

Buloke

Keeping mentally well

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If you live in the Buloke area these services can help



Feeling anxious, overwhelmed, worried or stressed?



Be active



Check out your local Neighbourhood house for programs and supports



Get creative in the kitchen with healthy meals and snacks



Talk to family and friends or support services



Do something you enjoy or try something new



Take a break from screens - try meditation or getting outdoors to unwind



Look online for advice on staying mentally well



Still not feeling better and need more help?



Talk to your doctor about how you are feeling



Call or go online for support/counselling, available 24/7



Ask your school about the wellbeing person/team for students to talk to



Speak to someone who has been through something similar (peer support)



Talk to a local counsellor/psychologist or support services



Ask your workplace about Employee Assistance Program (EAP)



Feeling you are at immediate risk of harm?



Reach out to someone you trust to assist you to get help



Call Mental Health Regional Triage Service **1300 363 788**



Call Lifeline **13 11 14**, available 24/7



Call Triple Zero **000** for immediate danger or concern



What can I do to help others?



Connect with friends and family and ask how they are coping



Take the time to listen



Find out what to do if friends or family need help

Advice on staying mentally well



A customisable self-help tool for your mental health

myCompass: mycompass.org.au

Interactive self-help book with training modules

Moodgym: moodgym.com.au

Mental fitness challenges designed to improve the wellbeing of young people 13-16 years old

Bite Back: biteback.org.au

Talk to your local doctor



Your doctor can develop a mental health plan with you:

- Develop strategies to improve and maintain your mental health
- Referral to mental health experts, like a psychologist
- Develop a mental health care plan

Local counsellors/psychologists



East Wimmera Health Service Mental Health Services

5477 2222, ewhs.org.au

Northern District Community Health

5451 0200

Mallee Track Health and Community Service

5070 2155

Rural Financial Counselling Service - Victoria West

1300 735 578, wswrccs.com.au

Youth mental health 12-25 years

headspace Swan Hill 4010 7100, Bendigo 5406 1400, Horsham 5381 1543, headspace.org.au

Psychology and counselling service (private providers)

Search online or ask your doctor for a recommendation

People bereaved or impacted by suicide

Standby Support After Suicide: 1300 727 247
standbysupport.com.au

How to help friends/family



How to start a conversation with someone you are worried about

R U OK?: ruok.org.au

Conversations Matter: conversationsmatter.org.au

Supporting someone with mental illness

Mental Health First Aid Training: mhfa.com.au
(standard, youth, teen, older person, Aboriginal)

Supporting someone who might be thinking of suicide

LivingWorks: livingworks.com.au

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) training

Counselling/Support line



Crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14

Mental health guidance and advice

Medicare Mental Health:

medicarementalhealth.gov.au, 1800 595 212

Immediate help for depression and anxiety

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Counselling for young people aged 5-25

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

Online support and counselling for young people aged 12-25 and their families and friends

eheadspace: headspace.org.au/eheadspace, 1800 650 890

Counselling for men with emotional health and relationship concerns

MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78

LGBTIQA+ peer support and referral (3pm to midnight)

QLife: 1800 184 527

Professional phone and online counselling if you or someone you know is feeling suicidal

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crisis line

13 YARN: 13 92 76, Brother to Brother: 1800 435 799 (for men)

Other services



Family Support

Mallee Family Care: Swan Hill 5032 4479, Kerang 5452 2863, malleefamilycare.com.au

Alcohol and other drugs counselling and referral

Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO): 1300 022 760 (9am-5pm weekdays) acso.org.au
DirectLine: 1800 888 236

Family violence and sexual assault counselling

The Orange Door Mallee: 1800 512 359
orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Homelessness service

Haven Home Safe: 1300 428 364 (9am-5pm) or 1800 825 955 after-hours, havenhomesafe.org.au

Mallee District Aboriginal Service

Kerang 5412 6004, Swan Hill 5032 8600
Mildura 5018 4100, mdas.org.au

Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative 5442 4947

Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative 5381 6333

For more information: Betterhealth.vic.gov.au (VIC)