



# Zero Suicide: What does it mean and what could we do here?

Every day eight people die by suicide in Australia and the Hunter New England region has rates of suicide above the state and national average. While there is great and innovative work occurring in our region, there is more to be done.

The Zero Suicide Innovation is a systematic approach to achieving the goal of eliminating suicide in our communities. When applied to a health care system, the **Zero Suicide** framework is a system-wide organisational commitment to safer suicide care in health care systems with the idea that no suicides should occur when a person is in contact with a health service.

As part of the Towards Zero Suicides Initiatives the NSW Ministry of Health have engaged Professor C. Edward Coffey MD of the Medical University of South Carolina to visit Australia to share his knowledge as one of the leaders who developed the Zero Suicide framework in the USA to support Local Health Districts to develop plans for implementation of new ways of working in line with best practice.

**When: 9:00 - 11:00am Thursday, 20 June 2019**  
**Where: Level 4, Mater Mental Health Administration Building  
Calvary Mater Newcastle**  
**Cost: Free**

**Registrations are essential as places are limited:**

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