

Eastern Volunteers

May 2016 Update



**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 organisations 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.

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Ringwood, 3134
Monday to Friday
9am – 4.30pm
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EASTERN VOLUNTEERS TRAINING FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY

Induction and Orientation

Learn the tools to develop an induction and orientation process for your volunteers. Two dates & locations:

Wed 25th May 9.15am -12.30pm, Whitehorse Council Offices , Nunawading
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

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

Eastern Volunteers Launch into Volunteering



Please contact our team if you would like us to visit and present on the topic of volunteering to your organisation or for your clients. "Launch into Volunteering" is an interactive presentation which covers all the basic questions – what is a volunteer, why and how to become a volunteer and volunteer right and responsibilities . The presentation will also briefly cover the different types of volunteering roles available and we can tailor the presentation to suit your groups needs. The presentation runs for approx 1-2 hours .

For more information or to book in a time, contact Ruth Morgan, Eastern Volunteers ruth.morgan@easternvolunteers.org.au or 9870 7822

Do you have a large (or small) project that you need help with?



The Discovery Community Care's (DCC) Work for the Dole projects focus on providing a service to the community, while assisting jobseekers to gain experience in their preferred future field. Projects usually last for about 6 months, fully supervised and use as many jobseekers as required. The projects include - landscaping/improving your property, restoring/refurbishing facilities, setting up hospitality ventures, warehousing projects, Community gardens, recycling computers, fundraising projects, soup kitchens, and so on... (work to be done preferably in Ringwood) Even if you have a smaller project or if your organisation is not based in Ringwood, Eastern Volunteers can still assist.

To further discuss your needs, please contact Julie Tang, Business & Community Engagement Coordinator, Eastern Volunteers julie.tang@easternvolunteers.org.au or 9870 7822

State of Volunteering in Australia 2016 Report Released



86% of volunteer involving organisations are struggling to get the volunteers they need, with volunteers deterred by factors such as personal expense, red tape and a lack of flexibility, according to the State of Volunteering in Australia 2016 report recently launched by Volunteering Australia at the National Volunteering Conference in Canberra. The full report details the trends, demographics, challenges and successes in the volunteering sector and also identifies opportunities to maximise the potential of the volunteer workforce. To read executive summary or access the full report, see www.volunteeringaustralia.org/

Grants

\$1M in Grants for Inspirational Australians
Australian Not for Profits are being asked to help find people doing great things in their community, with AMP offering them the chance to share in \$1 million in grants. For the third year AMP's Tomorrow Fund is making grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 available to people making a positive impact on the nation. To date the fund has awarded grants to 89 individuals including artists, athletes, inventors, social innovators, scientists, medical researchers and disability advocates. Applications can be made online until 4pm on 18 May.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

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1 May - 30 June May is Australia's biggest Morning Tea month. Thursday 23rd May is the official day but you can host an event anytime throughout May or June. It's simple, fun and best of all for a great cause! All you need to do is set a date, brainstorm some morning tea ideas, invite your guests and raise money to help support the fight against cancer. Website: www.biggestmorningtea.com.au



Q. Where can you dance with Jean Kittson and gain valuable insights into the volunteering sector?

A. In Canberra, at the 2016 National Volunteering Conference!

Eastern Volunteers contributed to the excitement by presenting, "How to work smarter not harder" and showcased a way that our sector can share our knowledge more effectively and contribute to our own success via a toolkit, consultancy directory and shared services model. Other highlights included

Fascinating research including "What can non volunteers tell us about pathways to volunteering?" and "Giving: a strong predictor of health and happiness"

John Brogden AM, Chairman, Lifeline Australia presenting on "Want to be a better leader? Put yourself first"

Robyn Moore – inspiring and somewhat irreverent keynote speaker

The quality of speakers and value in topics ensured this conference was definitely a worthwhile experience and we look forward to seeing you all again at the 2018 National Volunteering Conference to be held in Sydney.

A great summary of the events of the 2016 National Volunteering Conference can be found at Volunteering ACT