

MINISTER FOLEY ANNOUNCEMENT | PLACE BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION



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Murray PHN welcomes the Victorian Government's significant commitment to halving the rate of suicide in Victoria over the next ten years'.

Today's announcement of funding for Albury Wodonga Health, to implement an assertive outreach support service in Wangaratta, is a very positive development.

Murray PHN Chief Executive Officer, Matt Jones said "Murray PHN looks forward to working together with health services, community groups and relevant government departments and agencies, to enhance suicide prevention support and learnings that will be generated through this trial".

Over 640 Victorian's were lost to suicide last year. At a rate that is twice the state road toll "we have to do more to prevent suicides in our communities", Mr Jones said.

"The State Government is to be commended for establishing six suicide prevention trial sites and providing funding to six health services, as part of its allocation of \$27 million in funding in the 2016/17 state budget to strengthen suicide prevention initiatives", he said.

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