

Towards Zero Suicides

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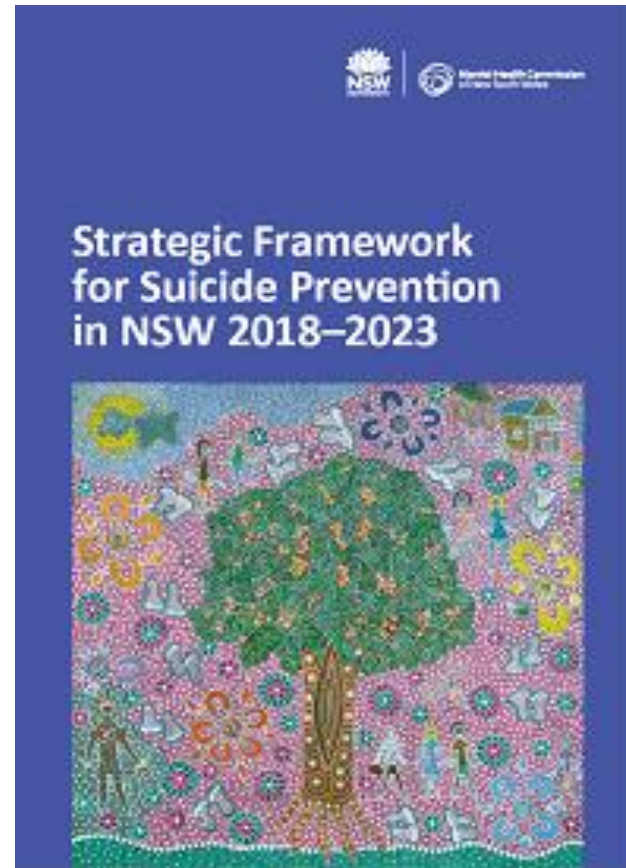
Background to Suicide Prevention work.

- ▶ In 2017 an estimated 16 lives were lost each week.
- ▶ 880 people died by suicide in NSW in that year.
- ▶ 106 young people aged 15–24 years lost their lives to suicide in NSW.
- ▶ 2016–17 more than 3,500 people were hospitalised due to intentional self-harm.
- ▶ The largest number of suicides occurred in the 24–35 year age group . In 2017, 161 people lost their lives to suicide in NSW in this age group – 135 of these were men.
- ▶ Men aged 85 years and over also had the highest rate of suicide in Australia at 32.8 per 100,000 population. .

Towards Zero Suicides Premier's Priority

Target: Reduce the rate of suicide deaths in NSW by 20 per cent, from 11.6 per 100,000 population in 2017 to 9.3 per 100,000 population by 2023

- Fifteen initiatives to make an impact on the suicide rate.
- Developed from the *Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention in NSW 2018-23*.
- New investment of \$87 million from 19-20 to 21-22 – scale up to full implementation in 20-21.

