

Quick Reference Guide To Volunteering

Greater Shepparton Volunteer Managers Network



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Background

This **Quick Reference Guide to Volunteering** is a project of the Volunteer Managers Network in Greater Shepparton. It showcases volunteering opportunities within the municipality.

The **Volunteer Managers Network** consists of Volunteer Managers, Coordinators and Volunteer organisations that support and share resources to explore, evaluate and enhance the functions of volunteering and volunteer management.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the organisations directly to discuss a volunteering opportunity.

Please contact Greater Shepparton City Council if you wish to be a member of the Network.

To submit or update volunteer information please contact Community Wellbeing Department at Greater Shepparton City Council on 03 58 329700.

The information in this booklet is intended as a guide only and was accurate at time of printing.

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We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal Elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.



AFL Goulburn Murray

VISION:

To collaborate with all affiliated leagues and clubs to strengthen community football and netball, increase participation and ensure long-term sustainability.

PURPOSE:

To promote, manage and develop Australian Rules football and netball in the Goulburn Murray region through leadership, governance and strategic direction.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer in Local Footy EOI: <https://play.afl/clubhelp/get-involved>. There are various roles in the club that require community volunteers to help them run – this might include: committee roles, event help, club support roles, match day roles etc.

WEBSITE:

<https://www.aflgm.com.au/>

CLUBS AFFILIATED WITH AFL GOLUBURN MURRAY:

Goulburn Valley League (GVL), Murray League (ML), Kyabram District League (KDL), Goulburn Murray Women & Girls (GMW&G), Goulburn Murray Junior League (GMJL), Goulburn Valley Umpire Association (GMUA).

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Berry Street

MISSION:

Founded in 1877, Berry Street exists to help those experiencing poverty, violence, and abuse, and to help families stay together in safe and healthy homes so they can create the future they imagine for themselves. This is what we mean by 'believing in children, young people, families and their future'.

FOSTER CARER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Our community is in urgent need of loving and supportive foster carers for local children and young people who are unable to live with their families.

- The number of children in out-of-home care continues to rise year-on-year. There were 12,809 children in out-of-home care in the state as of June 30, 2021, an almost 14 per cent increase from 11,271 in 2018.
- As of June 2023, the number of foster care enquiries from across the sector reached its lowest point in the last 20 years.

WHO CAN BE A BERRY STREET FOSTER CARER?

There is no 'typical' Berry Street foster carer. Just as every family is different, our foster carers come from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences. Our foster carers:

- are a minimum of 21 years of age
- have a spare bedroom to offer a child or young person
- can be single, married or in a de facto relationship
- can be from LGBTIQ+ communities
- can come from any religion, spirituality or nationality
- may or may not have children of their own
- can be in casual, part-time or full-time work – or perhaps not at all
- live in a home they rent or own

LEARN MORE:

Learn more at berrystreet.org.au/fostercare or email hume fostercare@berrystreet.org.au or phone (03) 5822 8100. We'd love to chat!



Cancer Council Victoria

MISSION:

Prevent cancer. Empower patients. Save lives.

VALUES:

Excellence. Integrity. Compassion

CANCER COUNCIL VOLUNTEER GROUPS

There are 17 regional volunteer groups in Victoria that actively support Cancer Council Victoria by fundraising within their local community.

Cancer Council Victoria volunteer groups help support local communities by sharing the latest cancer education and support information and participating in fundraising events. Funds raised are redirected back to the local community through our research projects, prevention campaigns and support services.

SHEPPARTON VOLUNTEER GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

The town of Shepparton had a Volunteer Group for over 33 years who raised more than \$250,000 to support Cancer Council Victoria through campaigns including Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Daffodil Day and several general events including raffles and trivia nights.

New members are needed so that the group may continue with this important support for Cancer Council Victoria. As a volunteer, you will assist with:

- The organising of general fundraising activities, including promoting events to the community
- Assisting with the merchandise and stall running for Daffodil Day
- Engaging the local community businesses for donations of items
- Participating in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- Representing the organisation at local events, receiving cheques from other local supporters who wish to make a donation.
- Bringing new and fun ideas to the group

Benefits of joining the group include, meeting new people, learning new skills, engaging with your community and helping those affected by cancer.

To start the next Shepparton Volunteer Group, please contact Clare Mattingly on Clare.Mattingly@cancervic.org.au.

To learn more about other Cancer Council Victoria volunteering opportunities, please contact our Supporter Care team on 1300 65 65 85 or supportercare@cancervic.org.au.



