

Currently the media are Reporting Suicide Results from Beyond Blue that are Based on 1997 results published in a Journal in New Zealand in 2002 by Fiona Judd.

As you can see from the results below....alot of work from a range of Organizations has contributed to a remarkable reduction in suicide across Aust and Victoria.

Is it the intention of Beyond Blue to launch their new Program to help reduce Suicide and then claim by releasing these Current stats that again Beyond Blue is the leader in the field of reducing suicide.

Suicide Australia and associated organizations/Lifeline/Men's Line and state Mental Health Units and staff across Australia have been working for years to Reduce suicide.

Local Health Services and Primary Care Partnerships across State based organizations has made in roads across the state in providing networks along with a significant reduction of rural male suicide.

The figure of one every four days is alarmist and Disrespects the hard and devoted work of Health Professionals across Aust who worked behind the scenes without Publicity or recognition for the sake of saving a life from what is a sad and in most cases preventable death.

The introduction by state govt to develop a School Nurse program in Vic and facilitate a range of programs that have supported youth have proved very successful.

The figures used by Beyond Blue are 10yrs old....here are the latest and avail to both BB & Media from ABS

BB is a welcomed organization to the mix of preventing depression that can lead to suicide but the FIGHT can only be won in a sustainable Community Partnership.

'Mr Kennett.....Suicide and Depression is not Politics and when you were in politics the support was not forthcoming and you were never as passionate about Men's Health or suicide.'

Work together and recognise the work of others and certainly get up-to-date with the facts...I would hate for you to make claims in 12mths that the suicide rate has dropped BECAUSE of the work of BB

Bernard

Contact details after the FACTS

**Suicide Comparison 1999 - 2003**

Nationally                      **Males**                      **Females**

*15-24 years of age*

**1999**                              **398**                              **71**

**2003**                              **251**                              **49**

*25-44 years of age*

**1999**                              **934**                              **220**

**2003**                              **788**                              **213**

*45-54 years of age*

**1999**                              **312**                              **97**

**2003**                              **299**                              **93**

**Suicide Comparison 1999 - 2003**

Victoria                              **Males**                              **Females**

*15-25 years of age*

**1999**                              **60**                              **16**

**2003**                              **50**                              **14**

*25-44 years of age*

**1999**                              **213**                              **53**

**2003**                              **172**                              **55**

*45-54 years of age*

<b>1999</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>30</b>