

blue mountains safe space for suicide prevention

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

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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 Board and Committee of Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc. gratefully acknowledges the value of our volunteers who make all our work in our community possible. We also thank all of our members who support the organisation's purpose, growth, and reputation.

Thank you to each and every one of our financial community partners and donors, we acknowledge your significant contributions. Major grants from Springwood Sports Club, Katoomba RSL, Roses in the Ocean, and Black Dog Ride have kept our doors open and made how to access our support visible.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the hard work and dedication of our founding members, past and present board and 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

When recently asked to explain why our approach to preventing suicide works and its uniqueness, I addressed the room saying "Our response to the issue is simple, a lot of people talk about clinical support, we offer human support. We offer a person who has shared lived experience of suicide at a time when you yourself may be feeling possibly the darkest moments or navigating a way towards hope.". I believe in this because I would have used Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention when I attempted to take my own life and this simple yet powerful approach is why.

This year I reflected a lot on the team we've assembled, their valuable perspectives, hidden depths, and how aspirational our volunteers are. It energises me to witness their innovative ideas, practical operational support, and ability to show strength through vulnerability sharing their lived experience stories publicly in our work in community.

Our guests and community we serve are at the centre of everything we do. It is because of this we have earned the respect of our peers in the suicide prevention and community sectors. This year Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention are recipients of the 2026 NSW LiFE Award in their Communities in Action category and the 2026 ZEST Award for Outstanding Community Partnership. Community is reflected in both because it is clear how local communities understand their needs and often create their own solutions being driven by passionate individuals sharing a purpose. We are incredibly grateful to our community of volunteers and our wider community of Blue Mountains and beyond who support our work, we could not have done this without you.

Thank you to all of our donors, funders, and sponsors for seeing our community-led lived experience-led approach is best placed to prevent suicide at a local level.

Whenever I see our volunteers meeting people where they're at, it always inspires me. Our volunteers marched in the Winter Magic Grand Parade up Katoomba Street receiving hoots, hollers, and high-fives from a crowd of thousands appreciating the value of having a safe space to talk about suicide located practically in their backyard. A fellow volunteer reflected to me that the community could now associate the word 'suicide' with the words 'safe space' which is a powerful thing in the conversation to change mental models, reduce stigma, and encourage help seeking. This continues to make me smile and gives me so much hope for the future.



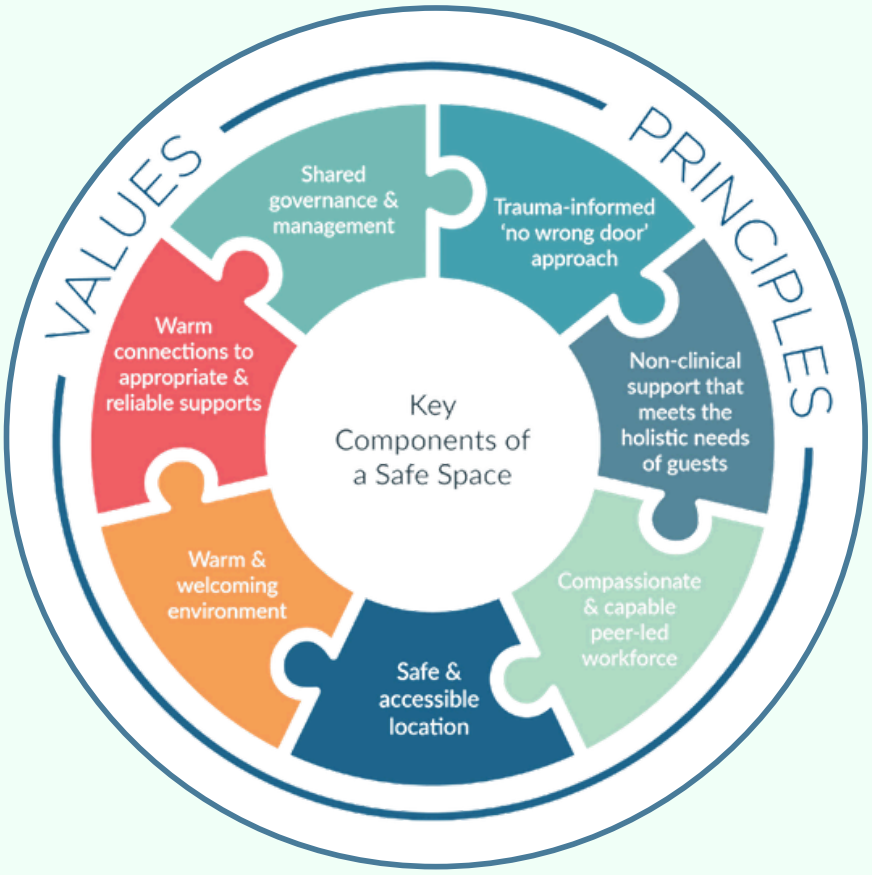
Joshua Stojanovic, President
Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Inc.