Caroline Chisholm Society

MISSION

Established in 1969, the Caroline Chisholm Society is an accredited and registered community service, providing a broad range of supports with a focus in the specialized area of working with women and their families to promote and enhance early childhood and parenting outcomes.

We work with women to keep families together and prevent the involvement of child protection services in the lives of women and their children.

In achieving this, the organization is clearly focused on supporting women with their pregnancy and early parenting to create safe and nurturing environments for infants and young children.

We work with the whole family to support secure attachment, optimize child outcomes through parenting interventions, prevent and alleviate the impacts of poverty, homelessness, family violence and issues with mental health have on parent and child wellbeing.

VALUES

The Caroline Chisholm Society: has respect for life, is compassionate and caring, values social justice, believes in empowerment of women and families, recognises diversity, and operates accountably according to best practice.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

The gift of your time is invaluable to us. The Caroline Chisholm Society materialised from the generous offering of one person's commitment and compassion to walk alongside and support pregnant women and young families. The backbone of the society is the work of our volunteers, and the Society has thrived due to the efforts of a large cohort of dedicated volunteers.

In Shepparton we have an incredible team of volunteers whose endless support is a treasured service in the local community. The volunteer tasks include sorting and packing our material aid donations, so they are ready to distribute to families in need.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please get in touch.

CONTACT

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CO.AS.IT-Social Support Individual Visits & Community Visitors Scheme

WHY WE EXIST

The CO.AS.IT Visitation Program provides social support to Italian older adults who find themselves socially isolated and lonely at home or in an aged care facility. Commencing in 2023, the program will be available to all nationalities.

WHAT WE DO

The program considers the interests and needs of the consumer and matches them with a community visitor who has similar interests. Visits occur on a weekly basis in a private home and at least fortnightly in an aged care facility.

Community Visitors undergo formal induction training and participate in on-going support meetings throughout their volunteering years of service. Every visitor has a current Police Check Clearance and is provided with current guidelines about the program.

The service is monitored by the Visitation Program Coordinator together with a team of Regional Coordinators across the Melbourne Metropolitan area and the rural region of Shepparton. The consumer, the community visitor and the Regional Coordinator are in direct and regular contact in order to maintain quality of service.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

Community Visitors experience the satisfaction of providing comfort and social support to those in need. They are rewarded in the knowledge that they are making someone else's life a little happier. Saint Francis of Assisi once said: "For it is in giving that we receive".

Volunteers give testimony to the truth of this saying. They also benefit from the camaraderie of this program. They meet other generous people like themselves that give a little of their time for the wellbeing of others. CO.AS.IT. values and appreciates this generosity in a variety of ways.

Consumers maintain connections with the wider community. They gain mental stimulation to break the burden of loneliness and isolation as well as obtaining an increased sense of belonging and self-worth.

ROLES & PROGRAMS VOLUNTEERS MAY UNDERTAKE OR BE INVOLVED WITH

Volunteers support clients to achieve their individual goals, this may be in the home to provide social support whilst living independently or in a community group setting, for example an aged care facility.

Activities may include:

- General conversation to prevent the feeling of loneliness and isolation
- Playing cards or a game which may be unavailable to the consumer when living alone
- Share in other activities such as cooking, gardening, playing or listening to music etc
- Provide a short respite for carers who wish to take a little break through the day

- Pet therapy
- Playing music, reading poetry or providing a group activity in an aged care facility

CONTACT

Cherries Secomb - Regional Volunteer Coordinator – Greater Shepparton

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Country Fire Authority

MISSION

To protect lives and property

PURPOSE

Working together with Communities to keep Victorians safe from fire and other emergencies

VALUES

- We put safety first
- We respect each other
- We work together as one
- We act with integrity
- We are adaptive

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CFA volunteers develop leadership and management capabilities, meet new friends, learn new skills, achieve personal goals, put something back into the community and often involve their whole family in CFA activities.

