



At age 19, Kevin Hines attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Seventeen years later, he is on a mission to use his story to help others find hope and stay alive. This film is part of a global mission to help reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts around the world. Through sharing stories of survival and recovery, we are creating significant awareness of this health crisis, while helping people find the support they need to stay alive, heal and #BeHereTomorrow!

"This film shows my journey to better understand the effects of my suicide attempt on my family, friends and the first responders who saved my life," says Hines. "My hope is the film will get people talking so those struggling can find ways to connect and heal."

**"This film will save lives."** Dr John Draper - Director, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, USA

**SUICIDE - THE FACTS:** Across the globe, nearly 1 million people die annually by suicide. In Australia it is the leading cause of death for people between 15 - 24 years old. Research has shown that for every 1 death by suicide, over 115 people are directly affected and impacted.

# A FILM A MOVEMENT A JOURNEY

#### BRING THIS FILM TO A THEATER NEAR YOU IN 2018!

A film and a movement to eradicate suicide!

You can host a screening of Suicide The Ripple Effect in your local movie theater... at no cost to you! In fact, film hosts (Team Ripple Movie Captains) get 2 free tickets to their screening and can use the screening to raise funds for a nonprofit organization of their choice.

Join us on this global mission to help reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts around the world. We hope to work with you to create an impactful screening and post screening activities that will galvanize your community and help save lives.

#BeHereTomorrow











Visit www.suicidetherippleeffect.com for more information.

"This film is gut level real, an intimate portrait of surviving suicide and so encouraging. It inspires action that we can make a real difference in the lives of others."

David Covington - President Elect, American Association of Suicidology



### INVITE MEMBERS OF OUR CAST TO ATTEND YOUR EVENT

Our Suicide: The Ripple Effect cast is diverse, passionate and ready to attend your event. Whether it be keynote speaking or involvement in a Q & A, our cast and Team Ripple members would love to add something extra to your screening experience.

Please contact **mh@kevinhinesstory.com** to discuss options and costs associated with getting a cast member to your event.







OUR CAST, WORLDWIDE ADVOCATES, SHARING STORIES OF HOPE & HEALING.



## MEET OUR CREATIVE TEAM

#### **KEVIN HINES**

#### CO-DIRECTOR AND CO-PRODUCER

Kevin Hines is an award-winning global storyteller, bestselling author, documentary filmmaker, suicide prevention, wellness, and mental health advocate who reaches audiences with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, at the age of 19, he attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge.

He is one of only thirty-six (less than 1%) to survive the fall. He is the only Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor who is actively spreading a message of living mentally well around the country and throughout the globe.

In the summer of 2013, Kevin released his bestselling memoir titled Cracked Not Broken: Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt which is still selling out today. He is the Co-Director and Co-Producer of the documentary film called Suicide: The Ripple Effect.

Kevin's will to live and stay mentally well has inspired millions of people worldwide. His compelling story has touched diverse, global audiences within colleges and universities, high schools, corporations, clergy, military, clinicians, health and medical communities, law enforcement organizations, and various conferences. Hundreds of thousands have communicated to Hines that his story helped them, and thousands have said his story helped save their lives.

Kevin believes in the power of the human spirit and in the fact that you can find the ability to live mentally well. His mantra: "Life is a gift, that is why they call it the present. Cherish it always."



#### **GREG DICHARRY**

#### CO-DIRECTOR AND CO-PRODUCER

Greg is a native of Louisiana who in 1993 moved to Hollywood and began living his vision of working in the film industry. Several years later that career path was derailed by mental illness and drug addiction. For the last 10 years, he has been leading one of the nation's leading youth programs focused on empowering young people with mental health, substance abuse and foster care challenges. Since 2010, Greg has been combining these two passions and has produced, directed and edited numerous mental health related PSA's and videos designed to educate and inspire.

In his previous film career, Greg held a variety of positions including production assistant, assistant director, director, and producer on independent, and major studio feature films, music videos, commercials, and short films. Greg has produced, and directed numerous commercials, film, and video projects including the TV pilot Tribe TV, which received a regional EMMY Award. He produced Heroin the Real Deal, a prevention film featuring surviving members of the band Sublime, Go Cat Go an EPK for music legend Carl Perkins, and a 35mm music video.

Greg has continued to sharpen his producing skills by producing large scale youth festivals MY Fest, and other community events throughout the country.

## FEATURED AUS CAST



JOE WILLIAMS
AUTHOR, 'DEFYING THE ENEMY WITHIN'

Joe Williams is a First Nation Wiradjuri Aboriginal man born in Cowra, raised in Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia. Joe played Rugby in the National Rugby League competition (NRL) with the South Sydney Rabbitohs, Penrith Panthers and Canterbury Bulldogs before switching to professional boxing in 2009. Whilst boxing Joe won the 2x WBF World Junior Welterweight and WBC Asia Continental Champion. Joe was awarded the Wagga Wagga Citizen of the Year in 2015 for his committed work within the Community, Mental Health & Suicide Prevention sectors.

SAM WEBB CO FOUNDER & CEO, LIVIN

Sam lives in Sydney and is the Co-Founder and CEO of the registered charity Livin (Australia), which he created alongside friend Casey Lyons after they lost their best mate to suicide. A lot of his time is spent traveling the country delivering a program to schools that he developed called "LIVINWELL". In his free time, Sam enjoys keeping fit and healthy.





