

## MEDIA STATEMENT



# Murray Cowper MLA

**Shadow Minister for Industrial  
Relations; Emergency Services;  
Member for Murray**

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### Young student helps others see the light

Year nine Mandurah Baptist College student Aaron Johnson was presented last week with a mousepad featuring his winning artwork, which will be distributed to hundreds of students in the Murray region and in Harvey and Australind.

Aaron's watercolour artwork depicting a beach scene was chosen as the winning contribution in a competition organised by Murray Cowper MLA to raise awareness of the help that is available in the community for young people suffering depression or other forms of stress.

The mousepad features phone numbers and websites of helplines and local organisations assisting young people in need.

Murray Cowper has been assisted by Alcoa, H&N Perry real estate, Eastlake Church, Drum Print, Lifeline, Spud Shed, the Shire of Murray and Mandurah Graphics in paying for the production of 1000 mousepads which he hopes students in the region will utilise when they are in distress.

Aaron won a \$50 voucher from a local skate shop which he has used towards new shoes.

*Photo : Murray Cowper MLA and Year 9 Mandurah Baptist College student Aaron Johnson holds the mousepad featuring his winning artwork*

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