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**zero2hero welcomes ‘Empowerment Partner’ Chevron Australia**

zero2hero welcomes Chevron Australia as their Empowerment Partner. Chevron Australia has committed AUD\$1.5 million to zero2Hero over the next three years. This funding will enable zero2hero to reach more young people on a much larger scale, with the aim to empower an additional 30,000 young mental health ambassadors by 2024.

This partnership will be launched during mental health week. zero2hero Chief Executive Officer Ashlee Harrison said, “this year’s theme – mental health starts with our children – is a poignant reminder of the current challenges faced by 1 in 4 young Australians”. Suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15-44 and 75% of mental health problems emerge before the age of 25, meaning funding prevention is crucial. Ashlee continued, “Chevron’s investment in our mental health programs will help positively impact and empower 30,000 young Western Australian’s over three years – ultimately saving young lives”.

Chief medical officer Dr Max Hills said Chevron Australia was proud to join zero2hero as Empowerment Partner, “We asked our people where they’d like to make a difference in our local community and there was a clear passion for mental health,” said Hills. “Together with zero2hero, we hope to make a real and lasting impact to the community by sharing positive mental health messages with young people, parents and teachers across the state.”

Chevron’s support will see zero2hero deliver three state-wide mental health programs, designed to build compassion and resilience in young Western Australians.

These include:

1. Compassionate Communities – a 12-month school-based program designed to increase the compassion and wellbeing within a school or community group.
2. Tough Stuff – an eight-week school-based resilience building program designed for participants aged 10-12 years.
3. Camp Hero – a five-day mental health leadership program for 40 student leaders aged 15-18 years.

zero2hero is working to solve the current mental health and suicide crisis in Australia by providing authentic, real opportunities for young people to connect with themselves and each other, understand their own needs and learn how to ask for help.

For more information, please visit our website: [zero2hero.com.au](https://zero2hero.com.au) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/zero2heroAU](https://www.facebook.com/zero2heroAU)

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**About zero2hero:**

zero2hero is a WA-based not-for-profit organisation committed to the prevention of suicide. Our vision is To empower young people to positively manage their own mental health and wellbeing and support others. We do this by providing programs that educate, engage, and empower young people to support and maintain their own mental health and prevent suicide in the community.

Our CEO Ashlee Harrison was awarded the 2016 Western Australian of the Year – Youth Award, for her work with zero2hero.

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