



**blue mountains safe space
for suicide prevention**

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2023–2025**

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The organisers and volunteers of the Blue Mountains Safe Space acknowledge the Dharug and Gundungura traditional owners of the land and waters on which the safe space operates and on which we live, work, and play. We pay respect to their deep connection to Country and their Elders past and present for they hold the cultural ways of knowing, being, and doing, that have helped Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to thrive for more than 65,000 years.

We acknowledge the individual and collective contributions of those with lived and living experience of suicide and mental-ill health to our society. Their shared wisdom and the tenacity they display brings hope into focus, it continues to connect people with the realisation they are not alone, and speaks profoundly to the need for responses to distress from services and communities to be informed by lived experience insights. We remember those we have lost to suicide and the deeply felt impacts of every loss.

The Committee of Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc. gratefully acknowledges the contributions of all volunteers, members, and community partners who supported the preparation of this report and the ongoing work of the Safe Space.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the hard work and dedication of our founding members, past and present committee, and working group members. Their contributions have been vital to the establishment and continued success of everything the Blue Mountains Safe Space team set out to accomplish in our local community.

Our founding members Patrick Blacker, Amanda Cooper, Flinn Donovan, Hahra Sedge, Louise Stammers, and Joshua Stojanovic formed the original working group and started the journey that we continue to walk and live. Their shared values and vision remain a cornerstone of everything we do.



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VISION

**A community where hope is found by all
and people thinking about suicide can live well**

MISSION

To provide a welcoming, accessible and safe
physical space free from stigma where
people can reduce their distress
and attend in suicidal crisis

Staffing a trusted non-clinical service
with a compassionate and capable volunteer
peer workforce with lived experience of suicide
that meets the holistic needs of guests to a point
where people feel they can live and thrive



OUR VALUES

Wellbeing

Hope, Safety, and Awareness

Connection

Deep Listening, Kindness,
Empathy, and Compassion

Inclusivity

Equity and Diversity

Collaboration

Respect, Integrity, Trust

Sustainability

WORKING TOGETHER STATEMENT

We are all people with individual experiences and points of view.

We each bring strong values to our roles and stand united in our vision.

Together we are the Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc.

We exist to offer compassionate empathetic support amongst people with a lived experience of suicide. In supporting each other, the operations of the space, and our guests we show respect and build an inclusive place of safety through the respectful interactions and curiosity we value.

Kindness, compassion, and trust are the tools to form the paths ahead, purposeful connections, and meaningful ways of working that help achieve our aim of keeping people alive.

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR VALUES

Wellbeing:

Hope, Safety, and Awareness

We provide holistic care and a space that is designed by people with a lived experience of suicide to make everyone feel safe and improve wellbeing. We provide a beacon of hope through our interactions talking openly about suicide and mutually shared experiences. We play an important role in creating a safer community by fostering awareness of suicidal crisis support and reducing the stigma surrounding suicide.

Connection:

Deep Listening, Kindness, Empathy, and Compassion

We practice deep listening, having a quiet still awareness of others while not being focused on 'fixing' rather 'being with'. We share our lived experience to connect with others; we do this with heartfelt empathy and compassion.

We cherish acts of kindness that empower people and relationships.

Inclusivity:

Equity and Diversity

We have a no wrong door approach where everyone is welcome. We embrace the diversity of people, their identity, and their lived experiences. In doing so, we strive to create an inclusive service that is for everybody and responsive to individual needs. To meet those needs, we provide equitable access without fear of stigma or judgement.

Collaboration:

Respect, Integrity, Trust

We recognise individual contribution and worth in every interaction and collaboration. We treat each other with respect and act with integrity and professionalism. We do this by valuing the lived experiences, perspectives, and opinions that make us who we are. We value trust in people and their inner strength and strive to build trust with our guests, volunteers, and wider community. We do this by sharing honestly and authentically, that we are not alone in having a lived experience of suicide and transparently communicating the intention of our services to ensure accountability.

