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Hi All,

Phew! We made it!

Wow what a year it has been. Worldwide, it's been huge. Starting with bushfires that saw much of our country on fire, to COVID shutdowns and managing lockdowns. We saw a historic US election, pro democracy protests in Hong Kong and may yet see a Brexit deal after 4 years.

At Volunteering Victoria its been a big year also. We've supported a cohort of scholarships for the [Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs](#) for the first time, run [CPD](#) for the second time and seen it [launch nationally](#), launched [VolPoll](#) and the [State of Volunteering](#) report. We've provided you with [sector specific information on COVID-19](#), launched [weVolunteer](#) and held online [National Volunteer Week](#) and [State Awards](#) ceremonies which have allowed us to showcase the resilience and innovation of our sector.

Speaking of innovating – we know you all have been doing just that. Writing COVID-safe plans, designing online volunteer roles and doing everything that you can to keep volunteers supported and safe in contributing to our community.

Its never too early to start locking dates in the diary so our last Engage and Exchange for the year focuses on ways to engage in 2021.

We are ready for a break, (and I'll bet you are too!) but brimming with new ideas for how we can continue to support you in the year ahead.

Have a restful and rejuvenating break, and congratulations on all of your achievements, and support to your volunteer teams this year.



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23 FEBRUARY 2021

Building Back Better - reimagining and safeguarding our volunteer sector forum

We are very excited to announce Stronger Together – Reimagining and Safeguarding our Volunteer Sector forum on February 23rd.

This half day forum will take place online and will feature an advocacy update from Volunteering Australia and Justice, Connect, a Keynote speech from Beth Steinhorn from VQ solutions, and the opportunity to compare notes on COVID safe plans, and discuss the challenges ahead with for 2021 with others in the sector.

Registration will open in January. Lock out **9:30 – 12:30 in your diary on 23 February 2021** today!

CPD 2021

registration open

If you are already enrolled in the program you will be enrolled for 2021 automatically. If this is your first year you can register your interest [here](#).

We are also thrilled to announce that in 2021, your CPD enrolment will also cover a subscription to [Engage \(formerly e-Volunteerism\)](#). For those that don't know. Engage, founded by Susan J Ellis was the world's first online journal for leaders and managers of volunteers. As part of our CPD program, Volunteering Victoria is committed to connecting you with international best practice in volunteer management. This subscription as well as your welcome pack for CPD will be emailed to you in late January.

For more information about the CPD program in 2021 or any questions about your current CPD enrolment, don't hesitate to contact cpd@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

STATE awards 2020

Our video awards ceremony showcased the very best the sector has to offer and featured a wonderful keynote by Sally Hines CEO of leadership Victoria. If you haven't yet had a chance to check it out, you can view it [here](#).

program

Our mentoring program will be back for its 7th year in 2021 and we'd strongly encourage you to get involved. Its both a great way to gain CPD points, and a fantastic way to live your values of sharing and encouraging best practice and peer support in our sector. Read about the program on our [website](#). If you have any questions get in touch with us at info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

Applications are open. You can apply online now.

SIGS for 2021

Big news for our SIGS - we'll be kicking off with face to face meetings in February as part of the consultation process for the Victorian State Volunteer Strategy. You will have to register for these in advance, as our venue is subject to COVID venue density restrictions. It will be a great opportunity to promote you program and have your say about the State Volunteer Strategy. Block out your diary now, and information will be sent in mid-January for how to register for these sessions.

- **Employee Volunteering SIG:** Monday 8th February (2:30 - 4pm)
- **Inclusive SIG:** Wednesday 10 February (9:30 – 11am)
- **Leadership in Volunteering SIG:** Thursday 25 February (2:30 – 4pm)

Special interest groups are open to all Volunteering Victoria members and a great way to network and focus on areas of special interest in volunteering. Email info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au to sign up and join the mailing list for SIGs in 2021.

PUBLIC TRAINING & webinar dates

Our public training dates are online for your planning purposes. Registration is not available yet due to some systems transition at Volunteering Victoria but should be available in early 2021.

PLV Talks webinars will begin again in **February 2021**. Please contact sara@volunteeringvictoria.org.au if you are interested in presenting and sharing your knowledge in 2021.

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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