

Award Recipients Announced at Volunteering Victoria 2019 State Awards

Volunteering Victoria announced 9 recipients at its fifth annual State Awards held at Queen's Hall at State Parliament House on Wednesday 20 November 2019.

"The State Awards celebrate the important contributions volunteer-involving organisation, leaders of volunteers and volunteers make to individuals and their communities." stated Scott Miller, Chief Executive of Volunteering Victoria.

Volunteering Victoria has a strategic commitment to recognise the combined efforts of volunteer managers, volunteer-involving organisations and volunteers that allows for change to take place.

"Meaningful volunteering does not happen spontaneously without the support, the guidance, management and leadership of leaders of volunteers and their organisations. Without these stories, we are merely an echo chamber" adds Miller.

The Awards covered seven categories: Innovation, Excellence, Excellence in Grassroots Organisations, Collaboration for Community Impact, Inclusion, Employee Volunteer Program and Local Government. A panel of judges drawn from the volunteering sector considered nominations and picked the winners.

"The State Awards present an excellent opportunity to share inspiring stories and bring forth new, creative ideas allowing us to understand what we can do better moving forward" says Miller.

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Winners and photos follow on following pages

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2019 Volunteering Victoria State Award Recipients

Excellence Award

Awarded to volunteer programs that have demonstrated a commitment to going beyond best practice volunteer management.

Winner: **Court Network**



Excellence in Grassroots Organisation

Awarded to a grassroots Volunteer Involving Organisation for demonstrating a commitment to going beyond best practice volunteer management.

Winner: **Mercy Connect**



Inclusion Award

Awarded to a Volunteering Involving Organisation that achieves the inclusion of individuals or groups who are often excluded from the mainstream or traditional volunteering.

Winner: **Melbourne Writers Festival**



Local Government

Awarded to a local government organisation who has made a significant commitment to supporting volunteering in its community.

Winner: **Knox City Council**



Collaboration for Community Impact

Awarded to a partnership/collaboration between organisations that who make significant contribution to the community through their volunteer program.

Winner: **Campaspe Murray Volunteer Network**



Employee Volunteering Program

Awarded to an Employee Volunteer Program that delivers a significant, sustained and successful benefit to beneficiaries.

Winner(s): **St Kilda Mums & ORIMA Research**



Innovation Award

Awarded to a Volunteer Involving Organisation for an innovative, unique volunteering program or model that engages volunteers, and makes a significant contribution to the work of the Volunteer Involving Organisation, improving its ability to achieve its purpose and objectives, and to deliver positive outcomes.

Winner(s): **Golden Square Pool & CFA**



ABOUT VOLUNTEERING VICTORIA

Volunteering Victoria is the state peak body for volunteering. Our vision is resilient communities and empowered, active people through meaningful volunteering.

We promote and build a vibrant, strong volunteering community that is inclusive, respected and sustainable.

Volunteering Victoria is a member-based organisation, supported by a dedicated and highly professional team of staff and volunteers. From broad sectors such as social services, health, sport, culture, emergency services and local government, our membership reflects the diversity of people and organisations that work with and support volunteers in our community.