organisation working alongside the sector, Learnlinc provides us with a clear and easy-to-use pathway to make sure that all our staff have the fundamental skills needed for our suicide prevention projects.



Ergonomie



Unite the sector

We host a variety of face-to-face and online events each year which provide opportunities for networking, collaboration and sharing knowledge to advance best practice and innovation in suicide prevention. Members receive preferential rates for all events, plus invitations to member-only events.

National Suicide Prevention Conference

For over two decades, the National Suicide Prevention Conference (NSPC) has been the premier event in the suicide prevention calendar, bringing together experts, innovative thinking, and evidence-based solutions to advance excellence in suicide prevention. The conference fosters robust discussion and offers a unique platform for hundreds of individuals and organisations from across Australia and beyond to connect and collaborate. The event continues to expand every year, attracting over 900 local and international speakers and delegates in 2025.

LiFE Awards

Our Living is For Everyone (LiFE) Awards aim to showcase the important work being done in states and territories across Australia by individuals and organisations to prevent suicide and support those in need. There are six categories that recognise the diverse and innovative efforts being undertaken to save lives and reduce suicide. LiFE Award presentations are held in each state and territory with recipients automatically eligible for the national awards.

Member only events

We run several member only events every year, providing opportunities for engagement and collaboration, and to connect directly with decision and policy makers. These include our annual World Suicide Prevention Day event attended by the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and Members of Parliament, Member Only Reception at NSPC and State & Territory LiFE Award presentations.

Webinars

We run regular webinars and knowledge exchange series focused on key suicide prevention topics to inform and build the capacity of our members. These events are free for members to attend.



Panels and Committees

Our members are eligible to join our panels and committees which are dedicated to creating real world impact

Members are invited to participate in various panels and committees, including our State and Territory Committees, which act as a conduit for knowledge sharing and discussion of current and emerging issues at the jurisdictional level.

Over one-third of our members participate in our committees and panels, which include:



State and Territory Committees: serve as a specialised extension of Suicide Prevention Australia to engage, enable and empower the suicide prevention sector throughout the communities of Australia. They provide insights as to the key priorities for preventing suicide in each State and Territory.



Research Advisory Committee: guides the work of the Suicide Prevention Research Fund and is supported by expert researchers, service providers and people with lived experience of suicide.



Policy Advisory Committee: provides advice to the Suicide Prevention Australia Board, and the policy team through the CEO, on priorities, content, activities and processes for policy development and advocacy.



Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC): informs and advises members of the Suicide Prevention Australia Board on strategic matters from a lived or living experience of suicide perspective, such as Suicide Prevention Australia's Compass 2025, our strategic direction.



Lived Experience Panel (LEP): consults and collaborates on organisational work including providing insights to inform suicide prevention services and programs, policy submissions, evaluating service delivery, and collaborating on research projects. All members of the panel have a lived or living experience of suicide.

Our Approach

Compass 2025 serves as our guiding framework for decision making, setting the direction and focus for Suicide Prevention Australia.





Benefits for Members



Contribute to advocacy and policy efforts

As a member, you contribute directly to our advocacy and policy work, helping to drive the systemic change needed to save more lives. Every year our members provide their valuable insights and lived experience to help drive and shape our advocacy efforts — efforts which translate into tangible outcomes that positively impact our communities.



Build capacity and capability

All our members have access to our online learning platform, Learnlinc, helping you to achieve your educational goals and apply that knowledge to practice. Members are also provided with discounted rates for the Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program — an opportunity to demonstrate your organisation's commitment to implementing safe, high-quality and effective programs.



Connect and collaborate

Members receive preferential rates and invitations to a range of face-to-face and online events hosted by Suicide Prevention Australia. Our events provide opportunities for networking and collaboration, while sharing the latest thinking to promote best practice and innovation in suicide prevention.



Funding opportunities

Together with our members, we continue to grow the sector's funding pool. This includes our National Suicide Prevention Research Fund, that we deliver on behalf of the Federal Government. All organisational members receive exclusive access to the GrantGuru platform — the most comprehensive business grants database in Australia.

“We are so grateful for Suicide Prevention Australia to have set these [accreditation] standards and give clear communication on how to deliver the very best in standards that we can. It has been a most beneficial process to undertake as an organisation and we are reaping the benefits already in the streamlining of our policies and processes.”

Iris Foundation



Benefits for Members



Access to key data and information

We provide timely access to the latest suicide prevention research, data and insights through our reports, white papers and monthly Member Briefs and Event Briefs to help inform your work.



