

Community-Led Drought Gatekeeper Training



Support For Drought Affected Areas

Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN has been granted funding by the Commonwealth Department of Health to support communities affected by drought under the *Empowering our Communities* initiative.

These funded programs aim to support people in drought affected communities. They will focus on building resilience through community-led mental health, suicide prevention and social and emotional wellbeing initiatives.

As a part of this funding, the PHN will fund the Lifeline Darling Downs and South West QLD Ltd (LDDSWQ) Community Connections program to be delivered across eligible local government areas.

About The Community Connections Program

The LDDSWQ Community Connections Program will deliver training to community members to act as gatekeepers, trusted advocates and referrers of drought-affected community members and their families to stepped-care and mainstream mental health services.

The community members trained will be equipped to:

- recognise and respond to signs of distress
- identify the most appropriate referral point
- assist community members to access required mental health and other relevant supports.

Eligibility

Local government areas in our region that will have access to the Community Connections program include:

- Goondiwindi
- Southern Downs
- Western Downs
- Lockyer Valley
- Somerset
- Toowoomba
- Cherbourg
- South Burnett

More Information

For more information please contact Jodie Edge via email jedge@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au or phone 1300 991 443

Accessing This Program

Sessions will be tailored to meet the individual community need rather than being a one-size-fits-all approach.

Service Areas