Sustainability

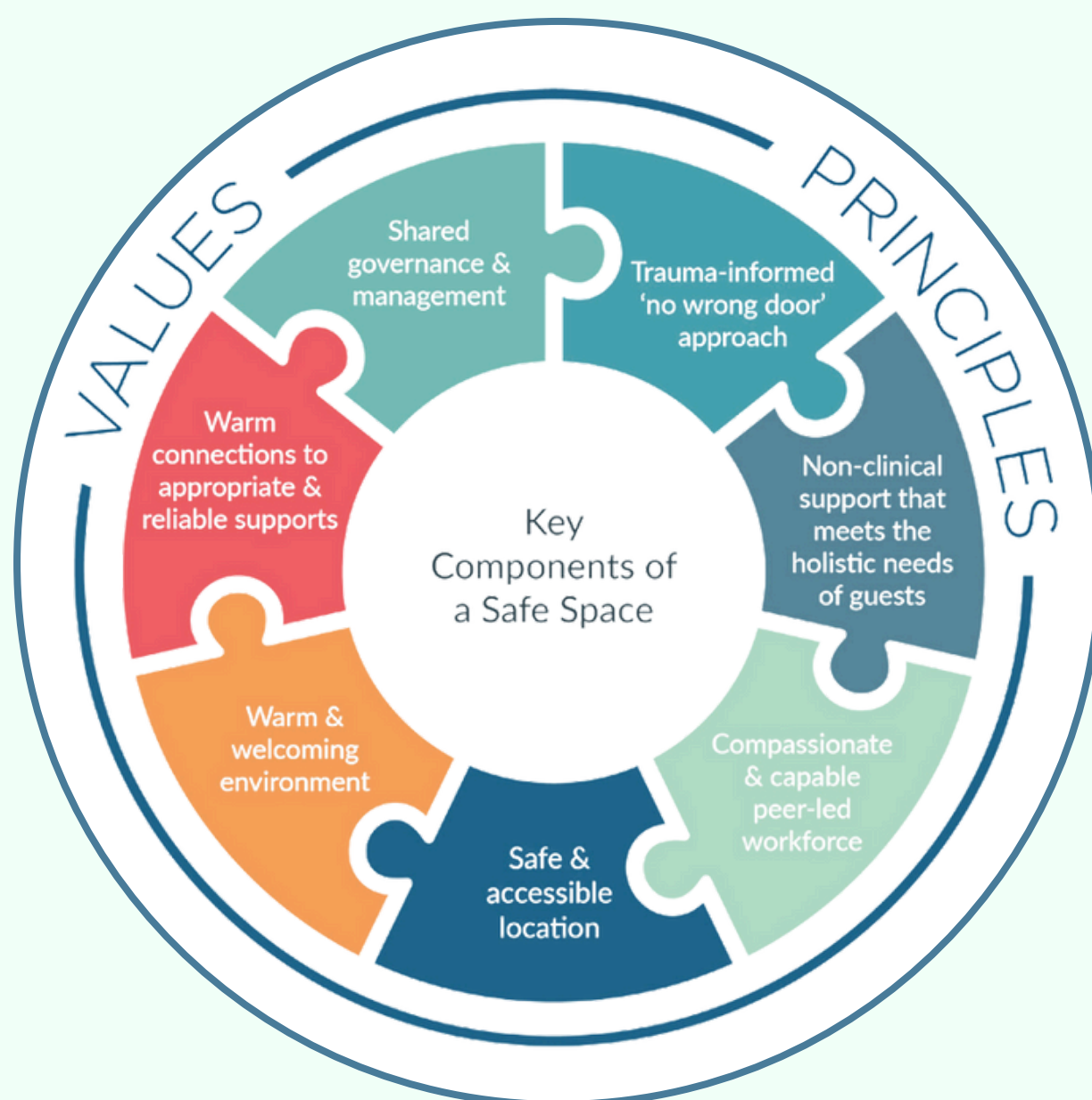
We champion a positive impact for people living with thoughts of suicide that is sustainable and ensure continuing growth of the community-based supports we provide. We aim to achieve this by being a financially solvent, well-resourced organisation with a thriving volunteer suicide prevention peer workforce.

OUR PURPOSE AND ORGANISATION

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention is a registered charity and a community-based service which is open to benefit the wider community. We have made a commitment to responding to the needs of the Blue Mountains area and the specific demographics impacted by suicide. Our commitment extends to overcoming geographical challenges, social isolation, and providing an essential physical space.

Blue Mountains Safe Space is a 'drop in' style space that offers a non-clinical alternative to emergency departments for people experiencing emotional distress or suicidal crisis open 3 Friday evenings per month.

Safe spaces provide warm, welcoming environments free from stigma where people can reduce their distress and choose to speak with volunteers who have their own lived experience of suicidal crisis, caring for a loved one who has experienced thoughts of suicide, or of being bereaved by suicide. Perspectives of hope come from shared experience and people can thrive when accessing this meaningful peer support with the opportunity to speak openly about suicide, finding a connection through mutual understanding in a time of crisis.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I believe wholeheartedly that a Safe Space is the option so many people in crisis are seeking. It gives me hope seeing non-clinical alternatives to hospital emergency departments not only emerging but having been embedded into some communities across Australia for years, of which Blue Mountains Safe Space is a more recent addition. Many people I have had the pleasure of speaking to in our local community also agree that the Blue Mountains Safe Space is such a necessary part of a system that prevents suicide and I call on you to share that same message far and wide so people can understand the value of peer support.

Meeting the need we set out to meet would of course not be possible if not for the herculean efforts of all our dedicated volunteers whom I am forever thankful to.

Looking back, I recall the people who formed the first working group to get the safe space established had a vision of safe space being an inspiring, connective, and reflective space for all the volunteers. The working group knew they could offer training to community members to share their stories to support others and a physical space for guests to share what they are feeling or going through without facing stigma. What the working group hoped was that volunteers would also find the peer work fulfilling on an emotional or personal level and have it become part of the fabric of their wellbeing. Volunteers have shared with me a feeling of belonging in a group of people who have similar experiences which has given back to them in the form of a greater sense of self, one where they carry their lived experience of suicide with them in their lives in a different way with renewed purpose.