CFA volunteers can undertake numerous roles including:

- Community Educators
- Community Safety
- Brigade Fundraising
- Incident Management
- Firefighting/Incident Response

Other roles that support our purpose include:

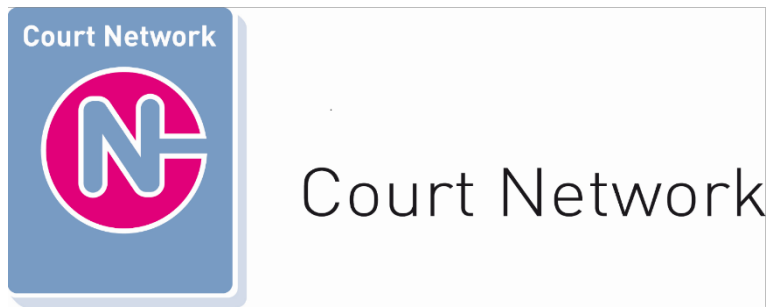
- Media and Public Relations
- Brigade Training
- Brigade Administration
- Junior Members Training
- Health and Wellbeing

CONTACT

CFA Volunteer Hotline: 1800 232 636 (FREE CALL)

Email: volrecruit@CFA.vic.gov.au

Web: www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Court Network

Court Network is free and confidential non-legal community service. We specifically provide non-legal support, information, referrals, and advocacy. All of our services are provided by dedicated volunteers who are highly trained and skilled. All of our services are available to all court users, including, victims, witnesses, accused, family, friends, parents, and guardians.

OUR MISSION

To provide the community with volunteers who stand beside, empower and instil confidence in all court users.

OUR VISION

To be a nationally recognised organisation, providing the community with volunteers to support all court users and enhance access to justice.

OUR VALUES

Inclusion and empowerment, curiosity and courage, excellence, collaboration, empathy and compassion, integrity.

OUR PROGRAMS

Victorian In-Court Program:

Eligibility:

- Available across 29 Courts in Victoria including Magistrates, VCAT, County, Supreme, Coroners and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.
- Over 18 years of age.

Victorian Telephone Service:

Eligibility:

- Available to any court user attending court in Victoria.
- Over 18 years of age.

Online Support Service:

Eligibility:

- Available to court users attending VCAT teleconference or zoom hearings.
- Identify as having a disability or mental health concern.
- Only available through referral via Disability Liaison Officer.
- Over 18 years of age

The range of support includes:

- Pre-court support, during court support and post court support.
- Non-legal information about what happens before, during and after court.
- Information about court etiquette, explaining court processes and how to navigate court on the day.
- Help the court users navigate the court on the day and provide practical information.
- Assist you to get the help you need to address your safety concerns and arrange access to safe spaces.
- Non-legal support to prepare for court.
- Referrals to legal services and community legal centres.
- Help you to understand the potential outcomes, and next steps that you might have to take.
- Providing referral pathways to key support services.
- Information on how to navigate online court hearings.

HOW TO REFER TO US

To refer someone to the Court Network's Programs:

Use our Referral form below.

[Referral form](#)

For enquiries or assistance relating to a court matter, or to support a court user, you can speak to one of our volunteers on 1800 571 239 (available Monday to Friday, 9 am –4pm, AEST).



Community Accessibility

Are you passionate about driving and connecting with people? Do you want to play a key role in helping others stay independent, connected and engaged in the community?

Community Accessibility are looking for volunteer drivers to join our team to provide friendly and safe transport to our local elderly people. We provide the vehicles and fuel, you offer your time – together we can make a real positive difference in the lives of others.

ABOUT THE ROLE

As a volunteer driver, you will assist by picking up elderly clients from their front door and transporting them to medical appointments, supermarkets, social outings and other destinations.

There is no requirement for lifting or personal care assistance – just a friendly disposition and a willingness to connect.

ABOUT US

Community Accessibility is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that promotes social well-being for individuals who would otherwise struggle to maintain independence due to ageing, disability, or financial hardship. We're committed to helping members of the community stay connected to essential services, family and friends by providing friendly and flexible transport solutions!

Community Accessibility works in partnership with local governments, social services and other not-for-profit providers to assist residents in Victoria and Southern New South Wales. We currently have offices in Wodonga, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Yarrawonga, Ballarat, Bendigo and Thomastown.

