## STAYING MENTALLY FIT

Staying mentally fit in life requires knowledge and skills about how to protect and promote wellbeing.

Mental fitness is something we can build, maintain and grow to help us cope with stress and life challenges. There are many actions we can take to build and maintain our mental fitness, by:



Getting good quality sleep



Regularly keeping physically active



Eating a high-quality diet



Avoiding cigarettes and making healthy choices around alcohol and other drugs



Spending time in nature



Learning and practicing relaxation strategies and ways of regulating how we feel



Learning to manage unhelpful thoughts



Learning the social and emotional skills to cope with life stress and solve problems in life



Building positive and respectful relationships in footy and in life



Staying involved and engaged in fun activities, such as footy, that build confidence and give us a sense of purpose, meaning and accomplishment



Giving to others and contributing to a charity or cause



Treating everybody with compassion and respect



Recognising when we are struggling and knowing where to go for support



Recognising when others are doing it tough and having the skills to reach out to help them get the support they need

Doing these things on a regular basis can enhance our mental fitness and reduce our risk of experiencing mental health challenges. They can also save someone's life.

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