At the same time, it is equally fulfilling to know our volunteers aren't motivated by any yearning to be another person's 'saviour' but are in fact helping people keep themselves alive by having such a giving nature and determination to be one hundred percent present for any guest they are supporting. I learn something new from every volunteer I am rostered onto a shift with every night safe space is open because of our diverse life experiences and approaches. I continue to be inspired by all of them.

Joshua Stojanovic, President
Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc.



REPORT FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY

After completing Peer Care Companion training in March 2025, I became involved in operational support for Safe Space. I took the feedback from committee members and volunteers which highlighted improvements that could be made in systems, communication, and structure. I saw value in leading a gap analysis so I subsequently joined the committee and have since been a General Committee Member, Assistant Secretary, and led work in an Operations & Project Coordinator role.

Over a period of eight months a more intense focus on stabilising governance, strengthening communication, and building foundational systems for future growth has yielded results. These efforts have laid the groundwork for improved structure, volunteer engagement, and operational sustainability in the coming year. I acknowledge that without the support, contribution, and collaboration of other volunteers, none of this would have been possible. The key outcomes for our organisation in this time that I look back on with a sense of achievement include:

Governance and Structure

- Conducted an organisational gap analysis to identify system and communication gaps.
- Reviewed our governance structure to strengthen compliance, strategy, and expertise.

Volunteer Engagement and Communication

- Designed and distributed a survey to current and former volunteers; analysed results and incorporated into the insights from volunteers into the gap analysis for the organisation.
- Initiated actions to make communication more efficient, increase the level of recognition the volunteers deserve, and best align operations with our culture and values.
- Developed and circulated the organisation's first volunteer newsletter.

Operations and Project Coordination

- Established a basic planning framework for projects and events to improve coordination.
- Supported event delivery, including Solstice and fundraising raffles, improving community engagement and revenue generation.

Funding and Partnerships

- Developed a sponsorship and donor framework to support sustainability and recognise funders
- Crafted and submitted multiple successful funding applications, including Club Grants funding from Katoomba RSL and Springwood Sports Club

Warren Baker, Acting Secretary
Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc.



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OUR IMPACT

WE WERE OPEN

**34 nights
for guests**

WE SUPPORTED

**85 visits
from guests**

WE TRAINED

**25 peer support
volunteers**

WE ATTENDED

**14 events, markets
meetings, forums
in our community**

WE VOLUNTEERED

**508 hours
to supporting
our guests**

WE HOSTED

**21 events
for volunteers
& community**

OUR ORIGINS

On 26 October 2022 an expression of interest was submitted by a working group to Roses in the Ocean to establish a community-led safe space in the Blue Mountains. A group of passionate local residents sat behind this application which included Louise Stammers, Patrick Blacker, Hahra Sedge, Amanda Cooper, Flinn Donovan and Joshua Stojanovic. They were motivated by their lived experience of suicide, the lack of local services, prevalence of suicidal ideation in those they knew, and the frequent accessing of Katoomba Hospital for mental health and suicidal crises.

Two months later a two-year grant was awarded. Training, mentoring, and a co-design process followed. A suitable venue was negotiated at 2 Station St, Katoomba supported by Thrive Services and to set it up for success we were formally registered as a charity on 20 March 2023.

