



# Quest to find young leaders

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A LANDMARK project to find young leaders in Alice Springs will be managed by Deputy Mayor John Rawnsley.

Mr Rawnsley said he would be the leadership development manager of Desert Knowledge Australia's new Desert Leadership Program.

The project aims to connect community leaders with young people with potential, to work towards a positive shared vision for the town.

Mr Rawnsley said: "I'm inspired by some of the aspects of the program, especially the collaboration between emerging younger people, established leaders and the role of Social Leadership Australia."

DKA chief executive John Huigen said Mr Rawnsley exemplified the sort of leaders the program was aiming to create.

He said DKA was looking for promising, hard-working individuals looking to bridge gaps between indigenous and non-indigenous people, creating a better future for Alice Springs as a result.

Mr Rawnsley said: "We need a mix of people who may be lead-



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ers in business or the community.

"Mentors have played a really important part in my own development and their support and wisdom has given me the confidence to put myself forward. I call on mentors and established leaders of Alice Springs to express interest and do their part towards our shared future."

The two-year inter-cultural program will include mentoring and field trips.

Expressions of interest for mentors closes on Friday.