



Men's Health Information and Resource Centre, Western Sydney University
presents a one-day Symposium

Can Australia's suicide rates be lowered?

A Situational Approach to Suicide Prevention

Friday March 23rd from 9.30am-4.00pm
WSU Parramatta City Campus, Level 9 Conference Room
169 Macquarie Street, Parramatta



Keynote speaker: **Professor Paul Yip, Hong Kong University**

Director, Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention

Professor, Chair of Population Health

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Opening by the **Hon Brad Hazzard MP**

NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research



PLUS:

- ❖ Morning circle sessions
- ❖ Post-lunch pinpoint messages
- ❖ An afternoon challenge session

The symposium is open to health workers, social workers, community workers, academics, researchers, teachers, relevant industries and the general community who have a driving interest in suicide prevention

Morning tea and lunch provided

R.S.V.P. by 19th March to j.applebee@westernsydney.edu.au

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*The WSU Parramatta City campus is a 2 minute walk from Parramatta Railway Station
Car parking pay station also located nearby on Macquarie Street*

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9.30am Welcome and Official Opening

- Welcome to Country
- Opening by the Hon Brad Hazzard MP
- Prof Barney Glover, Vice Chancellor WSU
- Julian Leeser MP (Joint Convenor of the Australian Parliamentary Suicide Prevention Friendship Group)

10.20am Keynote address by Professor Paul Yip

11.10am MORNING TEA

11.35am Morning circle sessions

- Suicide prevention in Aboriginal communities – The Shed in Mt Druitt (Prof John Macdonald and Mr Rick Welsh)
- The role of the insurance industry in suicide prevention – High intensity mental health issues and costs of other less successful approaches (Mr Anthony Smith and Mr Brad Clarke)
- Suicide prevention and wellbeing within the Sport Industry (Dr Neil Hall and Mr Ben Joseph)

1.10pm LUNCH

2.10pm Post-lunch pinpoint messages

- Peter Nicholls (Parents Beyond Breakup)
- Jane Darter (Director Risk Consulting Group KPMG)

3.00pm Afternoon challenge session on continuing action strategies to prevent suicide

4.00pm Close

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Patron: His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd)

