



Avant Australia's Leading MDO

Future Leaders — Developing Leaders Through Behaviour Feedback

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Introduction and Overview

Feedback in your Organisation







Feedback is We only give
never given feedback
on obligatory formal
occasions
(e.g., Annual
Performance
Reviews)



360° feedback



An informal feedback culture exists; we openly share both positive & 'developmental' feedback

What is 360° feedback?



- The scientific community refers to 360° instruments as multirater or multisource feedback.
- Feedback that goes beyond self-appraisal to include:
 - The Higher-Level Manager
 - Direct Reports
 - o Peers
 - o Internal Customers, etc.
- That is, feedback from all parties around the person, encompassing a 360°circle, hence the name.
- 360°feedback addresses one of the most common and fundamentally justified criticisms of the onesided evaluation by a single person.

Why measure leadership behaviour?



- Research shows self awareness is critical to change and improvement.
- Structured and accurate feedback via 360° survey tools can enable awareness, inform development strategies, and improve leadership effectiveness.



- People are poor self-raters when it comes to their performance as leaders (Hogan et al., 1994).
- Employees and close colleagues are best to observe and assess leadership behaviour (Morgeson et al., 2005).
- A 360° yields the best information about the performance of a leader, and the subordinates are the best source of information (Halverson et al., 2002; Hogan, 2006).
- The fact that a 360° exercise is organised sends out an important message, namely that the organisation considers leadership to be important (Smither et al., 1995).



- Repeating the 360° feedback exercise and meticulous supervision leads to improvement (Siefert & Yukl, 2010).
- A 360° exercise is perceived as more objective and is more accepted as a process (McEvoy & Buller, 1987).
- Meta-analytic findings suggest significant change in behavior but the effect sizes are typically modest and when done poorly may lead to both disengagement and a decline in performance (Nowack & Mashihi, 2012; Atwater et al., 1995; Hazucha et al., 1993; Reilly et al., 1996; Smither et al., 1995).



- 360° feedback combined with a follow-up discussion and coaching yields the best results (Hazucha et al., 1993; Walker & Smither, 1999; Finn et al., 2007).
- 360° instrument works best for those who overestimate themselves (Hegarty, 1974; Atwater, 1995; Fleenor et al., 1996; Johnson & Ferstl, 1999; Reilly et al., 1996; Smither et al., 2004).
- The more specifically the behaviour was described; the greater the tendency was to do something about it (Smither et al., 1995).



- Unfavourable feedback (but not too much) is more likely to motivate improvement than positive feedback, if the feedback process is well administered (Reilly et al., 1996; Walker & Smither, 1999).
- A 360° exercise can be a useful means of stimulating an open search for feedback, a part of a stimulating feedback environment (Anseel & Lievens, 2007).



The deployment of various rating sources, including a 360° instrument, is a good means of stopping (previously) successful **psychopaths** from attaining important leadership positions (Babiak & Hare, 2006).

Source: Patrick Vermeren (2014), Around Leadership

Personal Experience of Feedback

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Context & Personal Experience of Feedback

Strategic role of leadership development i.e., why Avant is investing in developing leaders

Rationale for the program (Mike will elaborate the structure and detail of Avant's leadership development program next)

Personal story of how multiple 360 feedback changed my leadership style. Heart felt journey of self discovery and why you are committed to the idea of straight feedback to prompt transformation.



Avant Overview



Who are we?











Where are we today?

Market Leader

Australia's largest Medical Defence Organisation Good, growing niche health insurance business Respected brand with Doctors

Loyal members



Strong capital position, with net assets \$800m+ Good capital & financial management disciplines

High engagement culture

Engaged team
High expertise
A good place to work



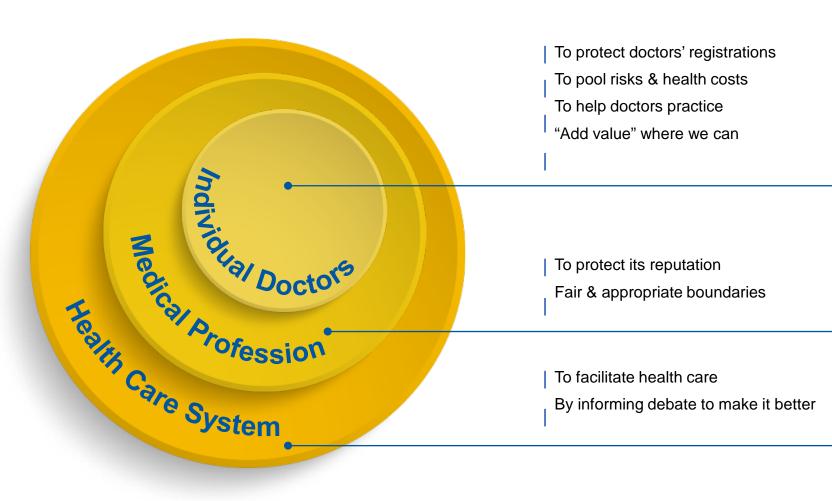








Why do we exist?





