



Welcome

Victim Support Postvention





Short History



- The service originated in 1986
- Started by a police officer, Kevin Joblin, in Gisborne
- He recognized the needs of victims were largely ignored, with the Police focused on offenders
- Community groups formed across the country
- National organization was formed in 2004.



A history of Victim Support's postvention service

- Ministry of Health (MOH) selected Victim Support to provide postvention support in 7 DHB areas in 2007
- This was expanded to all DHB's (nationwide) in 2011
- Also have a Memorandum of Understanding with NZ Police – Police are to refer all suspected suicides to VS.
- VS now exploring how we can enhance our service – trialling Support Worker (Postvention) positions in Wellington and Counties-Manukau.



Our Vision

Victims of crime and trauma are in control of restoring their lives

With suicide we aim to reduce the effects of suicide on people, their family/whanau, and the community.



Sir Howard Morrison

Gave us **Manaaki Tangata**



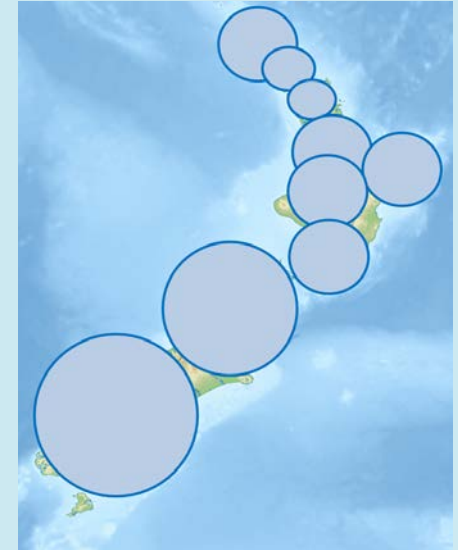
Manaaki Tangata (Korowai) does

Embrace with warmth and care

Support in a way that restores

- Mana
- Belonging
- Wellbeing

Listen to and understood





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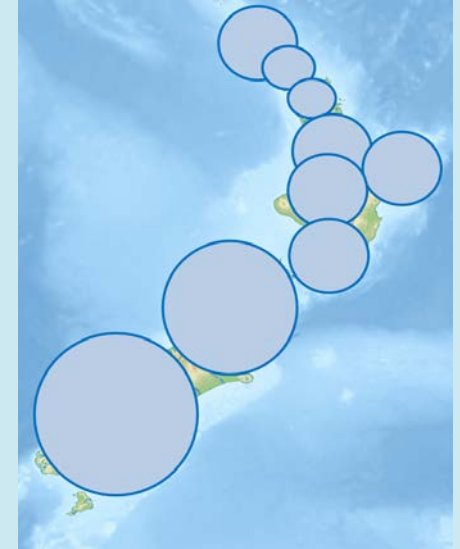
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Direct

Coerce

Support in a way that

- Meets our needs not theirs
- Judges
- Over promises





Postvention

Postvention is crisis intervention carried out to facilitate the recovery of those affected by suicide.

The four major objectives of postvention are to:

- Ease trauma and effects
- Prevent adverse grief reactions or complications
- Minimise risk of suicidal behaviour
- Encourage coping and resilience

Postvention is the first step in the prevention of further suicides.



How we do it We work with





Person



Predict

Plan



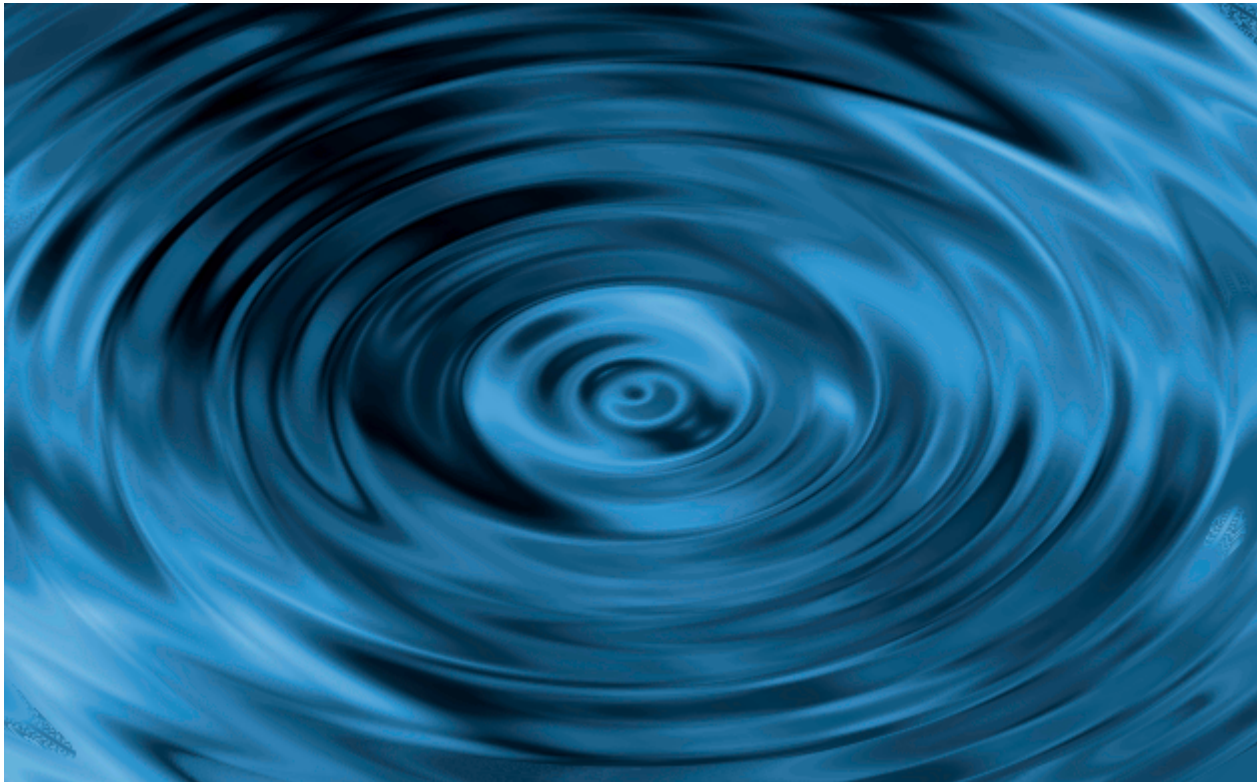
With others

- Identify the ripple
- Create connections
- Lower the risk of contagion or cluster





The Ripple






The Suicide Ripple





**Good Postvention
helps calm the
waters**





Questions?

