

Volunteer recognition goes a long way

ORIMA Research is one of Australia's leading providers of social research, evaluation and data analysis services to government and the human services sector. Their mission is to improve the well-being of people by contributing to high quality, evidence-based public policy, public administration, service delivery and management decisions.

ORIMA staff volunteer through participating in Ardoch's Literacy Buddies Program, and also volunteer their time to conduct pro-bono research on behalf of not-for-profit organisations. ORIMA is partnered with Spring Parks Primary School through the Literacy Buddies program. Throughout the year, Spring Parks students (Little Buddies) and volunteers (Big Buddies) exchange letters to improve students' literacy and inspire learning. Visits happen to the Little Buddies twice a year, once at their school and once at the workplace. ORIMA's recent pro-bono work includes an evaluation of Ardoch's Learning Through Lunch program and evaluation of Ardoch's place-based approach.

On-the-ground, participating in the Literacy Buddies program gives children the opportunity to practice their writing and composition skills. In addition, the program gives children exposure to a professional workplace and the range of jobs within our organisation. At a higher level, ORIMA is proud to contribute research skills and expertise to help not-for-profit organisations like Ardoch to improve the delivery of their programs and services to the community.

Winning the Award has helped to reinforce and build commitment to one of ORIMA's core values, which is to contribute to your community. ORIMA strives to contribute positively to the community both through employee volunteering and also in their broader work.

Congratulations to ORIMA Research on their well-deserved Employee Volunteering Program Award at the 2019 Volunteering Victoria State Awards.