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Avant's Future Leader Program

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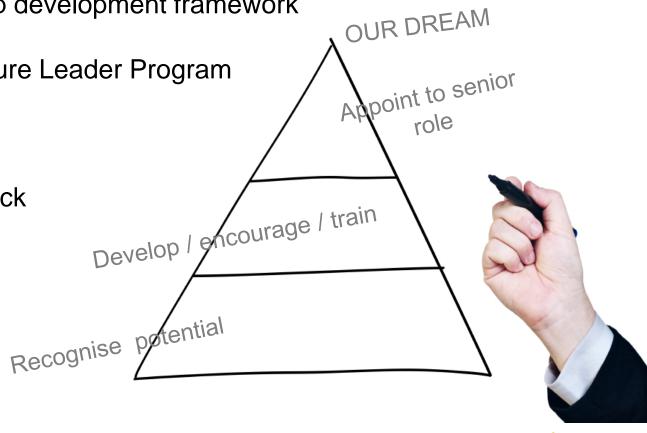
Future Leaders

Avant's leadership development framework

Description of Future Leader Program

- Current status
- Participant feedback
- Outcomes

both internal and external



Dare to Dream

 Develop leadership capability

Grow our talent pool of future leaders

• Empower, challenge and transform our people leaders







Avant's Leadership Framework

Talent & Succession - selection by:

- ✓ Completion of foundation programs
- ✓ Nomination by GMs endorsed by E-Team
- ✓ Strong performance



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Emerging Leaders

Leadership Essentials

Transformation into leadership

Manager Essentials Core skills - 'how we do things at Avant'



Leadership Essentials

Manager Essentials

Two year program for all Managers & People Leaders

New employees

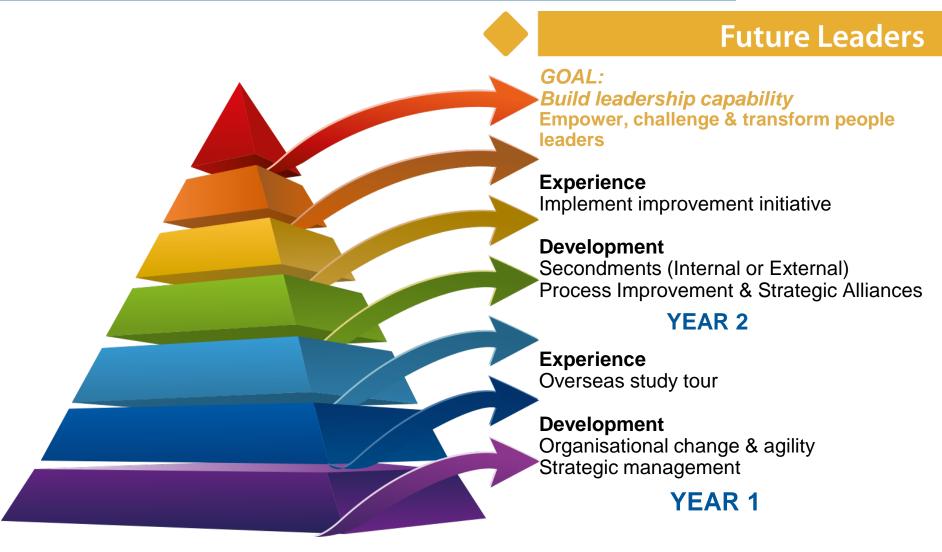


Corporate Induction

Avant's Corporate Induction program - welcomes new employees to the business; provides an overview of Avant's history, business strategy, values and organisational structure..



