

# Derbarl Yerrigan

5 participants

The consultation was part of a statewide consultation process to inform the development of a State Suicide Prevention Plan. Participants were also invited to make individual submissions to the Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention at [www.mcsp.org.au](http://www.mcsp.org.au).

## Organisations represented:

- Yorgum
- AADS
- Youthlink
- South Metro Public Health Unit

## Approaches to suicide prevention.

Brief overview of state trends, and how we compare locally.  
(Professor Sven Silburn, Chairman, Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention).

## The 5 Key Areas of the Plan.

(Shawn Phillips Executive Officer, MCSP)

## Group Exercise

Participants were asked to place dots: if we could only pursue 2 of these areas, which would they be.

1. Promote professional community and consumer understanding of suicide, its link with mental health and effective strategies for prevention. **(n=2)**
2. Strengthen prevention, promotion and early intervention in mental health and suicide prevention. **(n=11)**
3. Build community capacity for suicide prevention. **(n=1)**
4. Support planning within and between government and community sector agencies for suicide prevention.
5. Build partnerships, professional and community capacity to address the high-rate of suicide among Indigenous West Australians. **(n=8)**