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volunteering MATTERS

News for members & stakeholders
from Victoria's peak volunteering
body



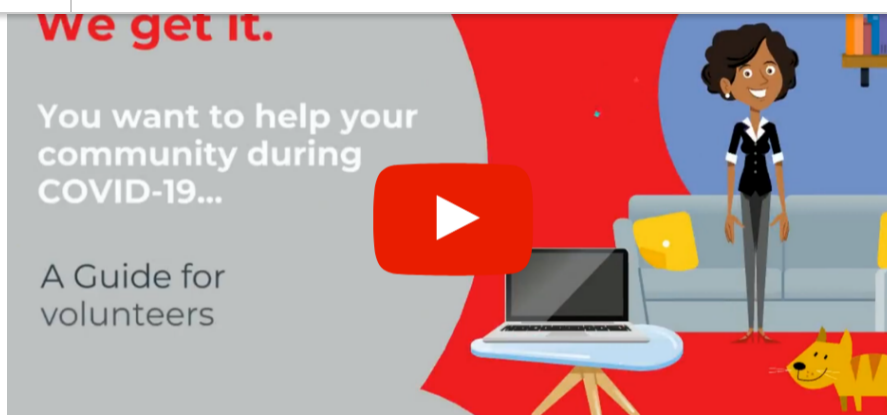
message from our CHIEF EXECUTIVE

As a peak body with over 500 members, we recognise that many volunteer-involving organisations rely on volunteers within their operations. Volunteers continue to be the gatekeepers of critical resources and support to many communities, especially those who remain the most vulnerable amongst us.

We appreciate more than ever what a precious resource volunteers continue to be. I look forward to the time when we can all welcome your helping hand back into our physical work spaces. Until then, you can stay engaged by connecting with us on our socials media or sharing with us your volunteering experience during COVID-19.

We will continue to update [our website](#) with new information as the situation and the needs of the sector continue to evolve.

Scott Miller



Have you been helping your elderly neighbour with groceries and supplies during COVID-19? Are you trying to start a volunteer group to help out with your community? This video is for you.

our HIGHLIGHTS



**scholarship
s announced
certificate IV in Co-
ordination of
Volunteer
Programs
(CHC44015)**

We are partnering with the Centre for Volunteering and National School of Volunteer Management (RTO code 90031) to offer this course exclusively for our members
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**volunteers
looking for
volunteering
opportunities
during COVID-19?**

Are you interested in supporting others through volunteering during this current crisis? Please submit your details to the Emergency Support Volunteering database
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**new webinar
series
announcing
the tech4good
series**

Our new weekly Tech4Good webinar series offers you an opportunity to explore and review different digital platforms that can be integrated into your volunteering practice
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changing communities,
**changing lives; re-imaging
volunteering in dynamic
times: 18 May 2020**

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. **WEEK**

Join us this year for our annual National Volunteer Week celebration as we use technology, humour, art and intellect to explore the dynamic changes happening in volunteering and its impact on communities during these times. Program coming soon!

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our NEWS

KEY FINDINGS

volunteerism during covid-19

During these times, building resilience in our communities is essential. We surveyed our member organisations and found that engaging volunteers during COVID-19 was one of the most pressing issue the sector is currently facing.

NEW WEBINAR SERIES

tech4good

28 april 2pm

Online Volunteering for the Remote Workforce: join Matthew Boyd, CEO and Founder of Vollie, as he discusses the future of volunteering and gives a demo of Vollie's online volunteering platform.

5 may 2pm

Communitier: details coming soon

12 may 2pm

#PlayforLives campaign: join Alicia Darvall, Director of Stakeholder Development at BeCollective as she discusses the campaign and how it has supported some amazing community organisations during to COVID-19.

28 may 2pm

Good Company: details coming soon

2 june 2pm

Rosterfy: details coming soon

special interest group**20 april 9:30am / 5 may 1:30pm**

COVID-19 SIG meetings: we are running 2 additional special interest group meetings around the COVID-19 crisis and volunteering for our members. Not a member, but Interested to attend these meetings? contact us.

23 april 2:30pm

Leadership in Volunteering: this session will include discussions about current organisational responses and leading volunteers through this period of change.