Future Leaders Program: Components





Future Leaders Program



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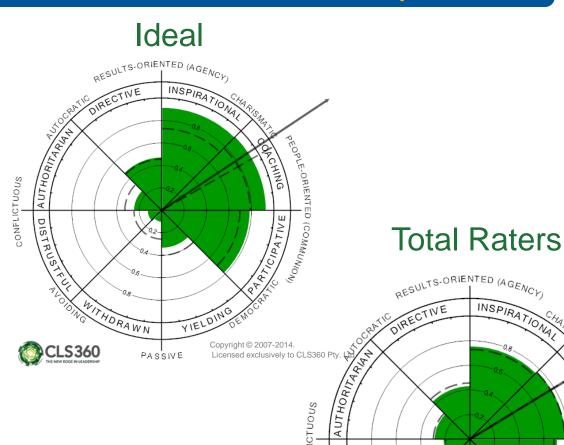
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|---|-------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------------------------|
| YEAR | Jan-14 | Feb-14 | Mar-14 Apr- | 4 May-14 | Jun - Aug 14 | Sep-14 | Oct-14 | Nov-14 | Dec-14 |
| 1 | | Phase 1: Day 1-2 | Phase 2: Intensive Development Program & Study Tour continues over the next eight (8) months | | | | | Phase 3 Review | |
| Future Leaders - Hi Potential Program | Admin & Logistics | Prog Launch Date: 6-7 Feb 2014 Venue: Crown Plaza Terrigal | Module 1 Strategic Framewor 5 Days Date: 10 -14 March 2 Venue: MGSM North F | *Study Tour Research 3 Days | Study Tour Planning & Research 1 Day Date: 11 June 14 (TBC) | Study 10 Days (ir Date: 26 Se | | Program Review E-Team Meeting Date: 2 Dec 14 | Wrap up & EOY Function |
| YEAR | Jan-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-15 Apr- | 5 May-15 Jun-15 | Jul-15 Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 |
| 2 | | Phase 4 | | Phase 5 - Organisation | Phase 5 - Organisational Change | | | | |
| Future Leaders - Hi Potential Program | Admin & Logistics | Planning for Secondment/ Work Experience | Module 3 Business Improvement Innovation 2 Days Date: March 15 Venue: MGSM City Care | Assignment based on specific development needs of each individual | | | | Final Phase Review of Program & Recommendations to E-Team on future | Wrap up & EOY Function |
| | | | Business process change/improvement | | | | | options | > |
| | | | Planning for final phase Business Process Improvement Key Focus: Implementing business process change across the organisation | | | | | | |



Future Leaders - Group Data



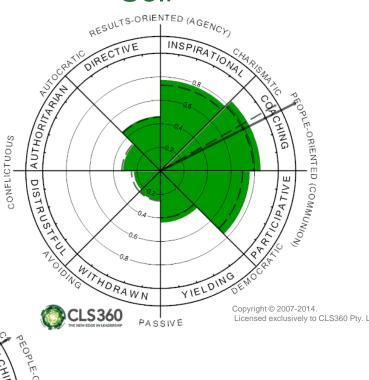
Self



CONFLICTUOUS

DISTRUST

WITHDRAWN





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Motivation Commitment Feedback Support

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Measuring Leadership Interpersonal Behaviour Using the CLS360

What is leadership?



- At the core of recent leadership thinking is the idea of *influence*.
- A leader's unique role is to influence others.
- And to influence others is to interact with others, and this is expressed uniquely in a leader's interpersonal behaviour.
- Arguably, leadership is interpersonal behaviour; how leaders behave towards others and how others react in turn will determine their influence in any given situation and ultimately be the measure of them as leaders.

What is the CLS360?



- CLS360 stands for Circumplex Leadership Scan 360°.
- The CLS360 is an evidence-based, scientifically rigorous assessment.
- Designed specially for leaders, it measures leadership interpersonal behaviours.
- A leader's behaviour along eight different leadership styles is plotted onto an interpersonal circumplex.

The CLS360 – 4 Quadrants, 8 Styles CLS360

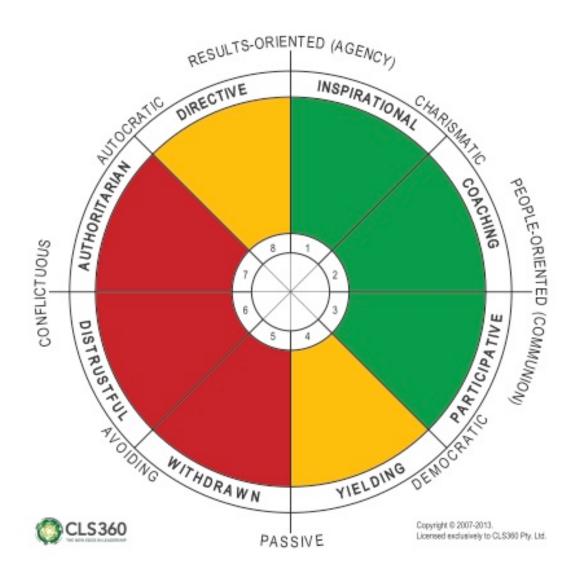


Quadrants:

