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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Helping Huon Valley's Youth Reach Full Potential

We are excited to be providing a youth mentoring program for young people in the Huon Valley through a partnership with Whitelion.

For nearly 20 years the not-for-profit organization has supported thousands of young Australians to reach their full potential.

By linking young people with mentors the program helps them connect to their community and create a sense of belonging.

Mayor Bec Enders said the program is a valuable opportunity for the region's youth.

"Whitelion will engage with young people, service providers, community groups and volunteer mentors to design and pilot a volunteer mentoring project for young people over the next 6 months," Cr Enders said.

"I encourage anyone who is, or knows of someone who is, aged between 10 and 25 who could benefit from the Whitelion program to let us know so we can point them in the right direction."

The program is open for both young people and also adults who would like to get involved as mentors. Anyone who is interested in supporting young people in their community can become a Whitelion mentor.

To get involved in the program please call Ashley Saw on 0458 985 004

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