

Enriching communities via meaningful partnerships

Campaspe Murray Vibrant Volunteers Project is a project funded by Department of Social Services and managed by the Campaspe Primary Care Partnership in Rochester. The project is aimed at building the volunteering capacity of local community and health organisations by developing a shared approach to creating consistency of volunteer service co-ordination across the Campaspe Murray area and to identify strategies to enhance promotion and recognition of volunteers within the local area.

Project partners are gaining knowledge and expertise through training, sharing of resources and empowerment to raise the profile and quality of volunteering across the Campaspe Murray region and within their organisations.

The project has been a truly collaborative program strengthening the capacity volunteer coordinators within the Campaspe Murray Vibrant Volunteer Network. Many of the Volunteer Coordinators work part-time and have multiple roles within an organisation. The work strengthens and shares the good practice across areas for all to leverage off.

This project has also been another shining example of the valuable work of rural PCP's in bringing together providers and the platform they provide for valuable resourcing and knowledge sharing.

The project has increased from 10 original network partnerships to over 24 partners from across the region and is bringing about growth and recognition of the Volunteer sector in rural region and empowering volunteers and VIO's to have a voice and be heard.

The award- winning project has provided key organisations such as health services in the region an opportunity to partner with smaller Community organisations like neighbourhood houses to share resources and ideas to help them grow their volunteer programs, create connections and feel supported along the way.

Congratulations to Campaspe Primary Care Partnership on their well-deserved Collaboration for Community Impact Award at the 2019 Volunteering Victoria State Awards.