WHAT WE OFFER YOU

- Flexible hours (you choose your availability)
- The use of our company vehicles to transport clients
- Full training and support with your role
- Volunteer recognition events throughout the year
- Skill-building opportunities including communication, customer service, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving
- Can assist you to meet Job Seeker mutual obligations (if applicable)
- Access to Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Opportunities to foster meaningful connections

ABOUT YOU

- Hold a valid national drivers licence
- Are willing to donate some of your time to enrich the lives of others
- Want to be part of a team of like-minded and caring individuals

- Have a passion for helping the elderly members of our communities maintain their choice and independence

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- **Building relationships:** volunteering can introduce you to new people and help you expand your social network
- **New skills:** volunteering can help you develop a wide variety of skills, including communication, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving
- **Work experience:** for those looking to enter or change careers, volunteering offers valuable work experience, making you more competitive in the job market
- **Improved well-being:** studies show that volunteering can improve mental health by reducing stress and increasing feelings of happiness and life satisfaction
- **Increased self-esteem:** helping others can boost your confidence and provide a sense of accomplishment
- **It's a fun and rewarding experience:** volunteering can be a lot of fun! You'll get to try new things, meet new people and maybe learn some new hobbies or skills along the way. It's a chance to break out of your regular routine and do something that feels good.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

If you have any questions about this opportunity, feel free to email

volunteer@communityaccessability.org.au or call Danielle Sabau, Volunteer Coordinator **1300 704 530** for a confidential chat.

Community & Neighbourhood Houses



Supporting Life Long Learning

Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre

Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre (MEAC) is a Neighbourhood House operating in the Mooroopna Hub complex. The Vision of the Centre is to maximise the potential of our community, embracing diversity and enabling the community of Mooroopna to meet its social, physical, educational, political and environmental needs. The Centre is a place for the community to be creative, develop new skills, and participate in a broad range of programs and services.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

Volunteers have a vital role to play in enhancing and expanding the management, services and activities provided by MEAC. We are committed to providing opportunities for volunteering that are rewarding and provide skill development and connection to the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Group Meals Program - Cooking and kitchen duties

MEAC Catering Team - Cooking and kitchen duties

ELF (Early Learning is Fun) - Restocking book boxes, packing book bags, Community Reading Day, administration tasks

Occasional Childcare - Childcare worker

Resource Management - Stocking of information & referral resources, data entry and scanning into system

Special Projects - Open Days, fundraising, working bees, new programs, grants

Set up - Preparing rooms for sessions

CONTACT

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North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre Inc.

MISSION

The North Shepparton Community and Learning Centre Inc. is committed to the provision of services which strengthen and connect the community. These include providing equitable access to Adult and Community Education by providing opportunities to achieve lifelong learning, high quality childcare and recreational / social opportunities, all which are driven by the needs of the North Shepparton community and surrounding areas.

VALUES

Our core values are imbedded in all aspects of our organisation to ensure a culture capable of achieving our Mission.

Our core values are summed as follows:

- Diversity
- Innovation
- Commitment
- Empowerment
- Access and Equity

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- General Cleaning
- Gardening
- Administration / Reception
- Craft 4 a Cause (knitting/crochet/sewing)
- Committee Membership
- Men's Shed

CONTACT

Debbie Orlandi – Coordinator of Volunteers

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South Shepparton Community Centre

South Shepparton Community Centre

South Shepparton Community Centre Inc. is a Not-for-Profit organisation governed by a volunteer Committee of Management and staffed by 2-3 permanent part-time staff as well as casually employed tutors, program leaders and volunteers. The Centre is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Greater Shepparton City Council and Adult Community and Further Education. The Centre is open Monday – Friday 9am - 3pm during school terms, except public Holidays.

OUR MISSION

To offer all, including lonely and disadvantaged people, an environment in which to further develop life and career skills in a safe, inclusive, warm and friendly place.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At our Centre, we value Volunteers and Members as they are a vital part of achieving our goals and play a key role in several activities, assisting in:

- Office administration and reception
- Community lunches, food preparing, serving and cleaning up
- Gardening
- General maintenance and cleaning
- Setting up class rooms
- Program support – Art & Craft, English as second language

CONTACT

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Tatura Community House

MISSION

The Tatura Community House exists to provide services to meet the educational, social and personal development of our community.

PURPOSE

- To provide a welcoming venue for individuals & groups to use & participate in activities
- To provide courses, activities and information which meet the social, educational & physical wellbeing needs of the community
- To source and implement programs and other activities designed to meet community needs
- To encourage volunteering and foster greater community engagement
- To undertake any other activities consistent with these purposes, which benefit the Tatura community

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

The Tatura Community House values and welcomes volunteers from Tatura and the surrounding areas. The aim of having volunteers is to enrich diversity and capacity of the community house and, in turn, the house aims to provide a safe environment for volunteers to build skills, create social connections and be valued.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Catering
- Childcare
- Gardening
- Administration/Reception
- IT
- Board membership

CONTACT

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ConnectGV

VISION

ConnectGV are leaders in delivering innovative individualised services to realise the outcomes that our participants are seeking for their lives.

