Minister for Health

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR NT’S FIRST SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

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Minister for Health Robyn Lambley is encouraging Territorians to take part in the NT’s first Suicide Prevention and Wellbeing Conference.

Mrs Lambley says the inaugural three-day conference will see up to 250 delegates in Darwin.

“The NT has the highest rate of suicide in Australia, almost double the national average,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Tragically, on average we lose 40 Territorians each year to suicide, with rates highest amongst young people, Indigenous people and males.

“The NT’s suicide rate is steadily decreasing due to the sustained efforts of Government and non-Government organisations, communities and individuals.

“But more awareness, programs and support is required, and events such as the Prevention and Wellbeing Conference keep suicide prevention on the agenda.

“It also provides an opportunity for people working in this area to share ideas.”

The theme of the conference is “Promote, Strengthen, Heal”, and is open to all Territorians who want to learn more about suicide prevention.

“Anyone working in the field of suicide prevention should register for this important opportunity to help bring down the NT’s suicide rate,” Mrs Lambley said.

“I want to particularly encourage youth workers, nurses, teachers, counsellors, emergency workers, social workers, and community organisations to take part.

“I am also excited to announce that the Territory’s own songbird Shellie Morris will perform for conference attendees.”

The 2014 NT Suicide Prevention and Wellbeing Conference will be held from 1st - 3rd June.

For further details on the conference call 08 8999 2712, email SuicidePrevention@nt.gov.au or visit http://health.nt.gov.au/Suicide_Prevention_and_Wellbeing_Conference/index.aspx
If someone you know is experiencing personal difficulties you can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

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