

Media Enquiries



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Professor Myfanwy Maple is a social work professor at the University of New England and Director of Manna Institute, the Regional Australia Mental Health Research and Training Institute.

For over 20 years, Professor Maple's research has focused on trauma and loss, with a particular emphasis on understanding risk and resilience following exposure to suicide. A focus on lived experience underlies all of Professor Maple's work where her emphasis remains on authentically working with those with firsthand experience to better inform policy, research and teaching. While research is her key activity, she is also involved internationally, nationally, and locally in activities to prevent suicide and the distress associated with suicide.

Professor Maple is a member of the Board of batyr, a social enterprise championing young people's mental health. She is Deputy Chair of the National Suicide Prevention Research Fund, was a member of the Prime Ministers Suicide Prevention Advisor's expert advisory group (2019-20) and was a member-elected Director of Suicide Prevention Australia (2013-2018), during which time she also chaired the National Suicide Prevention Conference (2015-2018). From 2015-21 she was co-chair of the International Association of Suicide Prevention Bereavement and Postvention Special Interest Group.

She lives and works in rural Australia bringing a regional perspective to her work.