ConnectGV are values driven, with a culture of care, compassion, and inclusion. We are a professional team that demonstrates excellence in the disability sector.

VALUES

- Respect
- Inclusion
- Collaboration
- Integrity
- Excellence

PURPOSE

ConnectGV provide individualised options for local people with a disability and their families to ensure their goals and dreams can be achieved. The organisation has grown and evolved over the years to be the largest disability service within the Goulburn Valley that offers Day Options, Employment Options, Accommodation Options and Outreach Services. ConnectGV's vision is for a fully inclusive community and to that end it seeks partnerships that allow it to offer many of these options within the local community.

ConnectGV owns and operates a number of Social Enterprises, namely Billabong Propagation and Wholesale Plant Nursery, Billabong Flowers, Billabong Rags, Billabong Lawns & Garden, Container Deposit Scheme and the management of the canteen at Mooroopna Primary School. These businesses not only provide quality products and services to the local community, they provide valuable paid employment and training options for people with a disability.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

Volunteers provide support to ConnectGV staff within the various programs or at events. Volunteers assist with the planned activities or may be invited to host an activity if they have a special talent that they would like to share.

- Gardening
- Arts & Crafts
- Sewing
- Cooking
- Sports

Volunteers may also like to spend some time with participants having a cuppa and a chat or playing a board game, there are so many ways to get involved!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ConnectGV welcomes the support of volunteers across the various areas of our organisation; including individual supports, employment, residential, Billabong Propagation and Wholesale Plant Nursery and more. Volunteers may have a particular area of expertise or talent that they would like to share with clients with a disability, or simply have some spare time to assist in programs or with particular events.

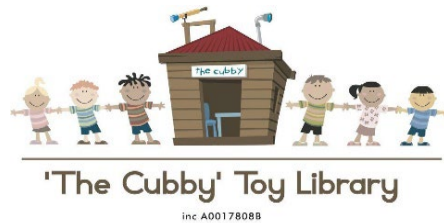
ConnectGV would like to hear from individuals who may be able to volunteer on a regular or ad-hoc basis, or from community minded businesses that have a corporate volunteer program.

CRITERIA FOR VOLUNTEERING

- **Passion for the Cause** - Demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication towards the mission and objectives of the organisation or project.
- **Reliability** - Consistent availability and commitment to fulfill volunteering responsibilities as agreed upon.
- **Team Player** - Ability to collaborate effectively with other volunteers, staff members, and stakeholders to achieve common goals.
- **Patience** - Tolerance and understanding towards challenges and setbacks, while maintaining a constructive and supportive attitude.
- **Creativity** - Capacity to think innovatively and propose new ideas or solutions to enhance the volunteering experience or project outcomes.
- **Energy** - Demonstrated vitality and eagerness to actively participate in tasks and initiatives, contributing to a dynamic and vibrant volunteering environment.
- **Positivity** - Maintaining an optimistic and encouraging demeanour, fostering a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere for fellow volunteers and beneficiaries.
- **Willingness to Help** - Eagerness to contribute time, skills, and resources towards the betterment of the community or cause, showing a genuine desire to make a positive impact.

CO-ORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

A registration of interest to volunteer form can be obtained by calling 5821 2466 or by [registering online](#). All volunteers will be required to undergo a police check prior to commencing at ConnectGV, as well as obtain a volunteer Working With Children Check (WWCC). Police check forms can be obtained from ConnectGV and will be submitted by ConnectGV at no cost to the potential volunteer. Volunteers are provided with relevant in-program training and orientation. For more information please contact ConnectGV's HR Manager, on 5821 2466 or via email hr@connectgv.com.au



The Cubby Toy Library

The Cubby Toy Library (Shepparton) is a valuable not for profit community organisation that has been servicing families in Shepparton and surrounding areas for more than 30 years. It was opened in 1982 by a small group of parents in Shepparton who wanted to provide families with the opportunity to borrow toys rather than buy them.

Today, 'The Cubby' provides families with young children, community groups and organisations that work with children an array of over 1,000 quality toys, games, activities and equipment for a minimal annual fee. The Cubby is a community based, not for profit organisation, which is managed solely by its members and volunteers and is a branch of Toy Libraries Australia.

