

Honourable Mentions for 2009

Business and Industry category:

Mental Health @ Work is an international organisation which mentors workplaces to create mentally healthy, resilient and supportive workplaces through an innovative range of educational tools and services.

Indigenous category:

Mercy Baird from the Cairns Integrated Mental Health Service. For over 15 years Mercy has shared her enormous enthusiasm and deep wisdom as she works in Indigenous health, alcohol and drug prevention, suicide prevention and mental health.

Chris Wallace from the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Remote. Chris is an influential community leader in Santa Teresa whose ideas to use music, horses and men's cultural dance have helped create meaningful forums for community participation, in particular as strengthening diversionary activities for young people.

Media (Non-Print):

'Kununurra', Enough Rope, ABC TV, Mr. Andrew Denton & Ms. Anita Jacob (Executive Producers). In 'Kununurra', Denton looks into the lives of some very special dwellers of this East Kimberley community including the Bolten-Boshammer family who lost a father and son by suicide.

Healthy Communities category:

Lifeline Australia for the Suicide Bereavement Support Group Standards & Practice Project which brought together collaborative partners to develop resources to train and guide suicide bereavement support group facilitators across Australian communities.

Emerging Research category:

Dr. Kairi Kolves, a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention. Kairi has conducted research in Europe and Australia looking at the relationship between suicide and alcohol, life events and gender.