

Eastern Volunteers

June 2016 Update



EASTERN VOLUNTEERS TRAINING FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Induction and Orientation

Learn the tools to develop an induction and orientation process for your volunteers.
Thurs 9th June, 9.30am -12.30pm, Burrinja Cultural Centre, Upwey

How to Recruit Volunteer Drivers

Discover the ways and means to invigorate your volunteer driver recruitment program.
Wed July 20th, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Eastern Volunteers, Ringwood

The Quintessential Volunteer Manager – who are we?

Outer Eastern Managers Network (OEMN) Meeting

What does the most typical volunteer manager look like? Come to discuss the critical elements of your position including the emotional elements of your role including your PD, professional development opportunities, the value of formal qualifications and where you sit in your organisational chart.

Date: Thurs 4th Aug, 1pm – 3.30pm

All bookings are via: www.easternvolunteers.org.au or via
Ruth Morgan ruth.morgan@easternvolunteers.org.au Ph 9870 7822.

Eastern Volunteers is turning 40

In 1976 the fledgling volunteer program ‘Volunteers Unlimited’ commenced with the purpose of providing access to volunteering and a limited range of community transport options. At the same time Maroondah Hospital was opened, Malcom Fraser was our Prime Minister and the song ‘Fernando’ by ABBA spent 14 weeks at number one. Since that time a lot has happened! Eastern Volunteers, as we are now known, has adapted and moved with our community and is extremely proud to be working with and supporting our neighbourhood through 40 years of change.

“We are entering our 40th year and are planning a number of activities to acknowledge and celebrate our history” said Vic North, Eastern Volunteer’s General Manager. “It’s a milestone year and our longevity is evidence of our commitment to the community”. ABBA may no longer be a chart topper, but community transport remains a fervently appreciated part of our local infrastructure and volunteering will always be an essential part of a strong and cohesive community.



**Eastern
Volunteers can
help you with:**

The promotion of your organisation’s volunteer recruitment campaign.

Training workshops, resources and consultancy service,

Eastern Volunteers Corporate Volunteering for organisation’s that need the assistance of a group of volunteers to help with working bees, sorting, mass mailouts, events etc.

Connecting your organisation with others in our sector via our Network Meetings.

Assistance with event promotion via our social media platforms.

Suite 1, 36 New St,
Ringwood, 3134
Monday to Friday
9am – 4.30pm
Telephone: 9870 7822

Nominations are now open for the 2016 HESTA Community Sector Awards



Do you know someone who deserves an award? The annual HESTA Community Sector Awards recognise outstanding contributions to the community sector across a broad range of social services. This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the excellence of an individual or team that you know. Winners share in a prize pool of \$30,000 courtesy of our proud awards sponsor ME. Complete your nomination by Friday, 19 August 2016.

For further information and terms and conditions visit www.communitysectorawards.com



Volunteering Victoria State Awards Nominations for the 2016 State Awards are now open. The Volunteering Victoria State Awards for volunteering aim to embrace, and showcase the commitment, impact and work of volunteer managers, programs and volunteer-involving organisations.

Categories for award nominations include innovation, excellence, inclusion, impact, thought leadership and employee volunteering.

For more information see: <http://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/awards/>



Do you know a senior who is making a difference in their community through volunteering or an organisation who would not function as well without their volunteers?

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards recognises the valuable contributions of older Victorians to our community. They celebrate the many women and men, aged 60 and over, whose volunteer work supports and encourages others in their community. You can have their contribution acknowledged by nominating them for one of several awards categories.

For more information, see <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/seniors-awards>

Accessible Accommodation

- Ripples n Tonic is a leading provider of fully accessible accommodation that prides itself as one of the few venues across Victoria and Australia that has hospital beds, a variety of hoists, shower commodes and other accessible equipment if required.
- They offer two properties on Phillip Island – the Alvina Farm Stay, set on 15 acres that consists of 6 fully accessible cottages that could cater for large groups up to 40 people or several smaller family groups. The second property is a fully-accessible beach house that backs on to the Silverleaves Beach which has all of the modern trimmings inside as well as a beach wheel chair for guests to use, if required, using an accessible beach access track outside your back door. Both properties are nestled among the trees and an abundance of natural wildlife to enhance the holiday plus a host of other amenities
- www.ripplesntonic.com.au

GoVolunteer goes mobile



- Currently, one of the greatest challenges that non-profits must face is how to find enough volunteers to help them complete all of the work that needs to be done so that they can achieve their mission. According to statistics reported by Volunteering Australia, over 36% of Australians over the age of 18 formally volunteer each year. Despite this overwhelming level of support, many non-profits struggle with finding enough volunteers each year. The new GoVolunteer App enables not-for-profits and volunteers find and connect with one another will make it easier for prospective volunteers find a volunteer opportunity and for not-for-profit groups to access and connect to people to assist them. To download the App, simply go to <http://govolunteer.com.au/App>

Work for the dole resources

- **Volunteering Victoria** has developed some Work for the Dole (WfD) induction resources for the not-for-profit sector. The purpose of the resources is to support the capacity of your organisation engage with WfD in a manner that maximises positive outcomes for both the job seeker and host organisations. You can download copies of the resources here - [WfD Host Induction Kit](#). Prior to becoming a WfD host, Centrelink will need to approve your organisation's status by completion of the [Centrelink Request for Organisation Approval Form](#)