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# **Guiding principals**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purposes of the association are:

- a. Provide a base for community development and charitable work within the Lancefield district.
- b. Provide services and activities which support and empower vulnerable members of the community.
- c. Provide services and activities which aim to reduce social isolation.
- d. Promote core community development principles including social justice, lifelong learning, community ownership and participation.
- e. Provide a venue for a variety of community based activities and programs to meet social, health, educational, environmental, vocational and recreational needs.

#### **Vision Statement**

Our Vision for this organisation is to enable all members of the community to have the opportunity to realise their full potential.

We are here to provide opportunities for the community: to enable learning, connectedness and personal growth and hence contribute to the overall well being of the community.

#### **Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to contribute to a happy, healthy and connected community.

## Objectives

- 1. To provide a venue for individuals or groups to use our facilities and participate in activities.
- 2. To develop an understanding of the social and emotional needs of our community.
- 3. To identify and encourage community participation in its management and delivery of health, welfare, social, educational, recreational services and other activities.
- 4. To seek funding and support for the development of programs and other activities designed to meet these needs.
- 5. To encourage and facilitate the establishment of self help groups and assist in the provision of reasonable access in relation to these services.
- 6. To provide information in relation to the availability of programs and activities.
- 7. To liaise and co-operate with other agencies and organisations similarly committed to self-help and community development.
- 8. To operate in a non political and non-sectarian manner.
- 9. To extend the hand of friendship to **all** members of the community.
- 10. To foster self-determination and encourage people to organise their own activities, make decisions, and become involved in community activities.
- 11. To provide opportunities of access to courses, programs and information to people who would otherwise be excluded.
- 12. To do such things as may be considered consistent with these objectives.