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Sunraysia Mallee 2022 Mental health services promotion guide

Murray PHN's strategic health priorities include the health issues that have the greatest impact on the lives of our community, such as mental illness.

Mental illness includes a wide range of conditions that affect how we feel and think. Most of these are first experienced in the late teens or early twenties, but for some people, they may occur later in life.

Mental illnesses vary in how long they affect people: sometimes a single episode, sometimes a lifelong condition. They also vary in severity: sometimes transitory, sometimes causing psychosocial disability requiring long-term support.

People experiencing mental illness are more likely to experience poor physical health, homelessness, have poor oral health, and comorbidities such as chronic disease and alcohol and other drug dependencies.

The good news is that many people with mental illness can recover and lead fulfilling lives in the community - when they receive appropriate ongoing treatment and support.

Wellbeing and resilience are important in preventing the onset of mental illness, as well as potentially lessening the severity of existing conditions. Wellbeing and resilience promotion can include: encouraging continued connection with natural supports, such as family of choice, social networks, job or education opportunities, and fostering healthy communities and self-help behaviours.

This document aims to assist organisations that play a role in supporting and maintaining community health and wellbeing, to have greater understanding of mental illnesses and their prevalence, and the appropriate strategies and supports available, including local services in the Sunraysia and North West Mallee regions.

For further information contact: Murray PHN's suicide prevention coordinator T: 03 4408 5600 <u>MHAODTeam@murrayphn.org.au</u>

www.murrayphn.org.au

GROUPS AT RISK

VISIT YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER. GPs can support people to maintain health and wellbeing and identify the early signs of mental illness. With a mental health treatment plan, your GP can refer you to up to 10 Medicare rebated allied health mental health services per calendar year. There are many services that offer free and confidential support both online and over the phone, including:

HEAD TO HEALTH

No cost. Available to anyone. 1800 595 212 headtohealthvic.org.au Sunraysia Community Health Services 37 13th Street, Mildura VIC (walk-in between 10am and 2pm weekdays). mentalhealthhubs@schs.com.au

HEAD TO HEALTH DIGITAL GATEWAY

Links you with digital mental health services from some of Australia's most trusted organisations. headtohealth.gov.au

BEYOND BLUE Provides 24/7 mental health support. 1300 224 636 beyondblue.org.au

YARNING SAFE'N'STRONG

Provides 24/7 support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Culturally suitable counsellors help with social, emotional and financial wellbeing, medical help, COVID-19 advice, drug and alcohol counselling and rehab. 1800 959 563 vahs.org.au/yarning-safe-n-strong

QLIFE

LGBTIQA+ peer support and referral. 1800 184 527 <u>qlife.org.au</u>

MENSLINE

Specialists in family and relationship issues (including relationship breakdown, separation and divorce), parenting, family violence, suicide prevention and emotional wellbeing. 1300 789 978 mensLine.org.au

KIDS HELPLINE

Young people aged 5-25 years can access 24/7 support with resources for parents. 1800 551 800 <u>KidsHelpLine.com.au</u>

PARENTLINE VICTORIA

Parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old can receive support on parenting issues. 13 22 89 services.dffh.vic.gov.au/parentline

EHEADSPACE

Young people 12-25 and their family can chat with a qualified youth mental health professional. 1800 650 890 headspace.org.au/eheadspace

PANDA

Supports women, men and families across Australia affected by anxiety and depression during pregnancy and in the first year of parenthood. 1300 726 306 panda.org.au

OPEN ARMS

Counselling for army, navy and air force personnel, veterans and their families. 1800 011 046 <u>openarms.gov.au</u>

SAFE ZONE SUPPORT

Counselling for current and ex-serving personnel 1800 142 072 openarms.gov.au/safe-zone

1800RESPECT

Counselling and support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse. 1800 737 732 <u>1800respect.org.au</u>

DIRECTLINE

Alcohol and drug counselling and referral. 1800 888 236 <u>directline.org.au</u>

STANDBY MURRAY

Telephone or face to face support for individuals, families, friends, witnesses, first responders, schools, workplaces, community groups and sporting clubs bereaved or impacted by suicide. StandBy can be contacted 24/7. 1300 727 247

standbysupport.com.au

SUICIDELINE VICTORIA

Support to people at risk of suicide, people concerned about someone else's risk of suicide and people bereaved by suicide. 1300 651 251 suicideline.org.au

MILD MENTAL ILLNESS

VISIT YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER. GPs can identify and support people who are experiencing mild mental illness and can and refer them to appropriate local services. Other available services include:

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HEADSPACE MILDURA

For people aged 12-25 years. Drop in or call to make an appointment 2/125 Pine Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5021 2400 headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/mildura/

EHEADSPACE

For people aged 12-25 years and their families. <u>eheadspace.org.au</u> 1800 650 890

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA (FORMERLY CENTACARE)

Counselling: family mental health, relationship and dispute resolution and regional parenting program. Psychological Wellbeing Service - children, youth and adults. Groups and individuals. Self-referral or by other provider. Fee for service. 136 Lime Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5051 0000 www.ccam.org.au

MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICES

Social and emotional wellbeing hub: referrals to psychological counselling, including children and young people, couples and family groups who are experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, drug and alcohol issues, or wanting to improve their overall emotional wellbeing. 120 Madden Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5018 4100 77 Perrin Street, Robinvale VIC 03 4013 2000 mdas.org.au

SUNRAYSIA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, grief and loss and life changes – emotions, self-esteem, communication, addiction and relapse, Trauma, torture and abuse, including for refugees and new arrivals, parenting, pain and a GP service. 137 Thirteenth Street (cnr Deakin Ave) Mildura VIC 03 5022 5444 schs.com.au

ROBINVALE DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

Counselling and social work services. The Mental Health Drop-in Clinic is a free, confidential service offered to the whole of our community. No appointments are necessary Health and Wellbeing Centre 128-132 Latje Road, Robinvale VIC 03 50518160 rdhs.com.au

NSW HEALTH

Far West Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Service provides a range of services and programs for people living in Wentworth, and surrounding areas (Dareton, Buronga, Gol Gol, Euston) – from a hub based in Broken Hill. Dareton Primary Health Centre 42-44 Tapio Street, Dareton NSW 03 50217200 fwlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

COOMEALLA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Social emotional wellbeing support, suicide prevention education and support (Kumpa Kiira Suicide Prevention Project). 51 Sturt Place, Dareton NSW 03 5027 4824 <u>chacams.org</u>

MURRAY VALLEY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Offers a range of primary care services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of Robinvale, including general practice, social and emotional wellbeing, drug and alcohol counselling. 87 Latje Road, Robinvale VIC 03 5026 3353 <u>mvac.org.au</u>

MODERATE MENTAL ILLNESS

VISIT YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER. GPs can identify and support people who are experiencing moderate mental illness and can and refer them to appropriate local services. Other available services include:

HEAD TO HEALTH

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HEADSPACE MILDURA

For people aged 12-25 years. Drop in or call to make an appointment 2/125 Pine Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5021 2400 headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/mildura/

EHEADSPACE

For people aged 12-25 years and their families. eheadspace.org.au 1800 650 890

MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICES

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CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA (FORMERLY CENTACARE)

Psychological Wellbeing Service - children, youth and adults. Groups and individuals. Self-referral or by other provider. Fee for service. 136 Lime Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5051 0000 ccam.org.au

MILDURA BASE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Psychological Therapy Services 216 Ontario Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5022 3500 1300 366 375 <u>mbph.org.au</u>

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MALLEE FAMILY CARE

Children's Mental Health Services 122 Ninth Street, Mildura VIC 03 5023 5966 3 Devenport Street, Dareton NSW 03 5027 7600 59 Darling Street, Wentworth NSW 03 5027 3578 33 Herbert Street, Robinvale VIC 03 5026 1401 (appointment only) malleefamilycare.com.au

TRISTAR MEDICAL GROUP

Psychotherapy, counselling and pharmacological interventions. Specialist perinatal psychological therapy services. 87-89 Langtree Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5022 5800 tristarmedicalgroup.com.au

SEVERE/COMPLEX MENTAL ILLNESS

VISIT YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER. GPs can support people who are experiencing severe mental illness and can and refer them to appropriate local services. Other available services include:

HEAD TO HEALTH

No cost. Available to anyone. 1800 595 212 <u>headtohealthvic.org.au</u> Sunraysia Community Health Services 37 13th Street, Mildura VIC (walk-in between 10am and 2pm weekdays). mentalhealthhubs@schs.com.au

HEADSPACE MILDURA

For people aged 12-25 years. Limited service which works in collaboration with Mildura Base Public Hospital. Drop in or call to make an appointment 2/125 Pine Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5021 2400 headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/mildura/

MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICES

Social and emotional wellbeing hub: referrals to psychological counselling, including children and young people, couples and family groups who are experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, drug and alcohol issues, or wanting to improve their overall emotional wellbeing. 120 Madden Avenue Mildura VIC 03 5018 4100 77 Perrin Street, Robinvale VIC 03 4013 2000 mdas.org.au

SUNRAYSIA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, grief and loss and life changes – emotions, self-esteem, communication, addiction and relapse, Trauma, torture and abuse, including for refugees and new arrivals, parenting, pain and a GP service. 137 Thirteenth Street (cnr Deakin Ave) Mildura VIC 03 5022 5444 schs.com.au

MILDURA BASE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Primary mental health clinical care coordination 216 Ontario Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5022 3500 or 1300 366 375 <u>mbph.org.au</u>

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

(FORMERLY CENTACARE) Psychological Wellbeing Service - children, youth and adults. Groups and individuals. Self-referral or by other provider. Fee for service. 136 Lime Avenue, Mildura VIC 03 5051 0000 www.ccam.org.au

ACCESSED BY GP, PAEDIATRICIAN OR PSYCHIATRIST REFERRAL

MALLEE FAMILY CARE

Specialist psychosocial support to manage mental health issues and improve wellbeing and quality of life. 122 Ninth Street, Mildura VIC 03 5023 5966 3 Devenport Street, Dareton NSW 03 5027 7600 59 Darling Street Wentworth NSW 03 5027 3578, 33 Herbert Street, Robinvale VIC 03 5026 1401 (appointment only) malleefamilycare.com.au

TRISTAR MEDICAL GROUP

Specialist suicide prevention psychological therapy services - chronic and acute. 87-89 Langtree Avenue, Mildura 03 5022 5800 tristarmedicalgroup.com.au

ACUTE MENTAL ILLNESS EPISODE/CRISIS

TRIPLE ZERO

For emergencies where people are endangering self or others. **000**

LIFELINE

24-hour crisis counselling, support and suicide prevention services. 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au

ACCESSED BY GP, PAEDIATRICIAN OR PSYCHIATRIST REFERRAL

TRISTAR MEDICAL GROUP

Specialist suicide prevention psychological therapy services - chronic and acute. 87-89 Langtree Avenue, Mildura 03 5022 5800 tristarmedicalgroup.com.au FOR URGENT MEDICAL CARE, YOU CAN ALSO GO DIRECTLY TO:

MILDURA:

Mildura Base Public Hospital

 Emergency Department
 Acute mental health community intervention service
216 Ontario Avenue, Mildura VIC
03 5022 3500 or 1300 366 375
mbph.org.au

OUYEN:

Urgent Care Centre at the Mallee Track Health and Community Service 28 Britt Street, Ouyen VIC 03 5092 1111

ROBINVALE:

24 hour Urgent Care Centre at Robinvale District Health Services 128-132 Latje Road, Robinvale VIC 03 5051 8111

SUICIDELINE VICTORIA

Support to people at risk of suicide, people concerned about someone else's risk of suicide, and people bereaved by suicide. 1300 651 251 suicideline.org.au

DARDI MUNWURRO

24-hour mental health, family and relationship support for Aboriginal men in crisis. 1800 435 799

Australian population prevalence of mental illness¹

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Indicators or symptoms of mental illness²