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 committment 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.



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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 COMMITTMENT 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.

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OUR IMPACT

WE WERE OPEN

34 nights for guests

WE SUPPORTED

125 visits from guests

WE TRAINED

10 peer support volunteers

WE ATTENDED

21 events, markets meetings, forums in our community

WE VOLUNTEERED

520 hours to supporting our guests

WE HOSTED

12 events for volunteers & community

WHAT OUR GUESTS VALUE ABOUT US

Your service is beautiful. A place to recover from trauma.

The Safe Space has saved my life on more than one occasion.

"This is the most important thing in my life right now."

Life changing, life affirming, sensitive, empowering, real and honest support.

This is the most accommodating service I have ever come across.

This is the only place I feel I can talk about my experience of suicide.

I am very grateful to know such a fine person (safe space volunteer), who holds delicate, opposing space. What depth that person sees with their heart.

Some of the experiences and challenges guests to Safe Space shared with our volunteers

Domestic and family violence	Chronic pain	Isolation and loneliness	Difficult relationship with family	Adverse childhood experiences
Stigma	Suicide ideation	Surviving suicide attempt(s)	Suicide bereavement loss	Other types of grief and loss
Hearing voices	Alcohol and other drug use	Surviving the mental health system	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner	Disruption of family by separation or divorce
Carer burnout	Challenges securing employment	Recurring, persistent or complex mental health or trauma	Hopelessness, perceived burdonsomeness, helplessness	Significant life transitions
Bullying and harassment	Challenges in the workplace	Barriers to clinical or psychosocial support	Cost of living pressures	Homelessness and barriers to securing housing
Mood affective disorders and anxiety disorders	Navigating a world not built for me that's not accommodating	Inequity and inaccessibility	Lack of acceptance, understanding, and inclusion	Discrimination e.g. Ageism, Sexism, Homophobia

Some of the protective factors guests to Safe Space experienced and shared with our volunteers

Pets	Baking	Human connection	Feeling connected to community	Music
Gardening and plants	Time spent on Country	Visiting Safe Space	Self compassion	Singing
Sobriety and accepting instances of relapse	Medication	Support groups	Spiritual or religious connection and faith	Visual and performing arts
Humour, comedy, laughter	Distraction	Clinical support team	Maintaining cars and motorbikes	Creative writing and journalling
Culture	Local food services	Peer workers	Grounding exercises e.g. box breathing	Volunteering or supporting others
Employment or income support	Family or children	Regular GP	Housing and shelter	Trusted person or friend

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS

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 - WING CHEW



Wing has over 40 years' experience servicing Financial Institutions (Banking and Insurance) in Australia, Asia, United Kingdom and the United States. He assisted clients on risk management issues and conducted due diligence assignments on behalf of Lloyds Syndicates, Major Insurance and Reinsurance companies. Previously Wing was Vice President and Lead Analyst in the Financial Institutions Group for Moody's Asia Pacific Operations and played a key role in Moody's expansion into India. He was responsible for the ratings of all the major Insurance companies (including Lenders Mortgage Insurance) in Asia Pacific and a frequent participant in the Australian RMBS and Bank Ratings Committees. Before returning to Australia in 2004, Wing was the regional head of an insurance consulting practice in Los Angeles. The extensive client base includes US and International Insurers, State Insurance Regulators and Major Law firms. As a subject matter expert (Risks and Insurance) Wing has been engaged by Major law firms in the United States. United Kingdom and Australia on litigation matters. Wing is currently an advisor on risks and compliance to a Non-Bank Lender since its founding- primarily focus on its Operational Risks and Obligations to the Regulators (ASIC, AUSTRAC).

