

**Talk with a mate
who can relate**

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Survivors & Mates Support Network (SAMSNAUS) is a not-for-profit charity co-founded by male survivors, for male survivors and their supporters.

SAMSNAUS offers a range of **FREE** services regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. Any man struggling with the effects of child sexual abuse needs to know that it was not his fault and that recovery is possible.

Our Vision is a society in which male survivors of childhood sexual abuse can easily access peer and professional support.

Our Purpose is to build a support network that gives voice and agency to male survivors across Australia.

We Believe male survivors can heal from child sexual abuse, support others to thrive and be leaders for change.



Patron: Robert Fitzgerald AM
Ambassador: Rob Carlton

SURVIVORS & MATES **SUPPORT** NETWORK



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING
ORGANISATION FOR
**MALE SURVIVORS OF
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**



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 SAMSNAUS
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SAMSNAUS acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands across Australia upon which we live and work. We pay deep respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

SAMSNAUS respects your privacy. We are committed to protecting and keeping your personal information safe.

SAMSNAUS is not affiliated with any religious organisation.



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WHAT WE OFFER

Eight-week Support Groups Since 2011, SAMSN has delivered over 90 Eight-week Support Groups for male survivors. These are professionally facilitated peer support groups that provide practical information and supported discussion to assist participants in their healing and recovery. SAMSN's eight-week groups are free to attend and held once a week from 6pm to 8pm, in a range of locations including online.

Monthly Drop-in Meetings SAMSN's Monthly Drop-in Meetings are available to men who have completed an Eight-week Support Group. These professionally facilitated meetings offer continued connection with other survivors and focus on enhancing support and recovery.

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for survivors and
their supporters.



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Planned Support SAMSN provides practical support based on individual needs. We work alongside survivors and their supporters to negotiate systems such as:

- Government services including Centrelink and Housing
- Victim support services
- The National Redress Scheme
- Referral to criminal and civil legal services
- Work and Development Orders
- Reporting to Police, including Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO)
- Accessing short-term counselling
- Finding an external counsellor (longer term).

The National Redress Scheme SAMSN provides assistance to survivors thinking about applying to the National Redress Scheme and to those who have already made an application. The Scheme is designed to help people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse gain access to a monetary payment, counselling and a direct personal response/apology. An institution can include schools, children's homes, sporting clubs, community and faith-based institutions like scouts and churches and foster or out-of-home care.

Peer Support Phone Line *Talk with a mate who can relate* is a free and confidential telephone service providing an opportunity to talk with a male survivor who can identify with the issues faced by men who have experienced child sexual abuse. While our histories may be different, all SAMSN's peer support workers are trained to take calls from male survivors, and have accessed SAMSN's programs and services themselves. For more information and to book, please visit our website or call 1800 472 676.

Supporters & Survivors Workshops SAMSN is committed to supporting partners, family and friends of survivors. These one-day workshops bring together survivors and supporters in a safe, supportive environment to share learning and enhance personal and relational wellbeing.

Consultation & Training Combining lived expertise, and professional knowledge and experience, SAMSN provides tailored training and consultations to service providers and non-government organisations and health professionals.