

## **SAMARITANS OFFER SUPPORT AFTER THE RECENT SUICIDES OF IN NARROGIN**

In light of the recent suicides of 4 young men in Narrogin and the attempts of three or four more the Samaritans remind all West Australians that we are here, should you need a confidential, listening ear in times of distress.

The Samaritans provide support to those who are suicidal, despairing, lonely or at risk of becoming so. “We provide a safe space for people to explore their feelings”, said Youth and Community Liaison Officer, Mandy Paterson.

“We believe our callers have the right to make their own decisions – we’re here to provide a free, non-judgmental service that lets them do that.”

“We’re here to listen – not to give advice - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year”, Mandy, said.

The Samaritans’ Shadow of Suicide Support Service is also there to help those who are struggling with the loss of someone as a result of a suicide.

As well as a 24 hour telephone service, we also offer face-to-face support between 9:00am and 6:00pm daily. Alternatively, you can contact us by email, letter or TTY. Our service is non-religious, non-discriminatory, non-interventionist and completely confidential.

Contact details –

- **Support service:**

- **Emergency line:** 9381 5555
- **Youthline:** 9388 2500
- **Country line:** 1800 198 313 (Free outside of Perth metro area)
- **TTY:** 9382 8822
- **Email:** [samswa@bigpond.net.au](mailto:samswa@bigpond.net.au)
- **Address:** 60 Bagot Road SUBIACO, WA, 6008

- **Administration**

- **Administration Phone:** 9381 5725
- **Email:** [samswa@bigpond.net.au](mailto:samswa@bigpond.net.au)
- **Youth Office:** 9382 3811
- **Email:** [youthlo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:youthlo@bigpond.net.au)
- **Fax:** 9388 2368

- **Address:** 60 Bagot Road SUBIACO, WA, 6008
- **Website:** [www.thesamaritans.org.au](http://www.thesamaritans.org.au)

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In light of the recent spate of deaths in Narrogin, the Samaritans wish to remind West Australians of the support they provide for someone who may be feeling suicidal or may have lost someone to suicide. I would appreciate it if this article could be run as soon as possible.

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