

LEAD ON KALAMUNDA

– STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Lead On Kalamunda - making space and opportunities for local young people to lead, teach and do

The overall goal of Lead On Kalamunda is to build the capacity of the communities of the Shire of Kalamunda through the active engagement of its young people. Lead On Kalamunda is a community building initiative designed to enable young people (up to 25 years) to pursue personal, career and community dreams through mobilising the support, resources and connections of the broader community.

It has the dual objective of providing young people with the opportunity to develop new skills, confidence, insights and networks through designing and leading practical community projects; and enabling the 'not so young' through their ability to mentor and open 'doors and windows' to discover the value of young people's contribution to community building.

The Lead On Kalamunda Project initially involves seven initiatives;

- creating opportunities proposed by both young people and the broader community (especially business community) to create and implement **real community and work projects** – Lead On Kalamunda's first project is the creation of a community based monthly newspaper the **Kalamunda Community Matters** (20 000 copies);
- coordination of an annual **Kalamunda MAD (Make A Difference) Day** for students in local schools;
- creation of a **Kalamunda Community Passions and Skills Register** to identify local residents willing to share their skills, interests and experiences with young people;
- creation of **Kalamunda Lead On website and Myspace** site to promote youth involvement and interaction opportunities;
- promotion of state, national and international **youth leadership development experiences**;
- establishment of a **Community Door Program** which encourages local committees and boards to create specific committee/director positions; and
- coordination of a range of skill development workshops targeting special learning interests of young people.

'The only two lasting bequeaths we can hope give to young people – one of them is roots, the other is wings' (*Hoding Carter*)

'Young people should never be seen as a burden on any society, but its most precious asset' (*Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, UN*)