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# COVID UPDATE 4

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## message from our CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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As COVID-19 emerges to be the defining global health crisis of our time, it has highlighted more than ever the integral role of volunteers in our communities as they continue to be amongst the first respondents to every crisis. Despite that, organisations continue to struggle to retain their volunteers, especially as restrictions continue. Leaders of volunteers face uncertainty around funding for their volunteer programs, uncertainty around when their volunteer programs can re-commence and the question whether or not volunteers will return as restrictions ease.

I invite you to read our submission below to the Victorian Government for our recommendations on how the volunteering sector can better be supported during these times.

As the current situations evolves, we will continue to update our website with new information and resources. Stay safe & well!

**Scott Miller**



A step-by-step guide for volunteer managers to re-start their volunteer programs during COVID-19. [View full guide here »](#)

## OUR HIGHLIGHTS

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**submissions open state awards - covid-19 response**

This year's Volunteering Victoria State Awards will celebrate the programs that have demonstrated innovation and resilience in continuing to support their communities throughout periods of shutdown.

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**volunteering victoria covid-19 submission 2020**

This submission provides an opportunity to highlight the valuable work that volunteers undertake and promote lessons learned for government to better support our sector, now, moving forward, and in the case of future pandemics.

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**photo submissions state of volunteering in victoria report 2020**

The volunteering sector is vibrant and diverse. We want to showcase your work in pictures in the upcoming State of Volunteering in Victoria Report (2020). Submissions close **COB Wednesday 5 August** [Read on »](#)

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT  
TOOL  
**volpoll**

Are you a small-medium organisations, club or group that engages volunteers? Have you tried VolPoll yet? Try our free volunteer engagement tool and get personalised insights into how you can manage your volunteers more effectively.

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S U B M I S S I O N

**volunteering australia: submission to the select committee on covid-19**

This submission was drafted by Volunteering Australia in collaboration with the State and Territory peak volunteering bodies. It provides evidence to the committee on the impact of COVID-19 on volunteering and the response of the Australian Government.

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**for**  
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**creative initiatives during covid-19**

Telling stories is one of the best ways we have of coming up with new ideas and learning about each other. We reached out to six member organisations to find out how they have managed volunteers during COVID-19.

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F A C T S H E E T S

**dhhs: translated covid-19 information**

Link to fact sheets translated into various languages.

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R E S O U R C E S

clients, and community controlled organisations.

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#### FACT SHEETS

### **when the time comes; managing the return of volunteers to the workplace**

Legal information from Justice Connect for community organisations managing the return of volunteers to the workplace.

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## for VOLUNTEERS

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#### VOLUNTEERS

### **volunteering during the current covid-19 restrictions**

Visit our updated page for volunteers to stay informed on current restrictions and how they can effect your volunteer role.

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#### GUIDE

### **informal volunteering**

Organisers of any form of volunteering have a duty of care to volunteers and the people they serve. If you have been informally (not with an organisation) volunteering in community groups to support vulnerable members within communities or helping your neighbour, this guide is for you.

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#### VOLUNTEERING PLATFORMS

### **volunteering websites to check out**

Find volunteering opportunities and different ways you can help others during these times.

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## up-coming OPPORTUNITIES

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#### SUPPORT

### **volunteer access to covid-19 support payments in victoria**

The COVID-19 Worker Support Payment is a one-off \$1,500 payment to financially support Victorian workers who have been instructed to self-isolate or quarantine at home because they have either been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case.

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#### SURVEY

### **a safe return to volunteering**

Rosterfy are currently running a COVID-19 volunteer survey to better understand what is required for volunteers to safely return to volunteering in the physical capacity.

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## COMMUNICATION SHEET

**covid-19 and the sustainable development goals**

This fact sheet provides information about the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the global sustainability agenda.

## FACT SHEET

**James australia: volunteering within CALD communities**

This paper identifies existing barriers to volunteering for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

**Membership**

We assist you to lead, manage and support your volunteers more effectively to achieve your vision for volunteering in Victoria.

By joining Volunteering Victoria and working with us, you help ensure there is a formidable, inclusive, and representative voice in volunteering.

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