THE JOURNEY TO OPENING

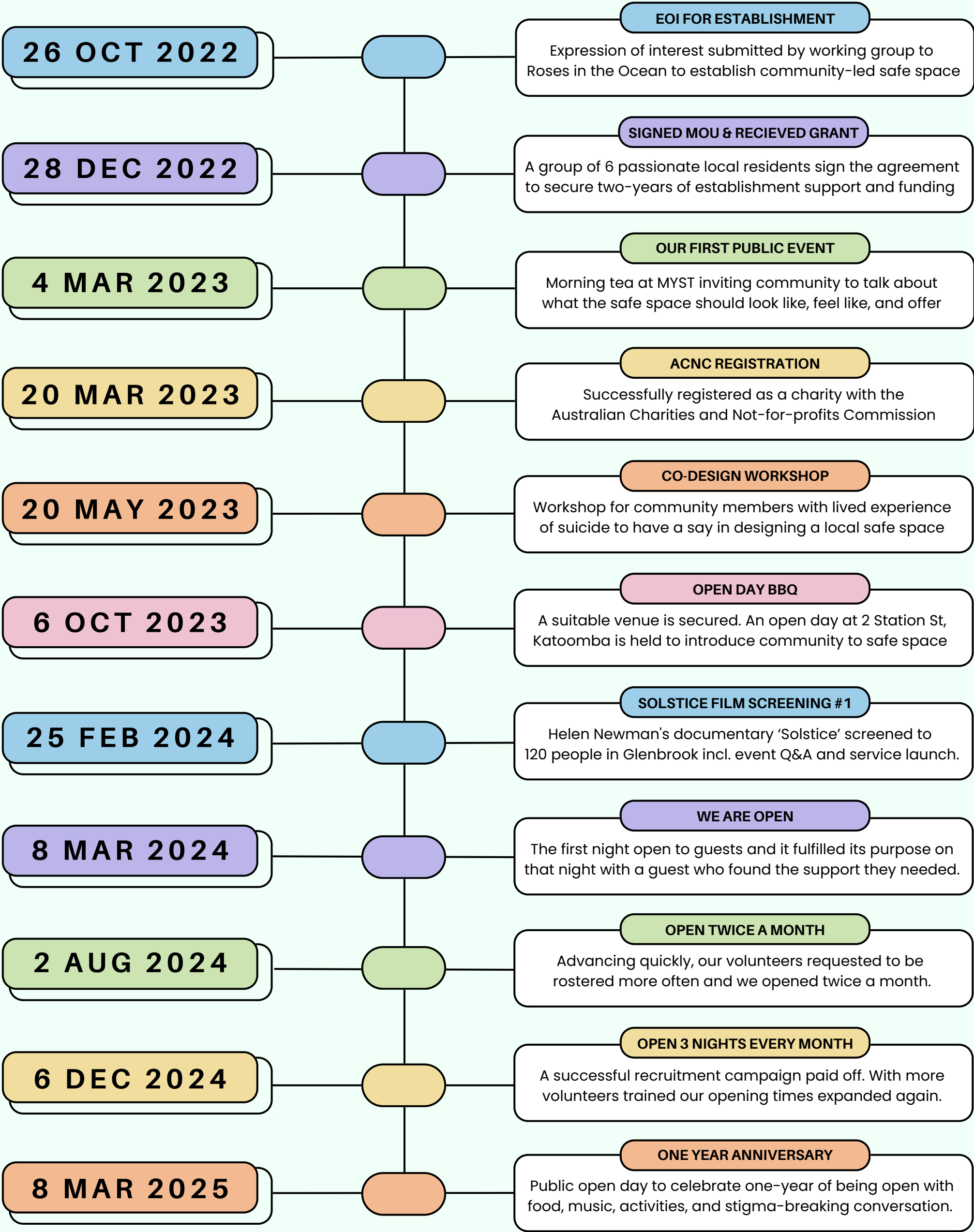
The first of many community events came on 4 March 2023 as a morning tea at MYST Katoomba delving deeper into what the safe space should look like, feel like, and offer. This kicked off more community consultations to help us best meet the need. Bigger events followed, screening Solstice by Helen Newman in Glenbrook in 2024 to 120 people being a highlight.

Many joined the organisation supporting important conversations and tasks. Hard work, successful recruiting, connection events, training, and preparation to safely support guests meant it was time to open our doors.

The Blue Mountains Safe Space was officially opened on 8 March 2024. It was an incredible feeling knowing on the first night the safe space fulfilled its purpose with a guest who found the helpful help they said they needed. By December that year we were open three Friday evenings every month.

Safe Space celebrated its one-year anniversary on 8 March 2025 with an open day for volunteers and public to check out the space, share in good food, enjoy live music, take part in activities, and have conversations with our volunteers breaking down the stigma surrounding suicide.

OUR ORIGINS TIMELINE



OUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT - JOSH STOJANOVIC



Josh Stojanovic is an accomplished project coordinator and strategic planner having dedicated his career to working for organisations tackling social issues and complex systems change in the community and health sectors. He has seen first-hand the impact of empowering people with a lived experience of suicide to lead and inform initiatives in communities that ensure people can find helpful help and compassionate support they need during suicidal crises. Josh is proud to say he is a founding member of the organisation and brings insights from his work as a Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinator in the suicide prevention sector, a position that often connects him with inspiring people who give him hope. He has also worked closely with older people in re-shaping a membership development strategy for Probus the international social connectedness program, and with local organisations providing mental health and suicide prevention services to young people in a previous contracts management role. Josh is grateful to all the safe space volunteers without whom he would not have this opportunity to volunteer in a peer support role finding purpose in sharing his own lived experience of surviving a suicide attempt and helping others in his local community.

TREASURER - LOUISE STAMMERS



Louise's idea to establish a walk-in safe space in the Blue Mountains for locals experiencing suicidal distress grew out of her own experiences after losing her brother to suicide. Louise understood that her brother would have much rather talked to a peer than admit he needed professional support. Louise undertook a Master of Research project where she interviewed men about their experiences of psychological distress. Eight of the ten participants in that study admitted to questioning their continued existence. All talked about how they were supported to feel empowered to make decisions that suited them as part of their recovery. Much of that support was from non-professionals. When a Roses in the Ocean (RitO) (Australia's National Suicide Prevention Organisation) newsletter mentioned the potential of establishing a safe space, Louise contacted them immediately. RitO assisted locals to set up a space in their community that was attuned to their specific needs. Louise served on the committee, acting for a time as Chair and Secretary, and currently volunteering as Treasurer. Open since March 2024, Blue Mountains Safe Space continues to open its doors to locals in emotional, psychological and/or suicidal distress 3 Friday evenings every month. None of this would be possible without Louise's instigation and passion.