AIMS

- To lend a wide range of quality toys to families and organisations for minimal cost
- To provide a sustainable method for borrowing, using, returning and reusing toys
- To minimise costs for businesses that need toys to educate and entertain children

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our initiative is inclusive of all ages and abilities and offers members and volunteers of the Greater Shepparton community opportunities to gain practical experience and training as a toy librarian for free. Experienced members train the newcomers to become proficient in their roles and understand the processes. Main tasks include opening the building and welcoming members, managing the toy inventory, processing payments, assisting new members, and performing basic computer operations. They can also become committee members if they choose.

One of the primary challenges we face is ensuring a consistent group of reliable volunteers. Hence, we would like to extend an invitation to you to become a valuable volunteer at the Cubby Toy Library in Shepparton.

ADDRESS

Corner Balaclava and Numurkah Roads Shepparton.

OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 1pm – 3pm & Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

CONTACT

Email: sheppartontoylibrary@gmail.com or via our Facebook or Instagram page

Website: <https://cubby.mibase.com.au/home/index.php>



Down Syndrome Victoria

Down Syndrome Victoria

MISSION

We work alongside people with Down syndrome and their families to reach their potential and live the life they choose.

WHAT WE DO

DSV is the peak organisation representing people with Down syndrome and their families in Victoria. We offer a range of services and supports across the lifespan including family and adult support, employment connections, education support and running social programs such as Club21.

VOLUNTEERING IN SHEPPARTON

Club21 (Shepparton) is a peer support network for people with Down syndrome to develop friendships and share group-based, social experiences with the support of a group leader and volunteers.

Volunteers assist with practical tasks such as getting on and off public transport, crossing roads, choosing menu items and providing companionship and support during the activity. Activities are varied and may include going bowling & having lunch, attending a market, arts festival or musical – there is something for everyone. Activities are weekends-only for 3-4 hours. Further information can be found on our webpage: [Club21 – Down Syndrome VIC](#)

REQUIREMENTS

Anyone looking to volunteer in the program will be willing to provide/obtain an NDIS Worker Screening check (free for volunteers).

CONTACT

For more information, email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@dsav.asn.au or checkout our Events page [Events – Down Syndrome VIC](#) for details regarding the next Volunteer Information Evening.



EdConnect Australia

EdConnect is a for-purpose organisation connecting volunteers with young people in schools. We recruit, train and support skilled volunteers to provide life-changing mentoring or learning support to students who need extra help and guidance to realise their potential - in school and life. Check the Members Schools List at the website below to see which schools are participating in the Shepparton area.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer as a:

- Mentor Volunteer: working face-to-face with the same student on a weekly basis
- Learning Support Volunteer: helping students within the classroom environment

Volunteers must be 18+ years of age to apply.

CONTACT

Phone: 0498 016 337

Email: NorthernAM@edconnect.org.au

Website: edconnectaustralia.org.au

Elder Rights Advocacy – Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

MISSION

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) is a social-based program for people who could benefit from having a caring and dedicated volunteer make regular contact with them to provide friendship and company. This may involve face-to-face visiting, writing emails, letters and cards, connecting on video chat or talking on the telephone.

PURPOSE

ACVVS is for people who:

- live in an aged care home
- live in their own home and are on the waiting list for a Home Care Package
- live in their own home and receive services through a Home Care Package.

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme is an Australian Government Funded Initiative.

It is free to participate in ACVVS.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

The ACVVS team matches care recipients with volunteers who have similar interests, hobbies, background and preferences.

The ACVVS team will introduce care recipients and volunteers by phone or in person and will stay in regular contact to make sure you are enjoying the friendship.

Volunteers will make contact regularly (either weekly or fortnightly), at a convenient time. You might see each other face-to-face, write letters, talk on the phone, or video chat together.

Visits are relaxed and social, focusing on conversations and having fun together. Care recipients and volunteers might choose to:

- have a cuppa and chat
- take a walk or go on an outing
- swap information about shared hobbies or interests
- watch a favourite TV show together
- do another activity that you both

CO-ORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Please contact the ACVVS Team at Elder Rights Advocacy on 1800 022 887 or acvvs@era.asn.au



FamilyCare

VISION

FamilyCare is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation, offering welfare, carer and disability support services to families and young people in Shepparton, Seymour, Cobram, Kinglake, Wallan and surrounding districts, and have been providing these services to people in the Goulburn Valley since 1984.

FamilyCare works with individuals, families and communities to increase wellbeing, build strengths and encourage optimism. Our vision is strong families and communities. FamilyCare relies heavily on volunteers to support these programs and services.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Child and Family Services provide relevant support and services to families. The various programs and activities that are offered under this umbrella are designed to enhance parent to child, partner-to-partner and sibling to sibling interactions. Volunteers work alongside staff to assist in providing group support activities for families.

