

TUF DUO; Dr John and Elizabeth Mid ntosh have saved three lives since the launch of their Tuf Minds app. Supplied

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## New suicide prevention app already a lifesaver



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 ${\tt DOCTOR\ John\ McIntosh\ and\ his\ wife\ Dr\ Elizabeth\ McIntosh\ have\ alread\ ys aved\ three\ lives\ with\ their\ TUFM\ INDs\ app.}$ 

The app, which provides information about suicide prevention and mental health, saved three lives over the Christmas period a month after it was launched, they said.

Dr Elizabeth McIntosh said it was humbling to know they have been able to help so many people.

"It's the ultimate reward when you've dedicated a lot of time into something, to see it working. Even if it had helped just one person it would have been worth the hours and hours of hard work," she said.

Dr John McIntosh said seeing the app have such a dramatic impact in such a short time was remarkable. "It's only been available for six weeks and just two per cent of Mackay's population has the app at the moment.

"If we can get 50 per cent of the population to download the app, imagine howmany lives could be saved."

Dr John gave an example of how the app saved a life.