ACTING SECRETARY - WARREN BAKER



Warren has lived with an acquired brain injury since the age of 20 months following childhood encephalitis, bringing lived experience of neurodiversity. His family has been shaped by intergenerational trauma, and they feel the impact of multiple suicides. Warren has personal lived experience of depression, panic attacks, suicidal ideation, and long-term anxiety. In 2018, he supported a colleague through suicide loss, further deepening his insights. Warren has a Bachelor of Applied Management, Diploma of Community Services, and Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management. He has worked in paid and voluntary roles for 13+ years across community services, aged care, disability, out of home care, alcohol and other drugs, mental health, and suicide prevention. His work spanning client-facing services, risk and compliance, operations, events, and project management. Warren most enjoyed establishing a monthly food pantry and developing a refugee mentoring program. Warren first assisted Safe Space at the 2025 Solstice event before volunteering as a peer care companion, and taking on the Assistant Secretary role while the Secretary role was vacant. Since then, he has conducted an organisation-wide survey, developed a gap analysis and action plan, and helped build compliance and administrative frameworks to support sustainability.

OUR COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - CLINT MCLACHLAN



Clint McLachlan is a Blue Mountains local who cares about his community. Clint was inspired to join the Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention after attending their charity fundraiser event in February of 2024 in Glenbrook, a film screening of the documentary *Solstice* created by Helen Newman. Clint got to meet passionate people behind it all and decided to pursue volunteering in a peer support role acknowledging the people he knew that faced difficulties in their lives and the care they would have benefitted from. Clint quickly put his hand up to be a general member of the committee with insights into business structures, liability, corporate sponsorship and team coordination. When a vacancy emerged for the position of Volunteer Coordinator Clint immediately saw the need for someone to step up and since stepping into the role has used his skills to build strong relationships with volunteers and motivate them by being a constant source of positive reinforcement. The volunteers are grateful to Clint for his contributions in this role and the fact the organisation has a 100% success rate with rostering volunteers every time the service has been open is a testament to Clint and previous Volunteer Coordinator Kate Fitzpatrick's efforts in a role with a lot of moving pieces which requires constant communication with our members.

GENERAL MEMBER - FLINN DONOVAN

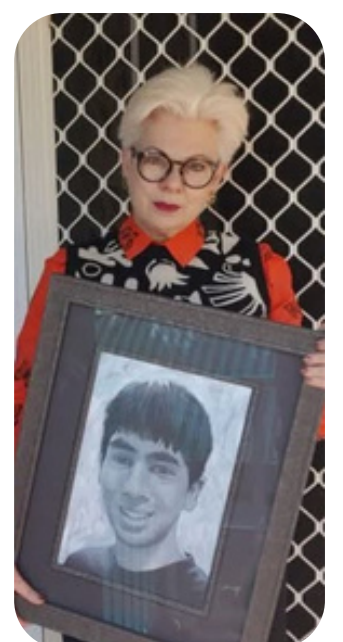


Giinagay (Hello in Gumbaynggirr), Flinn Donovan is a proud descendant of the Gumbaynggirr tribal group from Nambucca Heads. In his current role at MYST, he serves as the Family and Adolescent Counsellor. With over a decade of experience in community services, Flinn has dedicated his career to supporting First Nations communities through youth mentoring, case management, counselling, and program management. His work also spans CALD education, LGBTQIA+ support programs, didgeridoo performances, and advisory roles for community service providers including development of Reconciliation Action Plans. Flinn has contributed as an Aboriginal Education Officer in primary schools. He also facilitates the Roses in the Ocean Touch Points training, that helps community members attain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexity of suicide, increase awareness of warning signs and invitations to help, and increase confidence and capacity to engage with people in crises. Throughout Flinn's journey, he has been warmly welcomed into the communities he's served, and he continues to stand alongside his Aboriginal brothers, sisters, aunties, and uncles. In addition to his role for Safe Space, Flinn is current chair of MOCS Management Committee, and sits on the Mountains Community Resource Network board. Flinn has begun learning the Gumbaynggirr language and is teaching it to his three children. He remains committed to his own cultural learning journey and strives to keep this spirit alive in his family, his work, and every interaction with others. Yaarri yarraang (goodbye in Gumbaynggirr).

GENERAL MEMBER - JESSICA REVILL



Jessica's autistic son Gregory died by suicide changing her life forever. Now retired after a long career in mental health Jessica knows that doctors, psychologists and hospitals know little about suicide prevention with neurodivergent people. Since Gregory's death, Jessica has done a grief certification, appeared on podcasts and written a memoir about her son's life and loss. Over the last two years she has become involved in peer-led suicide prevention with Roses in the Ocean and the Blue Mountains Safe Space. More recently she has become a patient representative at St. Vincents Hospital focusing on how neurodivergent people can be better supported in hospital care. She believes that more can be done to prevent the 9 deaths a day to suicide at the community level as the current mental health system has not reduced these numbers significantly over the past ten years.



SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR - AMANDA COOPER



One of the founding members of the Blue Mountains Safe Space, Amanda joined the committee in 2022. She quickly got to work on delivering an expression of interest to secure funding from Roses in the Ocean, creating a logo and growing a social media presence for the space. Amanda has served on the committee, provided admin support, and assisted with community consultation and fundraising events. She has also been a vocal advocate for diversity and inclusion. Amanda volunteers in the safe space as well saying "I want others to get the support that I didn't."

**Thank you to all our past
committee and working group members**

Hahra Sedge,

Founding member and Inaugural Treasurer

Patrick Blacker,

Founding Member

Alexandra Cooper

Secretary

Suzana Marakovic

Secretary

Kate Fitzpatrick,

Volunteer Coordinator

General Committee Members

Caroline Allen

Madeline Hay

Kirsten Hutton

Brian Joyce

Doris Neill

Kaya Armand

Susan Hogan

James Hutton

Karen Liiv

Glenda Webb

Events, Engagement, and Promotion

Volunteer Social Events

Blue Mountains Safe Space volunteers have had the joy of explaining to the people enquiring about joining the organisation that we actually often have ways of connecting and enjoying ourselves together. This social connection has become an important part of why we are prepared to commit so much of our emotional and physical energy to volunteering in peer support roles. Social coffee chats, end of year celebrations, online and face-to-face meet and greets for incoming volunteers have all been valued ways of sharing challenges and achievements.

Community Engagement and Promotion

Our organisation praises the volunteers who share parts of their lived experience publicly to assist in raising awareness of why our service is needed and how community members can contribute or refer. Volunteers have always played an active role in promoting the service through stalls and community outreach at local markets including Lawson, Glenbrook, and the Winter Magic Festival. Presentations were also delivered to local groups such as the Rotary Clubs of Blackheath and Springwood and the Glenbrook-Blaxland Probus Club.

Our volunteers have said that presenting at the Blue Mountains Women's Mental Health Forum and promoting the service through participation in five mental health training courses offered by Wesley Lifeforce and Lifeline Central West (MH Chat, Accidental Counsellor, ASIST) were true highlights in engaging with the community.

Two committee members are also facilitators of Roses in the Ocean's TouchPoints training to build on community members understanding of the complexities of suicide. The workshops create a more compassionate culture where people feel confident in supporting anybody they know when recognising signs of suicidal distress and inform participants about options people can take to keep themselves safe like Safe Space.

Events

The events hosted by Blue Mountains Safe Space have played a vital role in building awareness, encouraging a dialogue in community that can create culture change, and fostering a sense of shared purpose to prevent suicides across the Blue Mountains. Community members have enjoyed participating in:

- February 2024: Screening of the documentary Solstice at Glenbrook Cinema.
- July 2024: Fundraising event hosted by the Glenbrook Players for their production of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.
- September 2024: Out of the Shadows Walk and post-event coffee at Katoomba RSL to mark World Suicide Prevention Day
- March 2025: Open Day event at 2 Station St, Katoomba celebrating the first anniversary of the Safe Space.
- April 2025: Second Solstice film screening at The Edge Cinema, Katoomba.

FEBRUARY 2024 GLENBROOK CINEMA SCREENING

Blue Mountains Safe Space is proud to contribute to public awareness about suicide and breaking down the stigma surrounding suicide.

Our first public events saw us thoughtfully bring the well-regarded Australian Documentary Solstice by filmmaker Helen Newman to our community.

The film tells the powerful central story of a family bereaved after their 15 year old daughter Mary died by suicide giving space to the stories of lived experience shared by others who connected with the family and supported greater awareness to impact their community of Albury-Wodonga for the better.



120 people attended



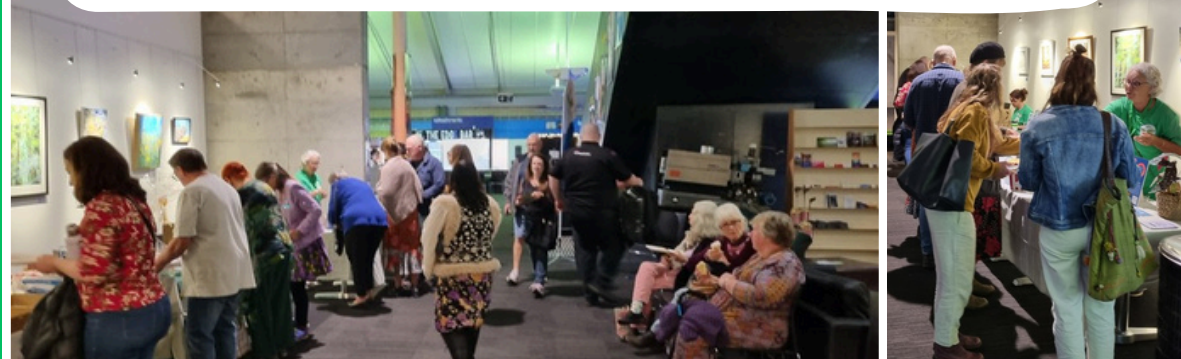
Our Q&A panelists

Josh, Lexi, Flinn from Safe Space,
Caroline Allen, Esther from NBMPHN,
and Saba from StandBy

