



## Hope Mission Centre

### VISION:

A society that is compassionate with a strong sense of community through the message of hope, encouragement and equal opportunities.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*Hope Mission Centre is committed to enriching lives with purpose and hope and strengthening communities. It is devoted to sharing the love of God to all people without partiality, and equipping and empowering people for life and ministry.*

### OBJECTIVES:

- Help and support the people in the community
- Outreach to fulfil the evangelistic mission of Christ
- Partnerships with other community organisations, businesses and government bodies
- Equip and empower people for life and ministry

### OUR NAISSANCE

Hope Mission Centre is a not for profit organisation that was established in 1999 in the heart of Sydney, Parramatta by Rev Dr Aileen Gunawan and Rev Samuel Gunawan. They were filled with much compassion, love and had a deep desire to share the message of HOPE to all people.

Today, Hope Mission Centre is a multi-faceted vibrant organisation that comprises of over 50 volunteers that share the same mission and passion to serve the community. Hope Mission Centre offers numerous programs and services to strengthen, support and assist the community. Our heartbeat is to touch, connect and transform the lives of the people, but not just the disadvantaged, but the whole community.

## Hope Within Reach

([www.hopewithinreach.com](http://www.hopewithinreach.com))

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*Hope Within Reach exists to strengthen and equip individuals and families with the resources and skills to effectively manage the social, vocational, financial and personal aspects of their lives. We endeavour to facilitate the process of helping individuals to aspire, aim and achieve a healthy life and family through a holistic approach.*

Hope Within Reach is a division of Hope Mission Centre and established a training centre at Harris Park in 2006. Hope Within Reach bridges the gap and removes barriers for disadvantaged Australians by offering training and development programs so that they can participate in and contribute and become an asset to the society.

**Headway** is an innovative 5 part workshop series that

help enables an individual to map their tertiary or career pathways. During these workshops they will discover their talents and skills to develop a blueprint for their life and gain skills and resources to achieve their dream job.

**Online** equips individuals with IT skills to break into the digital world and open up a myriad of opportunities. During the 3 part workshop series the person will learn basic computing skills.

**MoneyMinded** is an adult financial education program, developed to help people build their financial skills, knowledge and confidence. It aims to improve people's capacity to successfully manage day-to-day and long-term financial matters. The program is provided in two formats - face-to-face workshops and an online educational tool, and is also supported by a public website [www.moneyminded.com.au](http://www.moneyminded.com.au).

The MoneyMinded workshops program consists of six topics:

1. Planning & budgeting
2. Getting started
3. Understanding paperwork
4. Credit providers
5. Dealing with debt
6. Rights & responsibilities

**Cooperate** is a local initiative to encourage members of the community to get involved in community life through volunteering.

**Relate** is a parenting and relationship skills program for families, couples, parents and children.

There is a strong body of research evidence indicating that programs that adopt whole-of-family approaches, working with parents and children/young people concurrently, are more effective in achieving long-term benefits to their relationships. (Youthlinx Program Guidelines, FACSIA, 2006)

**Breakthrough** is a counselling support and assistance program.

## The Life Collective



### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To contribute to the life of our community by valuing diversity and encouraging inclusion through the provision of social groups thereby promoting community interaction, harmony, healthy lifestyle and support networks.*

We would like to launch the following initiatives in the community in 2007/08:

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN INITIATIVE

“Art and recreational activities represent a key element in the social development of all children and youth. Participation in sport, artistic and cultural activities can strengthen a young person’s sense of pride and achievement, contributing to increased self-esteem; and fosters a sense of belonging in the community, which can discourage a young person from lashing out against it. It further offers an opportunity to develop skills and gain experience.” (<http://www.justice.gc.ca/en/ps/yj/partnership/arts.html>)



**Kidz Crew** is an innovative out of school creative arts program for primary aged child (Kindergarten to Year 6) that aims to foster:

- talent, creativity, confidence and skill
- a positive outlook on life and attitude towards learning
- a sense of belonging to the community and active engagement in it.

This includes:

- music theory
- learning to play a musical instrument
- performing in a band
- social, communication and presentation skills
- community performance

Kidz Crew is held weekly for an hour on Saturday afternoons (during school terms).

### WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE INITIATIVE

The Australian government has a set a priority on preventing young people from disengaging from family, education, and the community. Disengagement is known to be at the beginning of most pathways to more serious problems such as substance abuse, poor health, unemployment and poverty, and homelessness. (Youthlinx Program Guidelines, FACSIA, 2006)

**Elevate** is a learning assistance program for junior and secondary students. It is a prevention strategy adopted by Hope Mission Centre to minimise the probability of young people dropping out or engaging in harmful activities such as narcotic/alcohol use.

The tutors are currently university students; they serve as positive role models to the young people, offer encouragement, support and form informal mentoring relationships with the students. Continued education to tertiary studies is promoted.

### Youth Cup Games (YCG)

([www.youthcupgames.com](http://www.youthcupgames.com)) is an amateur level sports competition for young people between the ages of 12 to 25 years old. It was established in 2005 to engage the young people to participate in mixed recreational sports. Physical fitness, fun, clean and active lifestyle is encouraged.



The teams meet on the first Saturday of each month to play in various sports including: soccer, basketball and volleyball.

**Vertical** is a social recreation program for individuals who want to meet and make friends, be out and about in the community on recreational and leisure activities. Activities are organised on a monthly basis and vary from outdoor activities, indoor activities & short trips.

## WORKING WITH FAMILIES INITIATIVE



**The Parent Connection** aims to strengthen family relationships and improve their resilience against stress and conflict with practical support and guidance.

The Parent Connection offers parenting, communication and conflict resolution programs to equip parents with skills to their family connection. The meetings are held monthly

## WORKING WITH WOMEN

**Inspire** provides support for women who are interested in meeting and networking with other women, for professional or social purposes. It offers a varied program with creative activities, guest speakers, and facilitated discussions. It offers a relaxed atmosphere where women can exchange experiences about the working world or general life issues.

Monthly social events are organised with a special theme.

Inspire is open to women from all cultural backgrounds, employed or not employed, especially women who are new to Australia and Parramatta who would like to come together, meet new people and make new friends

## WORKING WITH CULTURAL AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY

“One of the challenges we face is the health of our community. The decrease in time that people spend in physical and cultural activity results in fewer people knowing their neighbours, which in turn affect the levels of connection people have in their neighbourhoods”  
(extract from Parramatta First Strategy document)

**Translate** aims to work with people in the community that are from Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) to assist them to overcome their personal and social barriers so that they are able to participate in the economic and social life of the community.

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## Hope Church



Hope church is an interdenominational Christian Church that is committed to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, teach, fully equip and empower saints, raising cell groups and a new generation of leaders.

Hope Church has weekly Worship Services on Sundays at 10am at Unit 3 / 27 Daking St North Parramatta.

They offer a range of programs and services such as:



**Marriage Enrichment** program are relationship building classes that is offered to couples both pre-marital and post-marriage.

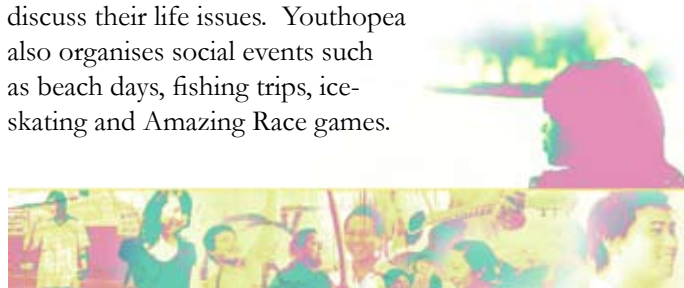
**Empowerment for Ministry (EM)** is monthly seminars provided to the Church ministry leaders and potential leaders equipping them with leadership training.

**DOT.COM** (Discipling Others for The great COMmission) is a Christ-centred discipleship program devoted to teaching, guiding & building church members to increase their knowledge of the biblical scriptures and life application.

**Homecells** are small home-based fellowship groups which meet on a fortnightly basis to study the Word of God and have fellowship with other Christian believers. They are located all around Sydney in: Parramatta, Harris Park, Seven Hills, Greenvalley, Cremorne and Dundas (Chinese).

**Hope Kids** is a children's ministry program that equips children with Word of God, arts, craft and music lessons.

**Youthopea** is a Christian youth group that holds weekly youth services. Youthopea is focussed on helping the young people: Discover Jesus and their potential, be Discipled in the ways of Jesus, and fulfil their God given Destiny. Youthopea provides a safe environment for young people to have a social outlet and be able to discuss their life issues. Youthopea also organises social events such as beach days, fishing trips, ice-skating and Amazing Race games.



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