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.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

GENERAL MEMBER - DANIELLE WILDING-FORBES



Danielle Wilding-Forbes joined the Safe Space Board in March 2026, bringing extensive experience in community services, leadership and governance, alongside strong connections to the Blue Mountains community. Danielle's background includes managing multidisciplinary teams, developing community programs and building partnerships that respond to local needs.

With experience in policy development, strategic planning, risk management and community consultation, Danielle brings a practical and collaborative approach to her Board role. She is committed to inclusive, compassionate services that strengthen connection and wellbeing, and values the contribution Blue Mountains Safe Space makes to supporting our community.

GENERAL MEMBER BOARD & COMMITTEE - 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).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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, dedication, and kindness.

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 became 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.



GENERAL MEMBER - BELINDA BRYDON



Belinda Brydon works as a disability support worker. Belinda has volunteered across several community organisations over many years. Belinda holds a Diploma in Mental Health, along with qualifications in art, architecture and design. Her experience includes frontline work with adults and young people facing homelessness, crisis and acute distress, where she supported individuals to connect with essential services and stabilising resources. Belinda believes it is important to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide.Belinda has also navigated her own mental health journey and understands the importance of being met with presence, kindness and genuine listening. Belinda has served on the Blue Mountains Safe Space committee in 2026 and has volunteered regularly within the Safe Space as a peer care companion. Belinda believes the peer support model offers a unique approach to supporting and connecting with others, where lived and living experiences are respected and valued. Belinda feels privileged to be a member of the Blue Mountains Safe Space Volunteer team.

GENERAL MEMBER - KAREN LIIV

Karen Liiv contributes in her dual roles as both a Peer CARE Companion and Operational Committee General Member. Working alongside these teams Karen has played a key role in projects to improve onboarding of new volunteers and practical operations at 2 Station Street, Katoomba. The organisation has benefitted from Karen strengthening our relationships with Roses in the Ocean and other Community-Led Safe Spaces. Karen is always keen on helping create impact with Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention's public awareness events and our local community has enjoyed Karen's welcoming, inviting, and kind nature at open days and film screenings hosted by our team.

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."

Events, Engagement, and Promotion

Volunteer Social Events

Blue Mountains Safe Space volunteers often role model to guests that you can survive disconnection because they've lived through it and they understand that social connection and feeling connected are meaningful protective factors. Our volunteer social events provide the opportunity to feel connected to each other and to the significant support role Peer CARE Companions take on. Coffee chats, dinners, end of year celebrations, lawn bowls, and other get togethers have all been deeply appreciated ways of learning from one another and reconnecting over the shared values that underpin our peer work.

Community Engagement and Promotion

Our community have seen us show up for them at public events. Many community members we've spoken with identify as having lived experience of suicide and importantly we've also engaged with carers, health professionals, community workers, and others seeing warning signs in people who they care about. These connections give them the confidence to have a conversation about suicide and refer themselves or others to access the anonymous support we offer at a time of distress or crisis.

Volunteers have said that marching in the Grand Parade during Katoomba's Winter Magic Festival is a real highlight feeling the whole of the Blue Mountains community truly alongside us congratulating volunteers, spurring them on to keep our doors open.

Attending the Men's Health Expo in Springwood and subsequent Men's Health Alliance meetings connected the organisation with many local men helping bring future events to fruition. We also had the privilege of sharing in expressions of cultural pride from local Aboriginal and LGBTQIA+ communities by being present at local events recognising Survival Day and the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

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:

- **August 2025**
  Bring a Mate Night at Safe Space for men and their supporters.

- **September 2025**
  Out of the Shadows Walk in collaboration with Lifeline Central West.
  Community screening of Leila McDougall's film 'Just a Farmer' at The Edge Cinema Katoomba to recognise World Suicide Prevention Day 10th September 2025.

- **March 2026**
  Open Day event at 2 Station St, Katoomba celebrating the second anniversary of Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention opening to the public.

10 SEPTEMBER 2025
KATOOMBA CINEMA SCREENING

Blue Mountains Safe Space is proud to contribute to public awareness about the complexities surrounding suicide, reducing suicide stigma, promoting help seeking, and building people's confidence to have supportive conversations about suicide with anyone they know.