Carer Support Services aims to support carers through the provision of short-term respite, information and support. Carers support is looking for volunteers to support carers by spending time with the person that they care for. This enables the carer to have a short break away from their caring responsibilities, while the volunteer provides companionship and support to the care recipient.

Disability Support Services operates the IntoRec Program to support children and young people with a disability by providing recreational opportunities and specialised support options. Young Peer Support volunteers work alongside the children and young people to support them to access and participate in the activities.

The Book Inn is a second hand book store located at 94 Wyndham Street Shepparton and is managed by dedicated Volunteers. The shop has a large variety of books catering for all ages. Book Inn volunteers work in the shop as part of the team that sells the books that have been generously donated. For anyone with an interest in books or literature this is an ideal place to volunteer.

Other opportunities

We also have many other opportunities available for volunteers, depending on the volunteer's expertise. Please make contact with us and we can discuss other opportunities that may be available within our organisation.

CONTACT

Andrea Tuohey – Coordinator of Volunteers

19 Welsford Street, Shepparton Vic 3630

Phone: (03) 5823 7000

Email: volunteer@familycare.net.au



Goulburn Valley Health

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

The GV Health Volunteers are committed to the GV Health purpose and values:

OUR PURPOSE

Improving community wellbeing through high quality health services, outstanding care and learning.

OUR VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

Our culture is made up of our CREATE values and behaviour, through which we commit to delivering ongoing quality healthcare for our community. Our CREATE values and behaviours are the foundations for our strategic pillars, and for achieving our goals.

ABOUT GV HEALTH

Goulburn Valley Health is a 280 bed multi-campus health service, providing a broad range of hospital and community-based health services throughout the Goulburn Valley.

The main campus is located at Graham Street, Shepparton, providing emergency services, intensive care, outpatients, medical, surgical, paediatric, obstetric, dental, palliative, oncology, mental health, aged care, rehabilitation, medical imaging, pathology, pharmacy and related allied health and community healthcare services.

GV Health Tatura – provides acute hospital services and dedicated palliative care facilities, Parkvilla Aged Care facility at Tatura is a 15-bed, high-care nursing home.

Waranga Health is a 36 bed aged care facility. It consists of a four bed, acute care unit, a district nursing service and outpatient ambulatory consulting services.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

We believe that volunteers enhance our organisation by providing much needed 'value added' services to our patients, residents and their families. We consider our volunteers a valuable and complementary part of the health care team. We provide work that is meaningful, challenging and rewarding so that our volunteers know they are making a difference whilst they are learning and developing new skills.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteers play an important role in the provision of safe and high quality care to patients, residents, families and staff at GV Health. Their varied experiences, skills and roles help share a level of compassion and understanding for patients and visitors of our service.

Various roles include:

- Meeting and greeting patients and visitors
- Wayfinding around GV Health
- Selling newspapers and magazines on the wards
- Tea & Coffee making
- Spending time with patients

- Providing administration and event support
- Patient liaison in the Emergency Department

CONTACT

Karen Saccuzzo – Volunteer Coordinator

GV Health

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Email: karen.saccuzzo@gvhealth.org.au



Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service Inc.

PURPOSE

GV Hospice provides a free 24/7 specialist palliative care service to individuals, their families, and carers.

VISION

An organisation where life limiting illness, death and grief are treated with care, compassion, and where choice is respected.

VALUES

GV Hospice delivers care, compassion, and choice by:

- Respecting our clients, their carers and their choices
- Meeting clients' needs through a team-based approach
- Empowering clients along their palliative journey

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Opportunity Shop Volunteer
- Client Care Volunteer (family support and bereavement support programs)
- Other options available within GV Hospice

CONTACT

Maree Chin – Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator

102 Balaclava Road, Shepparton VIC 3630

Phone: (03) 5822 0068

Email: admin@gvhospice.org.au

Website: <https://gvhospice.org.au>



Goulburn Valley Libraries

PURPOSE

Goulburn Valley Libraries, with the assistance of volunteers, provide a Home Library Service to residents of the Greater Shepparton area. The aim is to ensure that people who are homebound or physically unable to visit are still able to continue to receive a library service. Both Shepparton and Mooroopna libraries provide this free service to eligible members of the community.