- Charismatic
- 2. Democratic
- 3. Avoiding
- 4. Autocratic

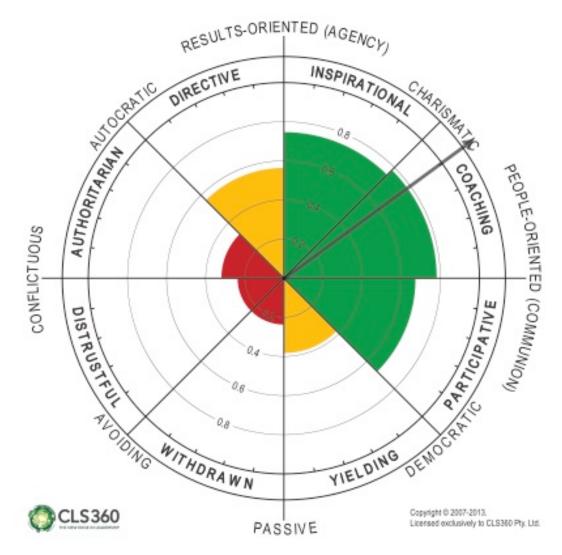
Styles

- Inspirational
- 2. Coaching
- **Participative**
- Yielding
- Withdrawn
- Distrustful
- 7. Authoritarian
- Directive



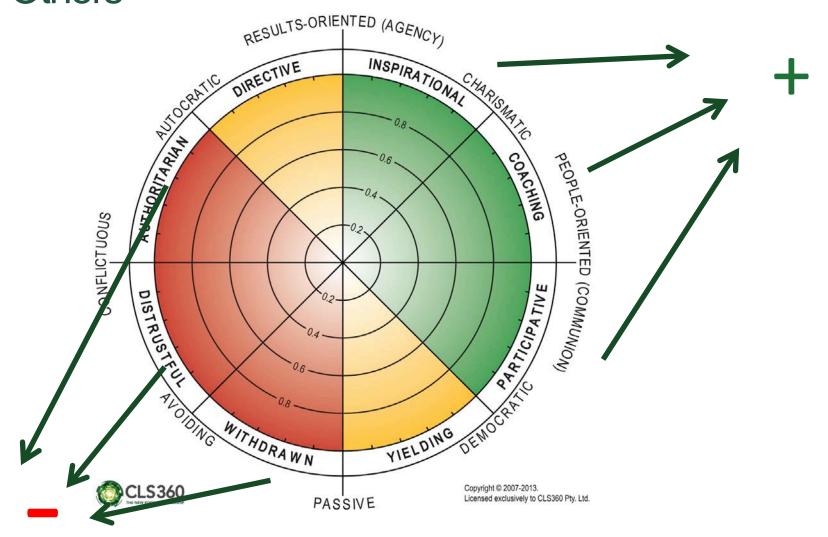
Sample CLS360 Results Plotted on ©cls360 the Leadership Circumplex





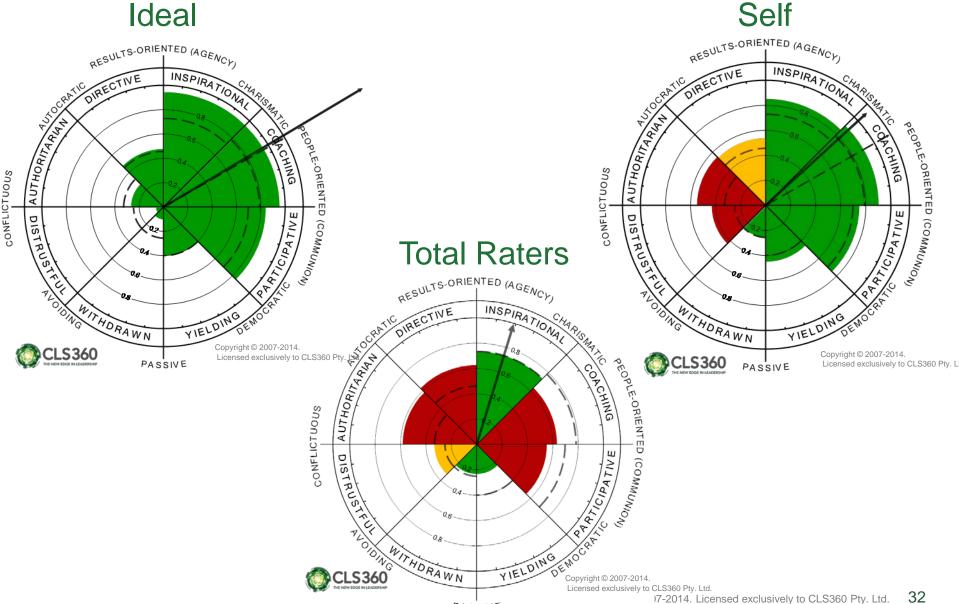
Predictive Validity: Effectiveness as Rated by Others





General Manager Wholesale





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Conclusion