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RA Tas & SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY partner together on World Mental Health Day

Relationships Australia Tasmania and SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY today announced a formal partnership between the two organisations on World Mental Health Day.

Relationships Australia Tasmania CEO Mat Rowell said the theme of Mental Health Day is “stronger together”.

“By working together, Relationship Australia Tasmania and SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY will be stronger together in achieving our collective mission,” Mr Rowell said.

Mr Rowell said the two organisations have been working in collaboration since 2014.

“In 2014, Relationships Australia Tasmania employed SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY Founder Mitch McPherson,” Mr Rowell said.

“Over the past five years, our work together has become more integrated and for several years both organisations have delivered suicide prevention programs across Tasmania.

“To maximise our donations and funds raised, the Boards of both organisations have agreed to formalise our partnership and join together to reduce duplication and in order to streamline the way SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY operates.”

Mr McPherson said the partnership means Relationships Australia Tasmania will provide governance and day to day operational support in delivering SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY programs.

“They will provide finance, HR, facilities, supervision, professional development, quality assurance and management at no additional cost to SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY,” Mr McPherson said.

He said a subcommittee has been established to provide direct input and oversight in to how the monies generated through fund-raising activities and donations will be applied to further suicide prevention in Tasmania.

“Every dollar raised for SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY will be used to deliver suicide prevention programs and furthering our mission.

“We are all about measuring and demonstrating impact. By working more closely together we can ensure that this happens, with the generous resources of Relationships Australia Tasmania.”



About Relationships Australia Tasmania

At Relationships Australia Tasmania we provide families, couples, individuals, older people, children and communities with the tools and strategies, so that they have healthy, positive lives. We help more than 8000 Tasmanians every year to transform and change their lives through counselling, mediation, dispute resolution, support and training.

Our focus is on:

- healthy relationships, discrimination, harassment, conflict resolution, parenting, cultural issues and mental health
- We offer people the services and support they need, when they need it to assist them when life presents challenges.
- Services are available to all people regardless of cultural background, family structure, economic situation, religious beliefs, gender or sexual orientation.

More information about the services and support we offer can be found on our website www.tas.relationships.com.au or by calling 1300 364 277

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