APRIL 2025 KATOOMBA SCREENING AT THE EDGE CINEMA



75 people attended



Josh, Lexi, Flinn from Safe Space,
Caroline Allen,
Pat from StandBy,
Mic & Nettie from NBMLHD SPOT



2024

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON SUICIDE

World Suicide Prevention Day
10 September

Start the conversation


**OUT OF THE
SHADOWS WALK**

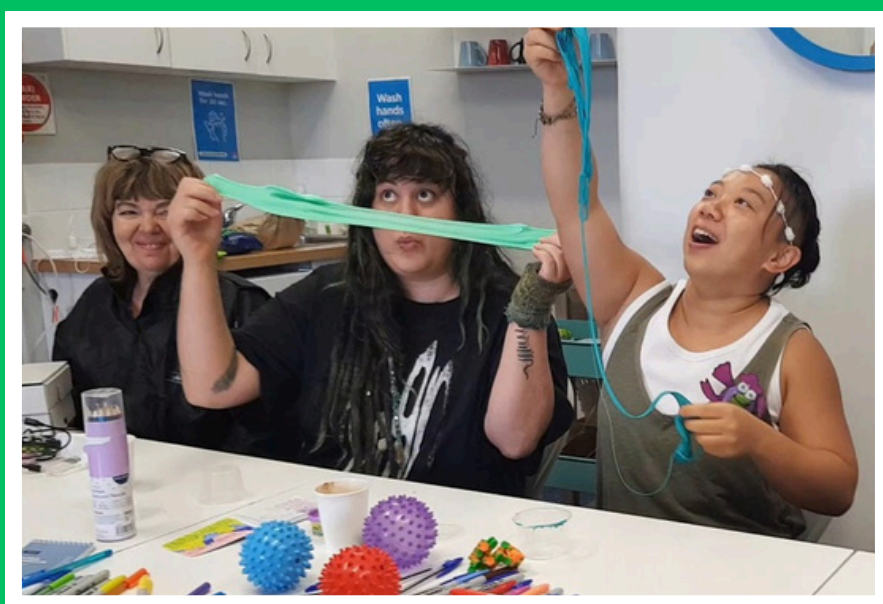
 **Lifeline**



Volunteer Coffee Catch Ups - Springwood & Katoomba



Blue Mountains Safe Space NSW Community Achievement Awards 2024 and NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards Presentations 2025



BLUE MOUNTAINS SAFE SPACE

OPEN DAY

8th March 2025
1pm - 6pm

Drop in at
**2 Station St
Katoomba**

Enjoy a free
sausage
sizzle 

Ask us anything

If you've thought about using the safe space but are still unsure, or if you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to see you.

Find out what guests can expect and the kind of support our volunteers offer to people thinking about suicide.




We enjoyed celebrating Safe Space's first birthday on 8 March 2025.

It was a fun day with over 50 people attending.

Entertainment was provided by Blackheath Ukulele Collective.

On the day of our celebrations we were fortunate to speak with Mayor Mark Greenhill OAM, Councillor Suzie van Opdorp and Jon Eddy from Roses in the Ocean.

Some of our early events and connection with community



Morning Tea at MYST - 4th March 2023



**Lawson
Magpie Markets**



Glenbrook Rotary Markets



Open Day BBQ At 2 Station St, Katoomba - 6th October 2023

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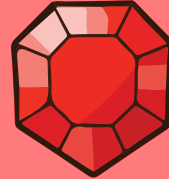


COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



**DIAMOND
PARTNER**

\$25,000+



**RUBY
PARTNER**

**From \$10,000
To \$24,999**



**GOLD
PARTNER**

**From \$5,000
To \$9,999**



**SILVER
PARTNER**

**From \$2,500
To \$4,999**



**BRONZE
PARTNER**

**From \$1,000
To \$2,499**



**COMMUNITY
PARTNER**

**From \$250
To \$999**

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

**In-kind or financial donations
from individual donors up to \$250**

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM DONORS 2023-25



**DIAMOND
PARTNERS**

\$25,000+



**RUBY
PARTNERS**

\$10,000 - \$24,999



**GOLD
PARTNERS**

\$5,000 - \$9,999



**SILVER
PARTNERS**

\$2,500 - \$4,999



**BRONZE
PARTNERS**

\$1,000 - \$2,499



Australian Government
Department of Social Services



**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**

\$250 - \$999



Bennetts Printing
Family owned since 1925



Hands Heart & Feet



Katoomba & Springwood



Bygone Beautys
TREASURED TEAPOT MUSEUM
& TEAROOMS

**INDIVIDUAL GIVING
DONATIONS UP TO \$250**

A big thank you to every supporter

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-24

BLUE MOUNTAINS SAFE SPACE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION INC