PATRICK LAWSON
FOUNDER, 3 WORDS: "I NEED HELP' MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Pat Lawson is a suicide attempt survivor and mental health advocate. He is also the creator/founder of 3Words, Mental Health Awareness. This is an online platform for people with or affected by mental illness to come and speak without any negativity put onto them. Pat created this safe space for people to share their stories after he found himself struggling mentally and realised there was more he could do for his own wellness and others.

#### LAUREN BREEN AUSTRALIAN ADVOCATE & CO-FOUNDER, CNQR

Lauren was thrust into the suicide prevention and behavioral health world in 2008, after the death of her brother Aidon, by suicide. Since that life changing event, Lauren has accumulated over 10 years experience within the mental health & suicide prevention sectors, working in Australia and the United States.



## FEATURED AUS CAST



NIC NEWLING FOUNDER, THE CHAMPIONS

As founder of The Champions, Nic is an outspoken advocate for mental health, suicide prevention, and sharing personal stories. Nic has reached millions of people through television, live talks, documentaries, radio, print, and online. He strives to make a continuing positive impact, utilizing sharing and listening to encourage helpful, unscripted conversations around mental health, suicide prevention, and getting the most out of life.

#### GREG VAN BORSSUM AUSTRALIAN ADVOCATE AND OSCAR AWARD WINNER

A failed school kid who turned adversities into opportunities, from Martial Arts to Movies, Greg has accomplished an incredible level of achievement...the world's youngest professional Natural Bodybuilder, a multiple black belt martial artist, and award winning Hollywood film maker. But the successes aren't what made him, rather overcoming hardships built his strength.





JAYNE NEWLING AUTHOR, 'MISSING CHRISTOPHER'

After the loss of her son Christopher, Jayne thought all hope was lost. How could she continue and go on with life without her son? She channeled her grief into something positive and wrote the book "Missing Christopher", a journey of healing after suicide loss.

BEN HIGGS FOUNDER, RISE FOUNDATION

Ben Higgs is the founder of The Rise Foundation. Having silently battled depression for many years and seeing too many people tipped over the edge and lost to suicide, Ben decided he needed to do something and created the Rise Foundation. Through Rise Foundation young people come to realise that they are more than their mistakes and successes; their identities are meaningful simply as they are. And no matter how low life may get, there is always an avenue to rise.



## FEATURED AUS CAST



JOEL MURCHIE
AUSTRALIAN ADVOCATE AND RETIRED NSW POLICE

Retired Chief Inspector Joel Murchie was a member of the New South Wales Police Force from 1990 - 2017, and has spent the last seven years as the Commander of the Force's Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT). He is responsible for policy, strategy, interagency liaison and operational tactics for his department with regards to mental health and suicide intervention, and has overseen the training of all 16,600 officers in his jurisdiction in a two-tiered mental health training program. He also has a lived experience with mental health issues following his involvement as a survivor of the 2002 terrorist bombing in the Sari Club in Bali and is a passionate advocate for the reduction of stigma and better outcomes in the mental health and suicide prevention space.

#### WILLIAM STUBBS CO FOUNDER, SPUR PROJECTS

Spur Projects is an award-winning mental health non-profit. They believe that to tackle the rate of suicide amongst men in Australia, bold new approaches to suicide prevention are required. Since 2011, Spur Projects has pushed the envelope on mental health in the public space, producing cutting edge campaigns and initiatives to create real change in our approach to mental illness and suicide prevention.





REBECCA LEWIS
FORMER CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, RUOK DAY

Rebecca played an instrumental role in the growth and national success of suicide prevention charity R U OK? as its Campaign Director, managing evaluation, creative and PR strategy from 2011 to 2016. She has also worked on a range of complex social issues, including mental health promotion for non-English speaking Australians; constitutional recognition of Australia's First Peoples; and climate change. She has a Bachelor of Communications / International Studies and has worked for both SBS and ABC as a radio journalist.

#### SUE MURRAY RESEARCH FUND DIRECTOR, SUICIDE PREVENTION AUSTRALIA

With a background in education and specialty in health promotion, Sue has been a passionate advocate for improving the health and well being of the community throughout her career. During the five years Sue led Suicide Prevention Australia as CEO, the peak body has moved from strength to strength, both in terms of sector leadership and organisation sustainability through growth in Membership and other innovative project and partnership based funding models. Sue introduced the concept of a dedicated national suicide prevention research fund in Australia and led the campaign to get it funded by Federal Government to the tune of \$12 million over three years.



### MEET #TEAMRIPPLE AUS

#TeamRippleAUS are members of our wider community of awesome advocates based in Australia.

Each person has their own story and lived expertise, which they use to inspire hope, healing and recovery.

These fabulous people are also available to attend your events.

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for more information!











- 1. Matt Runnalls CEO Mindfull Aus
- 2. Stefani Caminiti CEO Inner Ninja Foundation
  - 3. Casey Lyons Co Founder, LIVIN
- 4. Sonia & Steven Higgins Australian Advocates
  - 5. Alexa Towersey Australian Advocate

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