

OCTOBER

volunteering MATTERS

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



message from our CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The past few months have brought significant change to our communities and some of the contributions, particularly by volunteers have been deeply inspiring. After 112 days of lockdown, Victorians can now enjoy greater freedoms in their communities.

Volunteer managers – what do these changes mean for your volunteer programs?

We have updated our COVID-19 Actions resource page to reflect what the new ease in restrictions mean for you.

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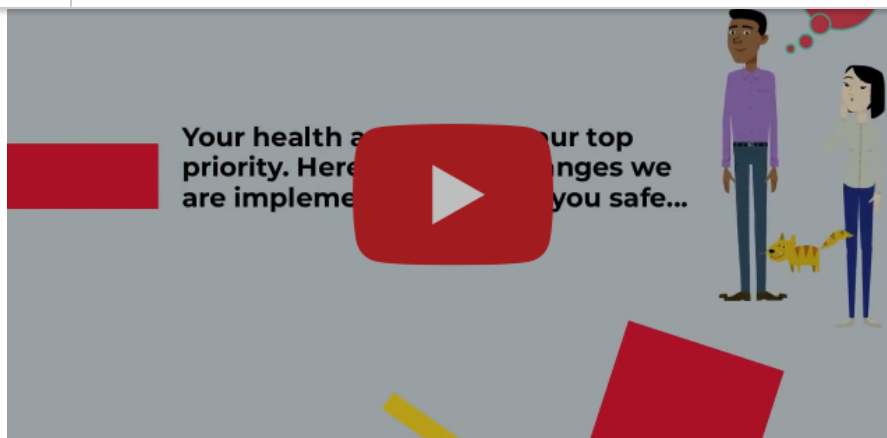
Volunteers – find updates on what the new restrictions across Victoria mean for volunteering.

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During these times, we remain cautiously excited and optimistic about turning a corner across our State and look forward to your continuing support through meaningful volunteering.

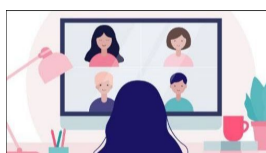
Stay well & safe.

Scott Miller



Returning back to volunteering safely as restrictions ease in Victoria

our HIGHLIGHTS



RESOURCES state of volunteering report

Explore a range of State of Volunteering resources including posters, infographics, Report launch videos, Volunteer Replacement Cost calculator and more.

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ADVOCACY current advocacy priorities

Stay up-to-date on a number of strategically significant priorities in volunteering across Victoria. You can also submit an idea and if it receives enough votes, we will add it to our current priorities.

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PHOTOS share your volunteering experience on our website

Share photos and tell us about your rich volunteering experiences across Victoria. You can also like, comment and vote for your favourite photos.

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While State Award winners will be announced by video broadcast on 26 November, we wanted to organise a chance to get together as a sector to raise a virtual glass and celebrate all that we have achieved this year.

So regardless of whether you submitted an award nomination, were shortlisted or a winner, or didn't get around to submitting your nomination, we'd love you to come along to this online celebration.

[Register to attend »](#)



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volunteering victoria annual report 2020

We are delighted to share this Annual report with you, showcasing our successes across our four strategic pillars.

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"We promote and build a vibrant, strong volunteering community that is **inclusive, respected and sustainable.**"



sector NEWS

VOLUNTEERING AUSTRALIA

volunteering sidelined in federal budget

BENDIGO HEALTH

leaders of health volunteer engagement volunteer sector benchmarking study

The aim of this report is to provide an overview and some understanding of the annual volunteer coordinators benchmarking exercise that has been carried out by health services. Initially across Australia, then New Zealand and last year saw one from the United States of America. It is an opportunity to track trends in relation to volunteer engagement and volunteer management that is specific to health.

**for
LEADERS**

GRANTS UPDATE

2020 supplementary volunteer grants

Successful applicants will be announced on 4 December 2020.

CPD 2021

applications open: 2021 continuing professional development

If you were registered for the 2020 CPD program, there is no need to register again. You will be automatically rolled over to the 2021 program.

VICTORIAN RESTRICTIONS

leading volunteers as restrictions ease

Is my volunteer program allowed to operate? What is a COVID safe plan and do I need one? I'm organising a volunteer event – can this happen? Find out how you can operate safely under Government guidelines post-lockdown.

VICTORIAN RESTRICTIONS

welcome back, volunteers!

Share our video to welcome your volunteers back as restrictions ease in parts of Victoria.

STATE OF VOLUNTEERING REPORT

volunteering replacement cost calculator

This calculator is fully compliant for organisations reporting the fair value of volunteering under the Australian Accounting Standard (AASB1058) Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

VSO FUNDING

successful applicants announced

Volunteering Victoria has identified 13 Volunteer Support Organisations to provide targeted practical assistance with engaging volunteers, in the context of COVID-19.

SOUNDCLOUD

why volunteering is good for you and your community

Studies have shown that volunteering helps people feel more socially connected and provides a sense of purpose, pride and accomplishment – all great protective factors for your mental health.

ROSTERFY

covid volunteer handbook released

Find out about key learnings from some of Rosterfy's valued clients and networks that can help organizations streamline efficiencies and replace manual processes with digital technologies.

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERING PLATFORM

register for volunteers to support your organisation during a crisis

Ensure that volunteers are available for your organisation so that you can effectively respond to any crisis.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT TOOL

volpoll: for organisations

Ensure you are operating in a healthy and safe environment and covered from a legal and insurance perspective. Take the survey today.

for VOLUNTEERS

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERING

weVolunteer: jennifer's story

weVolunteer has successfully placed its first volunteer with an organisation on Victoria's new volunteer credentialing and matching portal. Read about Jennifer's story and why she joined.

VICTORIAN RESTRICTIONS

volunteering during covid-19: update

Can I currently volunteer? Do I need a permit to volunteer? Find out how you can volunteer safely as restrictions ease.

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

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