

Making the connection

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“One of the things we heard was there was a lack of training for dealing with mental health issues, and so we partnered with Country SA PHN and rolled out some training sessions for the community.

“But what we also heard was there was no one place people could go to get psychosocial support services, which is a non-clinical service delivery and that is the gap we are aiming to fill.

“This is an entry-level to be able to hopefully provide support before someone develops a mental illness, before it gets to a point of being chronic.

“Sometimes people just need connection and through this facility people can also just come down and have a cup of coffee and a chat if they want in a safe space that’s confidential.”

Employment Directions youth development officer Chloe Gogoll has been involved in the consultation process in developing the Lifeline Connect centre in Clare.

She said it was an exciting step forward and could see great benefit in the centre being a central location to bring services together.

“I’m a voice for the young people in our community as youth development officer so I thought it was important I be involved so youth can access this space and feel comfortable coming here,” Ms Gogoll said.

“This type of service is in such high demand, it’s awesome that there’s now a space for people if they’re in crisis mode or don’t know what to do or where to go for help.

“We’ve got some great services and charities – the Kade Macdonald Foundation, Clare Valley Christian Outreach, Uniting Care Wesley and our local schools to name a few – everyone has a common goal but to be able to work together for that outcome is going to be so beneficial for the district.”

Lifeline Connect at 1 Blanche Street in Clare will initially be open from Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm.

Lifeline’s 24-hour crisis support line remains accessible at all times on 13 11 14.



Lifeline Clare counsellor Lorna Woodward, Employment Directions youth development officer Chloe Gogoll, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council councillor Ann Alder, and Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast chief executive officer Scott Hammond at the opening of the new Lifeline Connect Centre in Clare.

Clare named as one of 32 finalists for top tourism town

SOUTH Australia’s peak tourism body, the Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TICSA) is on the hunt to find the state’s top tourism town, as voted by the public.

The 2021 Top Tourism Town Voter’s Choice accolade is part of the new national Top Tourism Town program, which is designed

to recognise both a well-established and small tourism town in South Australia, as determined by a panel of industry judges.

Clare has been named as one of 32 South Australian finalists in the Top Tourism Town program from the shortlist for the consumer voting component.

Voters will have the opportunity to win a family weekend getaway at one of 12 SA council owned caravan parks in a cabin, valued at \$500 thanks to the Local Government Association of South Australia.

This has been an initiative of the CVBTA with the support of Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, RDA

and Clare Valley Wine, Food & Tourism Centre.

Consumer voting, which account for around 70 per cent of the award, closes on Friday, April 23 so make sure you don’t miss out.

To vote, visit: <https://ticsa.com.au/industry-programs/sa-top-tourism-town/>

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