

Outstanding Contribution Award is presented to

MR JEAN-CLAUDE BOULENAZ

Jean-Claude has worked in the community for over 30 years. He is a founding member of Community Action to Prevent Suicide (CAPS) associated with the Australian Institute of Suicide Research and Prevention, is an active member of the Standby Suicide Bereavement Response Service, and facilitated the HeadHigh Young People's Bereavement Support Group.

He has worked for the Queensland Health Department as a Project Officer, overseeing the government's Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy and has taken on roles with the Gympie District Health Service as an Alcohol and Drug Counsellor.

As an educator Jean-Claude has travelled throughout Australia presenting workshops which are based on real life experiences and are informative. He is passionate about guiding communities towards effective suicide prevention strategies, raising awareness and using panels of local professional identities to present at his sessions.

In 1997 he was awarded a Special Achievement Medallion by the Australia Day Council, receiving in the same year the Community Leadership Award, the Australian Scouting Association. These awards were in recognition for his outstanding achievements in the field of suicide prevention.