GROUPS AT RISK	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE/COMPLEX	ACUTE EPISODE/CRISIS
 At risk groups³ include: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people People living in rural and remote regions Carers New parents Those who are marginalised due to their sexuality, gender, cultural background or their job People who have difficulties with alcohol or other drugs People living with an intellectual disability People living with experienced childhood trauma Veterans Those experiencing relationship problems Those experiencing grief and loss, legal or disciplinary problems and bullying behaviours EARLY INDICATORS OR SYMPTOMS Stressed/overwhelmed Anxious/worried/nervous Restless/fidgety Angry/irritable Sad Physically inactive/tired Working too much or too little 	 Early/recent onset of symptoms (that have persisted for more than two weeks) and that are having mild impacts on day-to-day functioning include: PHYSICAL Sick and/or run down Psychological Loss of interest in activities usually enjoyed Increased concern for, and/or help-seeking rate, for physical health issues (including for the physical health of babies or children if new parent) Somewhat overwhelmed by tasks that would normally be done with ease Unable to concentrate BEHAVIOURAL Sleep disturbance (sleeping too little or too much) Impaired appetite or over-eating (losing or gaining weight) Avoiding others (not attending) Possible escalation in alcohol intake, drug use and/or smoking Behaving out of character CHARACTERISTICS May or may not have a formal diagnosis Maintains ability/capacity to self-manage care No/ low risk to self or others 	 Progression to symptoms that are moderately impacting day-to-day functioning, include: PHYSICAL Panic attacks, hot and cold flushes, racing heart, tightening of the chest, quick breathing, restlessness or feeling tense, wound up and edgy, dizzy, lightheaded or faint, headaches and muscle/ stomach pains Digestive upsets, nausea, changes in bowel habits PSYCHOLOGICAL Excessive fear, worry, catastrophising or obsessive thinking Urges to perform certain rituals in a bid to relieve anxiety Difficulty making decisions, memory problems Overwhelmed by, or unable to complete, tasks that would normally be done with ease Depressed mood (guilt, hopelessness, feeling worthless) or fluctuating mood Inability to feel pleasure in normally pleasurable activities BEHAVIOURAL Difficulty getting motivated Behaving out of character Agitation, hand wringing, pacing Escalation in alcohol intake, drug use and/or smoking Impaired libido Neglect of personal hygiene or lack of care for appearance e.g. not showering CHARACTERISTICS Symptoms likely to meet diagnostic criteria May need support from multiple providers/ require collaborative care Potential co-morbid conditions e.g. alcohol and other drug use, physical health issues Ability to self-manage care impacted Low-moderate risk to self/ others Symptoms that are significantly impacting day-to-day functioning (social, personal and work life) 	 Symptoms that are significantly impacting day-to-day functioning (social, personal and work life), include: CHARACTERISTICS Complex/clinical/multi-agency needs that require clinical care coordination Has had or is at risk of needing hospital treatment Clearly diagnosable severe symptoms RECURRING AND EPISODIC Restricted ability to self-manage care Low-moderate risk to self/others SEVERE AND PERSISTENT Moderate to high risk to self/ others Requiring formal supports to maintain functioning 	 Symptoms that require urgent intervention to prevent deterioration and/or loss of life, include: PSYCHOSIS Loss of capacity to tell what's real from what isn't Believing or sensing things that aren't real Behaving in a way that's reckless, strange or out of character Increased anger, aggression or suspiciousness Inactivity and/or hyperactivity SUCIDAL WARNING SIGNS Social withdrawal Uncharacteristically reckless behaviour Alcohol or drug abuse Giving away sentimental or expensive possessions Expressing hopelessness Failing to see a future Believing they are a burden to others Saying they feel worthless or alone Talking about their death or wanting to die Sudden improvement after a period of low mood

Mildura Base Public Hospital Mental Health Stepped Care Pathways, Mildura, Robinvale, Ouyen November, 2020 and Cosci, F. and G. A. Fava (2013). "Staging of mental disorders: systematic review." Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics 82(1): 20-34; Australian Government Department of Health: headtohealth.gov.au (accessed 18 December 2020), Beyond Blue beyondblue.org.au (accessed 21 December 2020), SANE Australia sane.org.au (accessed 21 December 2020).
 National Mental Health Commission (2014). The National Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services: Contributing Lives Thriving Communities. NMHC. Sydney, National Mental Health Commission, Sydney: 24.

Strategies and supports

WELL	GROUPS AT RISK	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE/COMPLEX	ACUTE EPISODE/CRISIS
 Wellbeing and resilience promotion Encourage continued connection with natural supports: family of choice, social network, job or education Foster healthy communities and encourage self-help GPs can support people to maintain health and wellbeing 	 Address social and economic determinants of mental health Investment in prevention and early intervention Provide access to information and evidence-based supports 	 Provide and promote access to 'lower intensity' services such as brief counselling or group support 	 Primary care services delivered by local mental health professionals 	 Coordinated multi-agency care for people with complex needs Clinical care using a combination of GP care, psychiatrists, mental health nurses, psychologists and allied health 	Life threatening support and urgent treatment to prevent deterioration

Promotional resources

HEAD TO HEALTH

Established by PHNs, Head to Health services are funded by the Commonwealth Government. They offer free mental health support to Victorians and people living in border communities. To learn more, visit: <u>murrayphn.org.au/headtohealth</u>

HEAD TO HEALTH

1800 595 212

We find the mental health support that's best for you

headtohealthvic.org.au

Head to Health is a policitorative instative of victorials Poman Health Networks funded by the Australian Covernment

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CARDS

Collated by Murray PHN, these resource cards feature phone numbers and websites to offer support to those experiencing mental illness. You can pick one up at local cafes and businesses or if you'd like to download an electronic copy from murrayphn.org.au/suicideprevention