30 april 9:30am

Employee Volunteering: this session will include discussions about current organisational responses and leading volunteers through this period of change.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

plv talks (previously webinar series)**7 may 2pm**

Employee Volunteering - How to Engage Corporate Organisations Successfully: join our Sector Development Manager Sara Sterling talks to Paul Chew (ANZ) and Rory Sackville (RACV) to hear about their experience managing large employee volunteering programs.

VIRTUAL

masterclass**29 may 9:30 am**

Understanding Volunteer Motivation: in this workshop, Associate Professor Art Stukas will explore volunteer motivations. He'll address how understanding volunteer motivations can assist with volunteer involvement across all stages of the volunteer life cycle.

UPDATE

continuous professional development

Endorsed Partners announced: now you can earn CPD points by undertaking training with one of our CPD endorsed organisations. Contact your nearest endorsed partner to find out which of their training courses are covered.

T B C

volunteer expo 2020

Volunteer Expo 2020 will bring together the talent and diversity of Victoria's volunteer involving organisations. Details coming soon.

19 OCTOBER

unconference 2020

The Unconference 2020 will dismantle conventional hierarchies of knowledge sharing and bring together thought leaders from the sector for a special event this year. Details coming soon.

DHHS

victorian volunteer strategy

The Victorian Government remains committed to developing and implementing a Victorian Volunteer Strategy to support and enhance volunteering, and will return to this important work later in the year. The online consultation will remain open until 31 December 2020.

STATE GOVERNMENT

covid-19 plan: victorian community services sector

The COVID-19 plan for the Victorian Community Services Sector is designed to enable the ongoing provision of vital services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Victorians.

**for
LEADERS**

NEW GUIDE

staying connected with volunteers during covid-19

Now is a good time to plan some ways to keep your volunteers and supporters close to your organisation and ready to return when you need them.

CAMPAIGN

#playforlives

#PlayForLives is a rapidly growing campaign that's getting our sporting community off the bench and into the thousands of now-vacant volunteer positions.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

communitier: virtually together

Communitier's 6 month campaign is now providing the use of their virtual volunteering platform to all participating organisations and their supporters at no cost. Express your interest today.

ONLINE MODULE

coronavirus & disability: infection prevention

This 30 minute eLearning module is specifically designed for the Australian disability workforce and is aligned with the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding.

WEBINAR

justice connect: legal issues for managers of volunteers

Do you manage volunteers? Are you trying to juggle keeping your organisation going, taking care of your volunteers' safety and delivering service to clients?

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK RESOURCES

volunteering australia: change communities, change lives

The Volunteering Australia shop is now taking orders for National Volunteer Week 2020 and volunteer thank you gifts. As well as the hugely popular lapel pins we have pens,

V M I A

insurance and volunteer involvement

During COVID-19, it is important to know what is covered and not covered in volunteer involvement. This insurance fact sheet highlights important factors involved in your volunteer insurance.

E T H I C A L J O B S

how to approach an employee or volunteer who may have poor mental health during covid-19

With the coronavirus pandemic creating a high level of uncertainty, it's likely to be making existing anxiety and depression challenges for staff and volunteers even worse.

for
VOLUNTEERS

N E W G U I D E

volunteers & informal volunteer initiatives

Consider these guidelines before you help your neighbour, or an elderly person or take part in other informal volunteering activities in your community.

B L O G

examples of virtual volunteering activities

People engaged in virtual volunteering undertake a variety of activities, long and short (micro volunteering) and everything in between, via a computer or other Internet-connected device. And they're having a big impact.

S B S N E W S

coronavirus news in your language

SBS is committed to informing all Australians about the latest coronavirus developments. Find news and information about coronavirus (COVID-19) in 63 languages.

V O L U N T E E R I N G

other volunteering opportunities

[#Viralkindness](#)

[Join mutual aid groups on Facebook](#)

[Volunteer with your local FoodBank](#)

[The Australian Red Cross](#)

[GoVolunteer](#)

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As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we remain committed to supporting the sector with updated resources and guides. Join over 5000 subscribers and stay up-to-date with new content.



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coming soon.

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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