We were fortunate to have the backing of the incredible organisation Black Dog Ride to host a local screening of Leila McDougall's impactful film *'Just a Farmer'*.

The film depicts a story about the realities of farming families, how communities respond to suicidal distress, the impact of suicide, and ways people show up, be present, and offer empathy, connection, and practical support.



65 people attended







Our Q&A panelists



Josh, Flinn, Deb, Jessica, and Sonny from Blue Mountains Safe Space





Support for our audience was kindly provided by our volunteers, StandBy Support After Suicide, Walk It Off, and Lifeline Central West





Volunteer Coffee Catch Ups - Springwood & Katoomba







Finalists: Health & Wellbeing - NSW Community Achievement Awards 2025

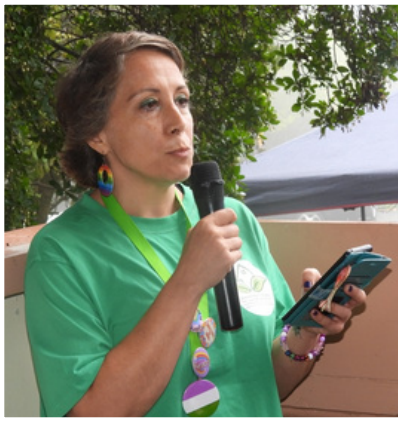
Winner: Communities in Action - NSW LiFE Awards 2026

Winner: Outstanding Community Partnership - ZEST Awards 2026









"For me, tackling the stigma around suicide and mental health is a feminist issue. One on which we must all collaborate."

"As a society, I think we assume that women have got it covered. We need to make sure we make space for women to not always have it covered and check in on the women in our lives who are carrying a lot."





We enjoyed celebrating Safe Space's second birthday on 8 March 2026. The day had a great vibe with over 75 people attending.

Entertainment was provided by the Bearded Ladies Community Choir.

Our community had the privilege of hearing personal reflections from our volunteers Amanda and John who spoke about their lived experience of suicide and why they choose to volunteer.

It was a pleasure welcoming everyone and hearing Heidi Forbes speak about Roses in the Ocean supporting the national network of community-led safe spaces to which we belong.

Reaching in to Aboriginal people, Men, & LGBTQIA+ community



Survival Day 2026

Hosted at Katoomba Public School by Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre

WHY WE SHOWED UP

Historically, the rates of suicide in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are about 3 times the rates of non-Indigenous people.

Connection to land, spirituality and ancestry, kinship networks, and cultural continuity are commonly identified as important health protecting factors.

The protective role of strong identity, belonging and cultural pride, supportive relationships with family, community and Elders and access to culturally safe, strengths-based social and wellbeing support is highlighted in The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025-2035.



Social and Emotional Wellbeing Diagram adapted from Gee et al., (2014)

National Agreement on Closing the Gap Target 14: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enjoy high levels of social and emotional wellbeing.

Springwood Men's Health Expo and Safe Space Bring a Mate Night









Artwork credited to Safe Space guest

WHY WE SHOWED UP

In Australia, just over three-quarters of all suicides were males and suicide is leading cause of death for males 15-55.

1 in 3 Australians report they feel lonely and 1 in 6 feel severely lonely. For men, loneliness is associated with 2x the likelihood of experiencing suicidal thoughts and making suicidal plans, and for some, increased likelihood of an attempt.

Men at risk of suicide expressed a strong appreciation for support from peers via sharing personal experiences.

Men's and women's experiences of suicide are different in several ways and compared to women, suicide in Australian men is more commonly associated with situational stressors linked to work, finances, relationship issues and substance misuse.



WHY WE SHOWED UP

Levels of mental ill-health and suicidality are very high among both LGBTQA+ adults and young people.

In NSW, lifetime suicidal ideation was prevalent for 76.7% of LGBTQA+ adults & 83.6% of LGBTQA+ young people, with 41.9% of adults and 61.8% of young people reporting recent suicidal ideation.

Feeling accepted from family members, and greater levels of belonging and connection to the LGBTQIA+ community are protective factors against mental ill health or suicidality.



IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia



Volunteer Recognition at our AGM



End of Year Celebration

Social Event Celebrating LiFE Award Win







National Volunteer Week Lawn Bowls and Lunch







Winter Magic Festival Grand Parade



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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 2025-26

RUBY PARTNERS
$10,000 - $24,999

Springwood Sports Club

GOLD PARTNERS
$5,000 - $9,999

Katoombarsl ...a breath of fresh air!

Roses in the Ocean stemming the tide of suicide

SILVER PARTNERS
$2,500 - $4,999

blue mountains City Council

Black Dog Ride

BRONZE PARTNERS
$1,000 - $2,499

Australian Government Department of Social Services

Thrive Services Children · Family · Community Lithgow & Blue Mountains

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
$250 - $999

Bennetts Printing Family owned since 1925

Bunnings warehouse Katoomba & Valley Heights

United Cinemas theedge

Scenic World Blue Mountains Australia

Martin + Luscombe Chartered Accountants Business Advisors

Josophan's Fine Chocolates Leura – Australia

Bygone Beautys Treasured Teapot Museum & Tearooms

Hands Heart & Feet

Bakers Delight Katoomba & Springwood

moontree

Fairmont Resort MGallery Blue Mountains

A2Z Barbershop Hazelbrook

Zig Zag Railway

coles Katoomba Village

Conservation Hut Wentworth Falls

belle property

Flawless Skin & Beauty

8 Things Eatery

PETBARN Katoomba

Twinings of London

Leura Toy Shop

Megalong Books

teddy sinclair

Mountain High Pies

INDIVIDUAL GIVING DONATIONS UP TO $250

A big thank you to every supporter

FINANCIAL REPORT 2025-26

MARTIN + LUSCOMBE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS | BUSINESS ADVISORS

Financial Statements

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated
ABN 63 651 850 756
For the year ended 30 June 2026
Prepared by Martin & Luscombe Pty Limited

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Income Statement

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Trading Income		
Revenue	46,239.90	36,298.55
Expenses (excluding Financial Costs)	35,161.67	14,303.37
Finance Costs	19.06	26.33
Profit / (Loss) before IncomeTax	11,059.17	21,968.85
Profit / (Loss) Attributable to Members of the Association	11,059.17	21,968.85

The accompanying notes form part ofthese financial statements. Thesestatements should beread in conjunction with theattached compilation report.

Balance Sheet

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated

Asat30June2026

Assets	NOTES	30 JUNE 2026	30 JUNE 2025
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	38,733.45	10,618.33
Trade and Other Receivables	3	1,125.34	16,029.34
Total Current Assets		**39,858.79**	**26,647.67**
Total Assets		**39,858.79**	**26,647.67**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	4	2,151.95	-
Total Current Liabilities		**2,151.95**	**-**
Total Liabilities		**2,151.95**	**-**
Net Assets		**37,706.84**	**26,647.67**
Equity			
Retained Earnings	5	37,706.84	26,647.67
Total Equity		**37,706.84**	**26,647.67**

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report covers Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated ("the Association") as an individual entity. The Association is a not-for-profit entity, registered and domiciled in Australia. The Association is registered as a charity under the AustralianCharities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012("theACNC Act")

Income Tax

As the Association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid at 30 June 2026. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.
Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.
Revenue from commissions is recognised upon deliveryof servicestocustomers.
Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.
Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and servicestax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivablesor payablesinthebalancesheet.

2. Cash & Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
Bank Accounts		
Blue Mountains Safe Spacefor SuicidePrevention Incorporated	38,147.85	10,618.33
Business Basic Account	585.60	-
Total Bank Accounts	**38,733.45**	**10,618.33**
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	**38,733.45**	**10,618.33**

3. Trade and Other Receivables

	2026	2025
Current		
Accounts Receivable	-	14,724.00
GST	1,125.34	1,305.34
Total Current	**1,125.34**	**16,029.34**
Total Trade and Other Receivables	**1,125.34**	**16,029.34**

4. Trade and Other Payables

	2026	2025
Current		
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,410.00	-
Wages Payable- Payroll	741.95	-
Total Current	**2,151.95**	**-**
Total Trade and Other Payables	**2,151.95**	**-**

5. Retained Earnings

	2026	2025
Retained Earnings	26,647.67	4,678.82
Current Year Earnings	11,059.17	21,968.85
Total Retained Earnings	**37,706.84**	**26,647.67**

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Report of Management Committee

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2026

The Committee Members have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Committee Members of the association declare that:

1. The financial statementsand notes, present fairly the association's financial position asat30June2026andits performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the Committee Members'opinion there are reasonable grounds tobelievethattheassociation will beabletopay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee.