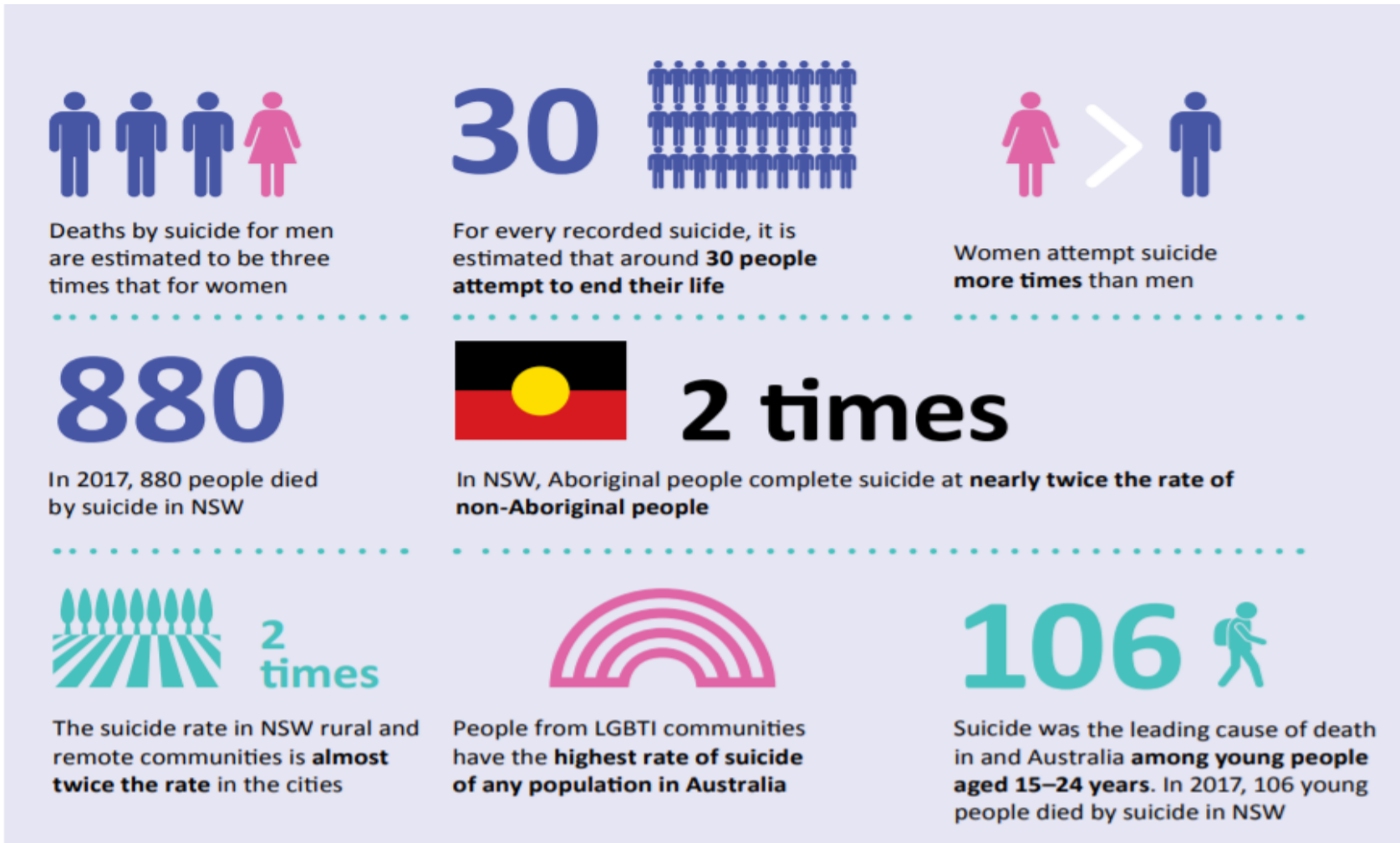


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*Strategic Framework for
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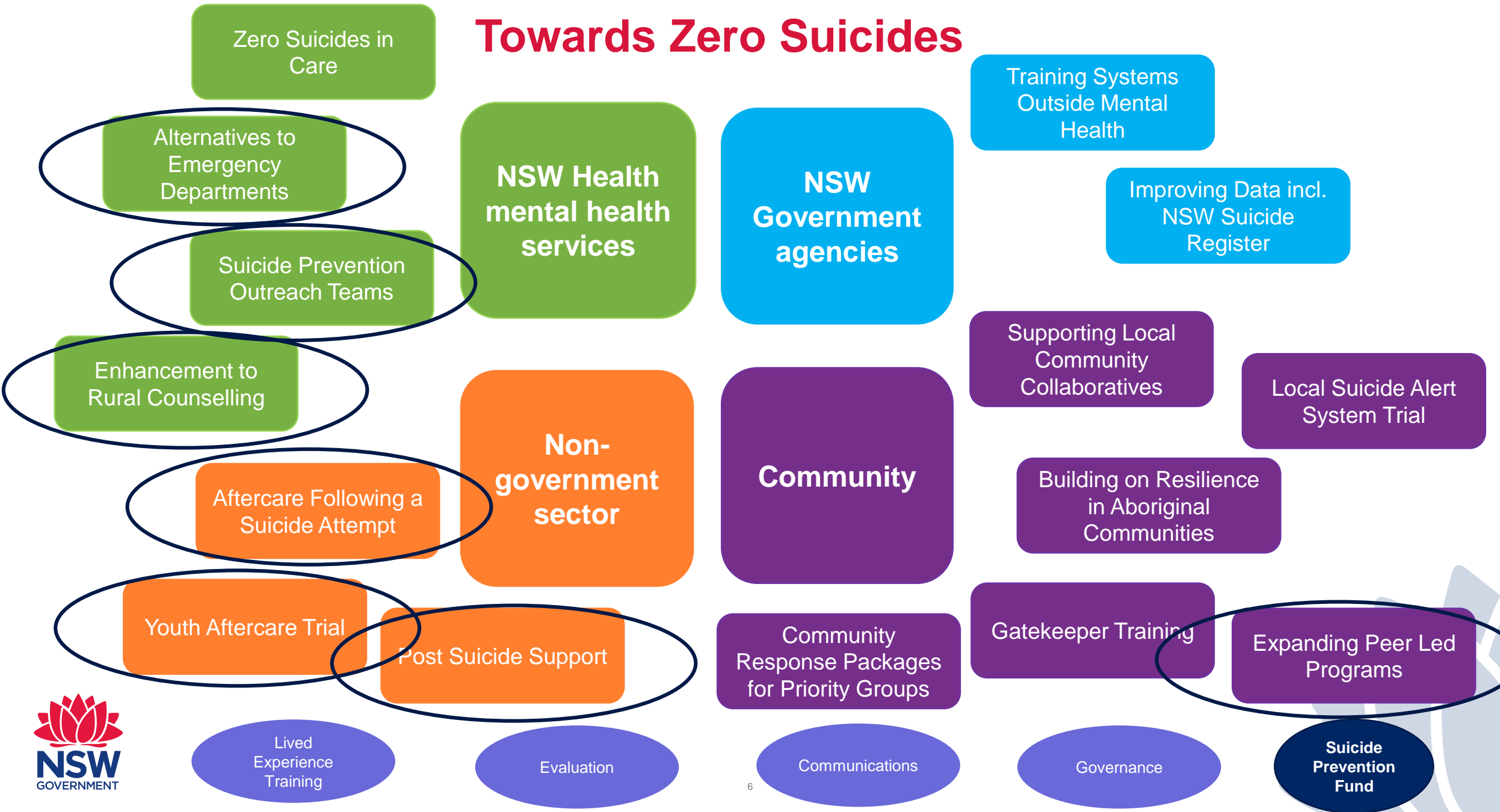
Important information



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- More information on the Suicide Prevention Initiatives can be found at **[Towards Zero Suicides initiatives](#)** and **[Towards Zero Suicides Premier's Priority](#)**