Promote your work

We provide members with the opportunity to promote their organisation's news, programs, events, services and job vacancies through our channels which have a reach of more than 175,000 people.



Member Directory

Through our Member Directory, every organisational member has the opportunity to showcase and connect with other organisations in our network. This easy-to-use resource also provides an opportunity for us to showcase and promote your organisation and the valuable services it provides.

Ready to join Suicide Prevention Australia?

Apply to become a Member

If you would like to become a Member of Suicide Prevention Australia, please fill out the application form at www.suicidepreventionaust.org/support/membership/

Member approval and onboarding

As per our Constitution, all applications require Board approval prior to becoming a Member. Once approved, your confirmation of membership communication will include your onboarding information.

Fees

The Suicide Prevention Australia fees apply from 1 January to 31 December (calendar year). It is calculated pro-rata based on the month of joining to the end of December of that year. Renewals are sent annually, prior to December. Your fee will be calculated at check-out.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Organisational Member

This category is for organisations whose primary or significant work area is suicide and self-harm prevention and/or postvention. The fee structure is classified by whether you are a National, State-based or Community organisation, coupled with the annual income of your organisation. To find out the applicable fee for your organisation, [visit our website](#) or reach out to us at membership@suicidepreventionaust.org

Associate Member

This category is for individuals who are working or volunteering in suicide prevention and want to be involved in the work of the suicide prevention sector, advocacy and research, and those with lived or living experience. To find out the applicable fee, [visit our website](#), or reach out to us at membership@suicidepreventionaust.org

Please note, Members are bound by the Suicide Prevention Australia Constitution and the Guiding Principles.

Other ways to get involved

Supporter

This category is for organisations outside the suicide prevention sector who would like to gain access to valuable insights, learning opportunities and best practice approaches in suicide prevention while contributing to their corporate social responsibility goals. For more information on different levels of engagement please [visit our website](#).

Subscriber

This category is for individuals who do not want to become a member but see value in being able to access the learning and development benefits offered by Suicide Prevention Australia, such as Learnlinc, webinars and Knowledge Exchange events. For more information, please [visit our website](#).

Benefits of joining

BENEFITS	Organisational Member	Associate Member	Supporter	Subscriber
Voting rights for the Board	X			
Opportunities to promote and share news via our communications channels	X			
Discount on Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program	X			
Access to Grant Finder, our grants database, powered by GrantGuru	X			
Upload information to our Jobs Board	X			
Include upcoming events in our Events Calendar	X			
Voting rights for the Annual General Meeting	X	X		
Opportunity to consult on policy	X	X		
Advocacy to government on your behalf, with access to key stakeholders	X	X		
Opportunities to participate in panels and committees	X	X		
Eligibility to be on the Suicide Prevention Australia Board	X	X		
Member networking and collaboration opportunities	X	X	X	
Priority access to data and information	X	X	X	
License for Learnlinc	X	X	X	X
eNewsletters	X	X	X	X
Preferential rates for Suicide Prevention Australia events and knowledge exchange	X	X	X	X

State of the Sector

Deaths by Suicide

3000+

each year

8+

deaths per day

11.8

deaths per 100,000 people

Attempts

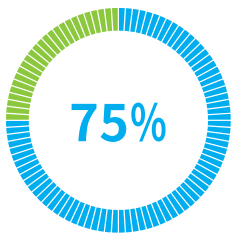
55,000+

Suicide attempts every year

One in 20

Australians aged 16-85 have **attempted suicide** in their lifetime

Gender



males

with the highest rate for males aged 55-59

Youth



Suicide is the leading cause of death among young Australians

15-24 years



The rate of suicides for **Indigenous Australians** is **more than double** that of non-Indigenous Australians



People from **LGBTQI+** communities have **higher rates of mental ill-health and suicide** than the general population in Australia



People in **rural and remote Australia** are more likely to die by suicide than those living in our major cities



The economic toll of suicide is up to **\$43 billion** per annum

15th

Most common cause of death



We can never underestimate the heartbreaking impact that every life lost to suicide has on family, friends, workplaces and the broader community. It's important to remember that behind every number is a person and that their loss has a cascading impact, affecting their families, friends and communities.

Find out more



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Connect with us



There are crisis services available 24/7 if you or someone you know is in distress

Lifeline: 13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467
www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of all Country throughout Australia. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia. We also acknowledge the unique and important understanding provided by people with lived experience of suicide.

We remember those we have lost to suicide and acknowledge the suffering suicide brings when it touches our lives. We recognise that lived experience is integral to all aspects of suicide prevention policy, practice and research.