Director: Joshua Stojanovic 

Compilation Report

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Compilation report to Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2026, the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee Members

The Committee Members of Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee Members we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on thesefinancial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee members who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Martin & Luscombe Pty Limited

(ABN 83 553 950 876) (ACN 002 838 262)

Chartered Accountants

Winmalee NSW 2777

Graham Martin

Profit and Loss Statement

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Income		
Donations Received	27,379.26	35,225.82
Grants Received	18,047.00	-
Sales	813.64	-
Total Income	**46,239.90**	**35,225.82**
Other Income		
Other revenue	-	1,072.73
Total Other Income	**-**	**1,072.73**
Total Income	**46,239.90**	**36,298.55**
Expenses		
Bank Fees	60.19	26.33
Booking Fees	2,305.20	-
AdministrativeExpenses	-	2,881.93
Advertising & Marketing	844.44	1,546.45
Catering	2,517.62	-
Community Engagement		
Community Engagement	139.36	788.02
Volunteer events	1,609.55	1,663.68
Total Community Engagement	**1,748.91**	**2,451.70**
Consulting & Accounting	2,475.00	-
Entertainment	128.00	-
Fundraising Expenses	158.73	-
Insurance	2,934.94	2,143.49
Legal Expenses		
Legal expenses	90.00	148.91
NSW Police Checks	135.00	90.00
Total Legal Expenses	**225.00**	**238.91**
Office expenses		
Cleaning	-	45.45
Consumables	1,160.34	47.20
Freight & Courier	-	117.91
General Expenses	205.97	188.71
Office Expenses	2,185.08	910.96
Printing & Stationery	768.18	-
Total Office expenses	**4,319.57**	**1,310.23**
Operating expenses		
Operating Items	680.90	694.42
Total Operating expenses	**680.90**	**694.42**

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	2026	2025
Rental and lease payments	1,676.36	909.09
Repairs and maintenance	131.59	-
Staff Training	168.18	1,555.00
Subscriptions	234.00	484.15
Superannuation expenses	1,504.65	-
Travel and accommodation	86.37	88.00
Utilities	441.83	-
Wages and salaries	12,539.25	-
Total Expenses	**35,180.73**	**14,329.70**
Profit/(Loss)	**11,059.17**	**21,968.85**

OUR FUTURE

Blue Mountains Safe Space for Suicide Prevention has rapidly established itself as an essential part of a system that prevents suicide. Consistent and compassionate leadership has laid the groundwork for locally and systemically influencing the changes our volunteers want to see.

Our volunteers continually share with us about their motivation to see the hours of operation and availability of our crisis support service increase so that it becomes easier for anybody in the Blue Mountains and beyond to navigate where, when, and how anyone experiencing a suicidal crisis may access the life changing support we offer at 2 Station St, Katoomba.

With a board of directors now established for the organisation to better support good governance and alleviate pressures on our operational committee, our volunteers are ready to support further organisational growth and change management. The key to unlocking success throughout this journey has always been that our board, committee, and volunteers never lose sight of our 'why' and the people and community we serve by supporting those living with suicidal thoughts to live well and thrive.

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 2026.

Compliance and Governance Framework
Ensure our policies, procedures, and guidelines continue to reflect best practice making the organisation sustainable by improving and continuing to provide quality suicide crisis support, public awareness, and stigma-reduction services well into the future.

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

Empowering People with Lived Experience of Suicide
Coordinate volunteer events with opportunities for volunteers to engage in discussion, co-reflection, and practice sessions to build skills in safely sharing their lived experience of suicide stories in one-on-one support sessions and with a public audience for a purpose.

Raising Suicide Literacy and Reducing Stigma
Continuation of hosting local events inviting the public to engage in a shared dialogue, understanding, and lived-experience informed insights about suicide prevention through Open Days at the Safe Space premises and in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day.

Marketing and Community Engagement Plan
Strengthen digital communications and web presence, promotion of help-seeking materials, strategic partnerships, and delivering awareness and volunteer recruitment campaigns.

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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Thank you!

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