

Notice of Motion

United in Action to Stop Suicide

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That this Council:

1.

a. Sadly notes, suicide rates continue to rise on the Northern Beaches and in our sister city of Brewarrina.

b. In an effort to provide meaningful assistance to our sister city, Brewarrina, requests Council staff furnish a report within the next three months:

- i. Investigating Northern Beaches Council funding up to two Indigenous Leaders from Brewarrina and surrounds to attend next year's National Suicide Prevention Conference.
- ii. Investigating providing funding to enable the Asist and safeTALK Program or an equivalent with an indigenous facilitator and trainer to be delivered in Brewarrina and surrounds.
- iii. Investigate providing financial assistance to training up two Indigenous leaders in suicide prevention from Brewarrina or surrounds in delivering suicide prevention, intervention and postvention assistance.
- iv. Investigate delivering per quarter the Asist and safeTALK programs once per quarter on the Northern Beaches.

2.

That Council seeks to become a model for leadership in suicide prevention, develop innovative ways to support Northern Beaches residents to prevent suicide and that Council sign and Councillors be invited to sign The National Suicide Prevention Charter, with the aim to be signed on 10 September, 2019, being World Suicide Day.