

# Mental Illness must be addressed through a whole of government approach

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- The Burden of physical disease.
- Drug, alcohol and nicotine abuse.
- Child neglect and abuse.
- Relationship breakdown and domestic violence
- Poverty and dependence upon welfare and inturn increase the nations wealth.
- Premature death and decrease accidents both in the work place and the community.
- Unemployment. Homelessness. Crime: Both as victims and perpetrators.
- The number of people in jails

**Improve the:**

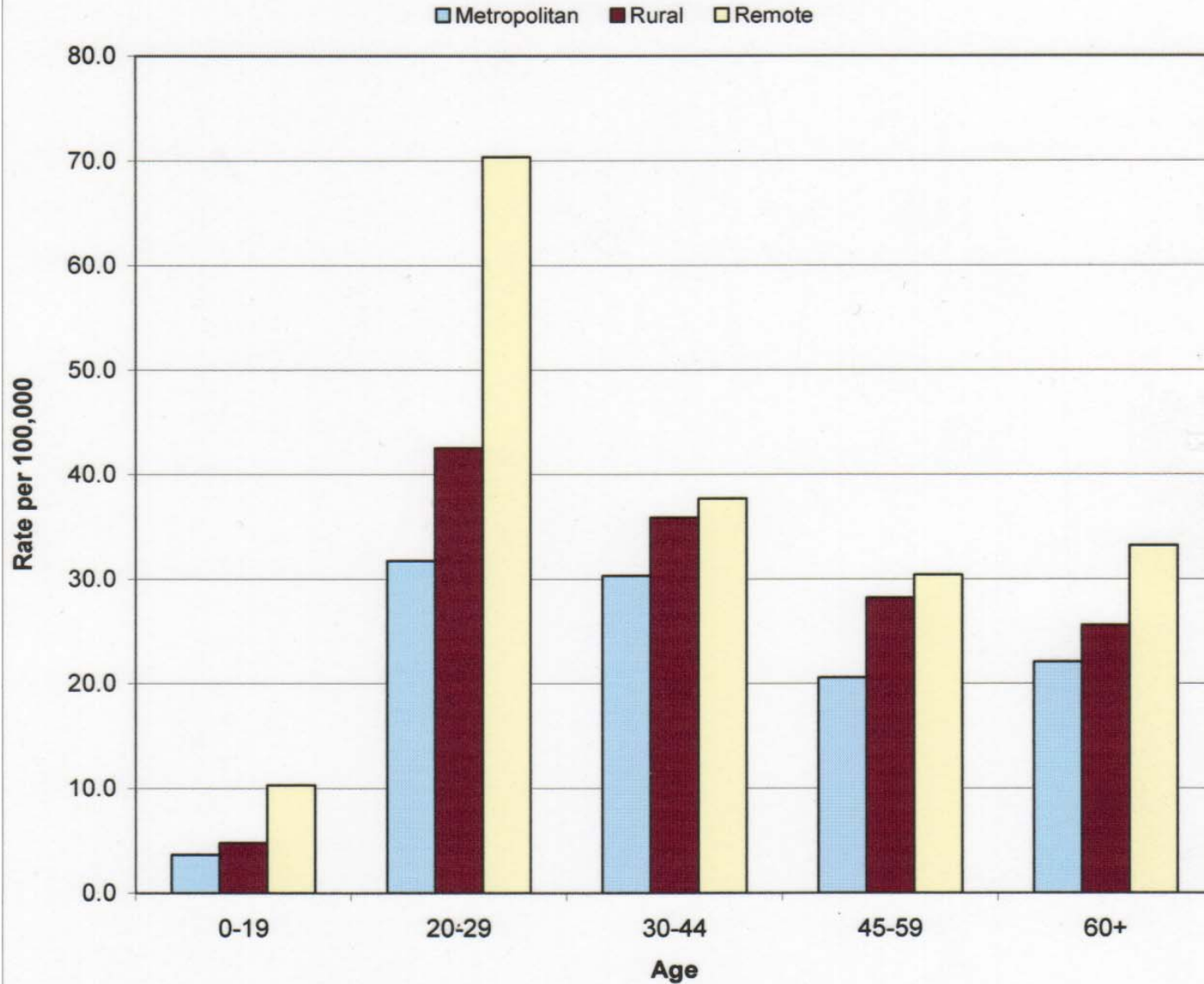
- Physical and emotional wellbeing of all carers and family members.
- Education of people with mental illness and their children.
- Public transport system
- Sporting outcomes and the socially destructive behaviour perpetrated by some sports people.
- Tourism Industry

**DETENTION CENTRES ARE NOT THE PLACE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

# Costs to the Work Place?

- Poor mental health has direct and indirect costs to the work place and community.
- 1 in 5 people plus Carers.
- Over 6 million working days are lost each year in Australia from undiagnosed depression.
- It is estimated that each of these undiagnosed and untreated people costs their organization \$9960.00 per year in leave.

## Male suicide rates (1997-2000) by RRMA



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