

Your volunteering professional development newsletter

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Hi All,

Is anyone else finding it hard to believe its Easter? I hope your time off is restorative and filled with hot cross buns and chocolate.

Our Training and webinar registration pages have been updated for May and June. Stay posted for new dates and workshops to be released for the second half of the year. We have some great things planned. Read more below.

Importantly please **save the date** for our National Volunteer Week event. This will be held from 9:30am – 12:30pm on 20 May 2021. More details will be forthcoming shortly. This year's theme of **Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine**, announced recently by Volunteering Australia is sure to inspire. Resources for National Volunteer Week are available from Volunteering Australia [here](#).

We were delighted to launch our mentoring program this month, and to have consultation with the State Government at our Special Interest Groups in February. Excitingly we have launched a new group focused on Advocacy. Read more about it below.

In my personal experience, this time of year is a great time to ask for investment from your workplace for your professional development. Approaching end of financial year, managers are often looking to spend excess budget.

If you have any questions about how we can meet your professional development needs – don't hesitate to reach out at info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au

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WEEK

20 MAY 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

national volunteer week event: keynote announced

More details to come shortly but we are excited about our keynote speaker Susan Pascoe.

About Susan Pascoe (keynote):

[Susan Pascoe](#) AM is Adjunct Professor at UWA. She Chairs the Australian Council for International Development, the Community Director's Council, and the Advisory Board of Catholic Emergency Relief Australia. Adj Prof Pascoe is a Trustee of St John of God Health, a Board Member Mercy Health, and a member of the AICD's NFP Chair's group. She is Principal of consulting firm Kadisha Enterprises.



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planning your national volunteer celebration

Resources from Volunteering Australia are available [here](#). We'd love to hear from you about the type of celebrations you are having this year with your volunteers. Tag us on social media and let us know what you are planning. This years theme of **Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine** is sure to get the creativity flowing!

**MENTORING
program**

Our mentoring program launched for 2021 and we had a great time at the face-to-face program kick off in our new offices. There were lots of laughs and it was a great reminder of how wonderful it is to be in person with the sector. Information will be updated on our website soon about who our mentees and mentors are so stay posted for that.

**SIGS
for 2021**

6 MAY 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

new advocacy special interest group: neil pharaoh

Join us in our inaugural Advocacy Special Interest Group meeting for those who want to better advocate for their organisations.

Volunteering is a key pillar to the Australian spirit, we as a country are never afraid to lend a helping hand when it is most needed – as demonstrated by such a robust volunteer community here in Victoria, as well as around the country. While volunteering is always a needed and wanted service, there are avenues you can take to help accelerate and maximise precious volunteering hours.

13 MAY 9:30 – 11:00 A M

leadership in volunteering

5 MAY 2:30 – 4:00 P M

inclusive volunteering

To join one of our special interest groups email info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au to join the mailing list.. All SIGs including the new advocacy SIG are run online.

PUBLIC training

21 APRIL 9:30 A M - 3:30 P M

a-z of volunteer management

This interactive workshop provides participants with a sound understanding of best practice volunteer management. Participants will be taken through each stage of the volunteer's involvement, based on the "life cycle" model of volunteer management. Areas covered include: advertising and recruitment, induction, ongoing support, supervision and recognition, safety and risk management, through to the exit stage.

This session will be held in person at the Melbourne Multicultural Hub

12 MAY 9:30 A M - 3:30 P M

accidental trainer

Leaders of volunteers are often called upon to provide training for volunteers and staff who manage volunteers, but many leaders don't have the required skills to provide effective training or have the time or resources to complete a formal certificate. The type of training can range from training them in organisational policy and procedure, how to use a database, how to engage with children at risk, to how to use a cash register system and so on. This session will include both theory and practice and gives you the tools you need to have confidence as an accidental trainer!

This session will be held in person at the Melbourne Multicultural Hub

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

8 APRIL 2:00 - 3:00 P M

re-engaging volunteers in a health setting in the context of covid

Lots of volunteer programs are considering restarting volunteer programs on site, after the challenges of COVID-19 and 2020. This is particularly challenging in a health services

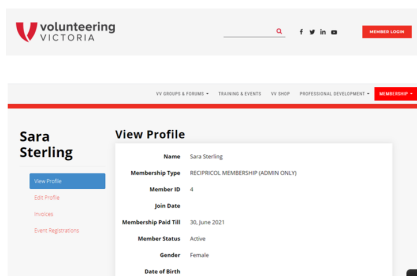
about their experience.

6 M A Y 2:00 - 3:00 P M

volunteer impact reporting

Reporting on volunteer impact in our organisations can be tough. How do you know what is the most effective way to highlight volunteer impact and celebrate their contribution to your organisations mission? In this webinar Sara Sterling talks to Heather Morecroft (Speak Strategy) about the basics of volunteer impact reporting and why its important, and Megan Cassar (Oxfam Australia) talks about the journey she's had implementing volunteer impact reporting at her organisation.

MEET OUR NEW database



Log on will be available by our webpage.

Once you log on, you will be able to view your personal Volunteering Victoria information, and edit it, register for events, and view your invoices.

Volunteering Victoria staff have been working very hard behind the scenes to implement a new database which should make everyone's life a little easier! With our new database, you should be able to:

- update your membership information
- register for events
- talk to each other through our groups and forums
- find invoices

We are currently in a user testing phase and hoping to roll it out in the next few months. Here's a sneak peak – we are excited and hope this will improve your user experience with us!

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.

[Read more](#)

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