## Who will you ask





## Thursday 7 October

R U OK?Day is a national day of action to reduce suicide in Australia by inspiring Australians to reach out to their friends and loved ones and ask "R U OK?". By simply connecting with people in your life – not just those at obvious risk – you can help stop little problems turning into big ones.



## In the time it takes to have your coffee, you can start a conversation that could change a life.

Break the ice	<ul> <li>Start a general conversation somewhere private.</li> <li>Build trust through good eye contact and a relaxed disposition.</li> <li>Ask open ended questions.</li> </ul>
Listen without judgement	<ul> <li>Guide the conversation with caring questions</li> <li>The more they talk the better – a problem shared is a problem halved.</li> <li>It is best to have a full understanding of the issues before problem solving.</li> </ul>
Encourage action	<ul> <li>Summarise the issues and ask them what they plan to do.</li> <li>Encourage them to take one step.</li> <li>It is essential to follow up – nothing changes until someone acts.</li> </ul>

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