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Hi All,

Welcome to 2021!

January seems to have flown by. In the lead up to Australia Day/Invasion Day, I've been reflecting on the Aboriginal community's long history of volunteerism, formal and informal. A high profile example in 2020 saw [Adam Goodes call on communities to contribute to the Play for our Lives](#) campaign, and many other groups step up to support their local communities across the country. More information about Indigenous Volunteering can be found on Volunteering Victoria's website [here](#).

Meanwhile, there are lots of things happening at Volunteering Victoria. Particularly our [Building Back Better](#) forum on 23 February 2021 with exciting guest speakers such as Beth Steinhorn (VQ Solutions, USA), Sue Woodward (Justice Connect), Mark Pearce (Volunteering Australia) and Thu-Trang Tran (Volunteer West). Like Biden, we are hoping to build back our sector stronger and can't wait to get into exciting discussions on the day.

Our [training and webinar registration](#) has been released for 2021. We've released a [new training workshop](#) on how to use the State of Volunteering Report for Advocacy.

Applications for [Mentoring Programs](#) and [CPD](#) are still open, and provide a structured way for you to approach your professional development in 2021.

As always – stay in touch. If there is more or different content and training you would like to see from us, get in touch at info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

I wish you all a happy and healthy start to 2021.

Sara Sterling

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PROFESSIONAL development

23 FEBRUARY 2021

Building Back Better - reimagining and safeguarding our volunteer sector forum

We are very excited to announce Building Back Better forum on February 23rd. This half day forum will take place online and will feature a panel with speakers from Volunteering Australia, Justice, Connect, and Volunteer West, a keynote speech from Beth Steinhorn from VQ solutions (USA), and the opportunity to compare notes on COVID safe plans, and discuss the challenges ahead with for 2021 with others in the sector.

Register [here](#) and secure your place.

CPD 2021

registration open

We are excited to announce that sign up for CPD in 2021 is 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

MENTORING program

Our mentoring program will be back for its 7th year in 2021 and we'd strongly encourage you to get involved. It is 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

SIGS for 2021

SIG invitations for February meetings have been sent out. Excitingly our Leadership in Volunteering SIG will be joined by Hon Luke Donnellan Minister for Disability Aging and Carers to consult on the Victorian Volunteer Strategy.

As these meetings contain a face to face component **RSVP is essential**.

Dates for upcoming SIG meetings are available [here](#). Email info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au to join the regular invite list.

PUBLIC training

Registration for our first few Public Training workshops is now open!

10 FEBRUARY 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

the tuff stuff - via zoom

10 MARCH 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

state of volunteering and advocacy - via zoom

23 MARCH 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

the three r's recruitment retention and recognition - via zoom

PLV TALKS webinar

PLV Talks are back on board for 2021! If you are interested in presenting please get in touch with sara@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

4 FEBRUARY 2 - 3 PM

flying the flag – internal advocacy and positive culture building with leira woodman (bendigo tafe and kangaroo institute) and penny aquino (salvation army)

Embedding a meaningful and supported culture of volunteering in your organisation is a challenge that many volunteers managers face, and volunteer managers across many sectors are still advocating to keep their positions and programs funded. If anything, this is likely to be exacerbated by COVID19 into 2021. To kick off Volunteering Victoria webinars for 2021 our Sector Development Manager Sara Sterling talks to two volunteer program managers and advocates, Penny Aquino (Salvation Army) and Leira Woodman (Bendigo TAFE and Kangaroo Institute).

4 MARCH 2 - 3 PM

influencing government agendas: national and state based

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(Volunteering Australia) and Gillian Garner (Volunteering Victoria) about the advocacy work they do at the state and national peak bodies for volunteering. The discussion covers the importance of advocacy at a state and national level (particularly after a large year of bush fires and COVID-19), the current national and state advocacy priorities, and how the "advocacy sausage" is made.

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