ABN: 63 651 850 756

INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 30/06/2024

INCOME

From Roses in the Ocean	\$17,158.45
Donations	\$ 2,578.97
Total:	\$19,737.42

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 1,964.76
Consumables	\$ 100.13
Education	\$ 726.00
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
Community Engagement	\$ 2,497.04
Operating items	\$ 4,914.81
Volunteer Events	\$ 574.84
Insurance	\$ 2,193.18
Comfort Items	\$ 1,087.84
Total:	\$15,058.60

Income less Expenses: \$19,737.42 - \$15,058.60 = \$ 4,678.82

Bank Balance as at 01/07/2023:	\$ 0.00
Total income to Year End 30/06/2024:	\$ 4,678.82
Closing Balance 30/06/2024:	\$ 4,678.82

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INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 30/06/2025

INCOME

From Roses in the Ocean	\$13,283.43
Donations	\$ 8,262.93
Total:	\$21,546.36

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 4,451.79
Consumables	\$ 48.90
Education	\$ 1270.50
Rent	\$ 1,000.00
Community Engagement	\$ 2,018.22
Operating items	\$ 2,493.51
Volunteer Events	\$ 1,877.14
Insurance	\$ 2,357.84
Comfort Items	\$ 231.95
Total:	\$15,749.85

Income less Expenses: \$21,546.36 - \$15,749.85 = \$ 5,796.51

Bank Balance as at 01/07/2024:	\$ 4,678.82
Total income to Year End 30/06/2025:	\$ 5,796.51
Closing Balance 30/06/2025:	\$10,475.33

OUR FUTURE

Blue Mountains Safe Space has always had roles on our executive team and our peer support volunteer team which encourage a person's lived experience of suicide to be identified as part of the personal and professional experience they bring to those roles. As we grow as an organisation over the coming years, our executive team seek to learn more about how we can best support people in these identified roles in influencing the changes they want to see, for our organisation, for the guests we serve, and in the community of the Blue Mountains.

Recognition of the substantial and continual contribution of volunteer hours from our members will remain a high priority. We seek to offer even greater meaningful opportunities to volunteer with Blue Mountains Safe Space while also safeguarding the necessary structures supporting people to feel capable, confident, and that they are achieving our shared goals in their roles.

We believe our service will see continual growth in both its availability to people in need of the support we offer and in the community's awareness of where, when, and how anyone experiencing a suicidal crisis may access that life changing support.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

Service Expansion

Work towards expanding walk-in service to operate weekly, increasing accessibility and community reach beyond the three nights every month we operate as of 1 July 2025.

Gap Analysis Implementation

Action the suggestions shared by volunteers that formed the basis of our organisation's Gap Analysis report by introducing an action plan with practical steps to be taken to strengthen volunteer experiences, systems, and governance.

Strategic and Operational Plans

Develop and implement a Strategic Plan to set the organisation's vision, goals, and priorities across a five-year period, ensuring alignment with community needs and sustainable growth. Operational plans will follow to guide all of our individual programs.

Organisational Planning and Development Days

Coordinate opportunities for volunteers to participate in planning days and survey members to determine further training and development needs to build on team collaboration, leadership opportunities, and capability of individuals to achieve shared goals.

Volunteer Recruitment and Onboarding Framework

Formalise a volunteer recruitment and onboarding framework to enhance volunteer engagement, induction, retention, and development opportunities. Also ensuring volunteers are provided in concise resources with everything they require to thrive in their volunteer role.

Supporter and Member Communications

Engage more with our supporters and volunteers via regular e-newsletters fostering awareness of organisational activities, achievements, and key milestones.

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention has many opportunities for you to be involved

To get involved visit bluemountainssafespace.com.au



BECOME A MEMBER

Stay informed and have your say
in the direction Safe Space takes
with providing support
in our community

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

Follow our Facebook and Instagram!
Share important posts about
where and when people can access
support from safe space

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

Contribute your skills on a team guiding
our community-based organisation's
strategic direction and governance
so that we can continue
to help our community

DONATE TODAY

One-off donations and ongoing financial
contributions cover our operating costs.
We also accept goods for the space,
or prizes for raffles and fundraising.
All donations \$2 and above
are tax deductible

VOLUNTEER AS A PEER CARE COMPANION

Receive free training to provide
compassionate support to guests.
Volunteers providing support identify
as having lived experience of suicide

RETURN AND EARN FUNDRAISING

Take eligible items for recycling to
return and earn vending machines
and select to donate to charity
Blue Mountains Safe Space
For info visit returnandearn.org.au

JOIN OUR WORKING GROUPS

Contribute skills in things like
administration, marketing, finance,
volunteer management, and more in
a group matched with your interests

HOST A FUNDRAISER

Organisations, schools, or community
groups can run their own fundraising
activities in support of
Blue Mountains Safe Space

ASSIST WITH OUR EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Help plan, run, or promote community events and fundraising activities.
Raise awareness about suicide, break down the stigma, help community support our cause
Can't help behind the scenes? Then help us promote by word of mouth to people you know



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for suicide prevention**

Thank you!

