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### New Headspace Supports Youth

In a push to address the growing problem of youth mental health issues and suicide in the electorate of La Trobe, Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe has today opened a new headspace facility in Narre Warren on behalf of Minister for Health, The Hon. Susan Ley MP.

With bi-partisan support from Anthony Byrne MP, Federal Member for Holt, Medical Local, and of course headspace, this facility forms a part of the Federal Government's commitment to expand the headspace network to a total of 100 sites around Australia.

"Addressing mental health support for our youth was one of my key areas of focus when I was elected, and I am very proud to be here today opening this facility in Narre Warren" said Mr Wood.

"I'm now campaigning for more support in our area with another headspace facility in The Hills, as well as recently funding \$3.835M for the Belgrave Multipurpose Health Hub which will also provide youth services".

The headspace programme aims to improve access to youth friendly community based services for young people aged 12 to 25 years who have, or are at risk of, mental illness.

The headspace model provides for holistic care in four key areas – mental health, related physical health, alcohol and other drug use, and social and vocational support.

This is achieved through a combination of direct service provision and facilitating access to Medicare-funded services.

headspace Narre Warren was announced in June 2013 as one of the fifteen headspace centres to be established in Round 6 of the expansion of the headspace programme.

headspace Narre Warren offers a range of services, including help with general health, mental health, alcohol and other drug use, and assistance with education and employment.