

Media release

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Future2 reaches out to the community

Future2 was formally launched today with the announcement of a partnering agreement with Whitelion, a community-based youth foundation, and two grants of \$10,000 each to grassroots charities in Queensland and Victoria.

Speaking at the 2007 National Conference of Financial Planning Association (FPA), Future2 trustee Corinna Dieters told delegates that Future2 is celebrating its first birthday and the beginning of a phase of growth and development.

“Trustees have decided that Future2’s immediate focus should be on helping young Australians living in poverty or social isolation, those who are homeless or whose choices lead them into crime”, Ms Dieters said.

“We have been exploring creative and effective ways to help young people achieve more fulfilling and productive lives.

“Today’s announcements are Future2’s first steps to achieving its vision of giving under-privileged and disadvantaged Australians a second chance and the opportunity of a better future.”

Make the Difference Grants

Two Future2 grants of \$10,000 each have been made, subject to due diligence and reporting requirements, and will be disbursed during 2008.

Future2 Financial Success is a Queensland-based Search Light project endorsed by the FPA Brisbane Chapter. The project will develop financial and life skills among Year 10 to 12 girls at a Queensland community access school. Half of the girls are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders; one in four are already mothers; and all have been alienated from their families and mainstream education.

Access Mildura is a community based training body seeking to set up a retail outlet for young trainees, with the support of the FPA Sunraysia Chapter. The grant will go towards the purchase of essential equipment for the retail facility which allows Access Mildura to expand its training for disabled and under-privileged kids in Mildura.

Trustees invited applications from FPA Chapters for Future2 Make the Difference! Grants in September, seeking deserving community projects which had the support and endorsement of FPA members.

Whitelion partnership

Future2 trustees have entered a partnering agreement with Whitelion, a Victorian-based charity working to reconnect disadvantaged ‘hard end’ young people with the community. Whitelion opens doors to opportunities, relationships and community for young people involved in the Youth Justice System or at risk of involvement.

“Whitelion and Future2 will identify programs in areas such as mentoring, employment and outreach which assist young offenders and those at risk of custody. Our particular focus will be on initiatives that can be promoted through the FPA and its members”, Ms. Dieters said.

“This promises to be a great partnership for both organisations and, more importantly, for the young Australians who need our help”, she added.

Whitelion’s CEO and founding director Mark Watt will speak at SydneyLIVE, the conference gala dinner which is Future2’s inaugural fundraising event, about the transforming impact of Whitelion’s programs on young lives.

The appointment of Terry Power as Chair of the Board was also announced today. Other trustees of Future2 are Peter Bobbin, Corinna Dieters, Ray Griffin CFP, David Haintz CFP and Michael Neary.

Future2 was established in early 2007 on the initiative of a small group of FPA members and the support of the FPA Board. It is a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient status.

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Future2 exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. A key factor differentiating Future2 from other foundations is the strong link it seeks to establish with FPA members who will assist with project identification, fundraising and promoting the foundation’s work in the community.