



# MEDIA RELEASE



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## Roll Dice for Charity – Jasper's Game Week Aussie Edition 2023

Meeples & Dragons is organising the third year of Jasper's Game Week Aussie Edition. Sarah Ray-Lawton, 38, has brought together a host of local Aussie talent from the tabletop roleplay gaming (aka TTRPG) space to raise money for mental health awareness and suicide prevention research. Last year AUD\$17,400 was raised and this year the proceeds go to benefit Jasper's Game Day and the Black Dog Institute.

"I lost a school friend at the age of 14 to suicide, and a close family friend at the age of 18. Having also experienced depression and anxiety myself, hearing about the work that Jasper's Game Day was doing in the US made me want to do something like that here in Australia. We've been working with them since 2021 to fundraise for mental health awareness and suicide prevention research charities through tabletop games such as Dungeons & Dragons. It has been an absolute pleasure working with them and the Australian tabletop streaming community to shine a light on suicide prevention and let people know that they aren't alone, it's okay to ask for help."

Jasper's Game Week Aussie Edition runs from the 15-20<sup>th</sup> May on the Meeples & Dragons twitch channel (@meeplesanddragons). Each day consists of three games each lasting for 3 hrs. Games start at 12pm, 3.30pm & 7pm AEST with each game containing 1 game master and up to 6 players. Each game contains seats available to the public that will be auctioned off on 28<sup>th</sup> April. During the games the audience can donate to influence the gameplay, adding random events that require the cast to adlib and adapt on the go. There are even giveaways throughout the event for the Twitch chat to get in on.

"The TTRPG hobby is a welcoming hobby that is safe place for many people, and I don't know a single person in this space (myself included) who hasn't been impacted by mental health in some way. We all have our own stories and each year a bunch of us get together to create a fun, chaotic online event to raise funds for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Because at the end of the day, you're not a critical failure and every roll matters."

To support the Jasper's Game Week Aussie Edition, visit: <https://www.twitch.tv/meeplesanddragons> or <https://meeplesanddragons.com.au/>

To find out more about the Black Dog Institute and mental health research in Australia, visit: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

**Event details**

<b>What</b>	<b>Jasper's Game Week Aussie Edition</b>
<b>When</b>	12pm-10pm AEST, 15-20 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Where</b>	Twitch
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**LIFELINE COUNSELLING SERVICE** 13 11 14      **SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE** 1300 659 467 (cost of a local call)