Library staff select books, magazines, DVDs, and other Library materials according to the preferences of the member.

Volunteers make deliveries on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

The service is provided in conjunction with the Friends Of the Library volunteer groups.

Volunteers are required to have the following:

- A current drivers licence;
- A police check;

Volunteers will be provided with information about their role and the members who will receive this service upon signing up to the Home Library Service.

CONTACTS:

Anne-Maree Phillips OR Lisa Pollard

Shepparton Library

Phone: 1300 374 765

Email: shepparton@gvrlibraries.com.au

Michelle Nicolson

Mooroopna Library

Phone: 1300 374 765

Email: mooroopna@gvrlc.vic.gov.au



Goulburn Valley Pride Inc.

MISSION

To provide a safe, peer-lead, social-support space for the Greater Goulburn Valley's LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender diverse, intersex, queer, asexual +) community.

PURPOSE

To engage members and supporters in regular, inclusive events such as brunches, movie nights, 10 pin bowling, coffee meet ups, trips to major LGBTIQ+ festivals/activities, bush walks, visits to restaurants/night clubs, pubs/dance parties, host information sessions/home shopping parties and more.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

We are entirely volunteer-run and require a strong committee to coordinate, manage, promote and run our events and our relationship/interests with local organisations, businesses and Council. Volunteers may also have the opportunity to assist with running events and promoting events, posting flyers around town, assisting with social media, etc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following 10 committee positions are required: President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Ordinary Committee (x6). Hosting stalls and helping the organisation be visible within the community (e.g. Markets and public events) is also a part of what we do. GV Pride Inc. hosts OUTintheOPEN Festival annually.

CONTACT

Deb Chumbley - President

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Email: gvpride@gvpride.org

Web: www.gvpride.org



Greater Shepparton City Council

Greater Shepparton City Council acknowledges the valuable contribution that volunteers play in the municipality. They are the lifeblood of our community and vital to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community.

In recognition of volunteer's important role, Council initiated the Volunteer Recognition Awards, which are held annually in May during National Volunteer Week.

There are many opportunities to volunteer within Council:

Active Living Department:

The Active Living Department is responsible for the delivery of programming that contributes to the improved physical, nutritional and mental health of the Greater Shepparton community and incorporates Aquamoves, Rural Pools, Greater Shepparton Indoor Sports Facilities and KidsTown.

Tasks include:

- Registrations
- Assembly of promotional equipment such as signage
- Crowd control for stage performance
- Traffic control
- Activity leaders

Contact: Active Living Department on (03) 5832 9431.

Children Services:

Council believes every family has the right to access quality education and care services and Council Children Services provides a range of service types for children.

VISION

Better outcomes for all children, young people and their families in our community

OBJECTIVES

Volunteer objectives, under the guidance of the service leader, are to:

- Support relationships with children families in order for the child to develop to their full potential
- Support the service team in developing and strengthening a child's sense of self-worth and confidence
- Support the service team to create the child's sense of connection with the service and the community

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Our Early Years Department operate 18 Children's Services offering the following programs:

- Family Day Care 0-12years
- Kindergarten Year before school
- Long Day Care 0- 6 years
- Occasional Care 0- 6 years
- Pre- Kindergarten Two years before school

For further information about opportunities to support our early years services, please contact us on 58329783 or visit our website page on <https://greatershepparton.com.au/community/childrens-services>

Revegetation activities:

Volunteers can assist with Council's revegetation projects, assisting with tree planting activities, especially on National Tree Day (last Sunday in July).

Contact: Council's Environment Officer on (03) 5832 9700

**BE THE HEART OF
YOUR COMMUNITY**
Join a Community Asset Committee

Community Asset Committees

Mission

Community Asset Committees are formed under Section 65 of the Local Government Act 2020 to manage designated community assets within the municipal district.

Purpose

These committees are entrusted by Council to oversee the daily operations and administration of various community facilities, including public halls, community centres, and recreation reserves. The facilities managed include:

- Arcadia Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Bunbartha Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Caniambo Hall
- Central Park Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Congupna Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Dhurringile Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Dookie Memorial Hall
- Dookie Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Harston Hall
- Karamomus Hall and Recreation Reserve
- Katandra West Community Facilities
- Kialla District Hall
- Lemnos Recreation Reserve and Community Centre

- Murchison Community Centre
- Tallygaroopna Memorial Hall
- Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve and Community Centre
- Toolamba Recreation Reserve and Community Centre

Volunteer Tasks

- Manage day to day running of the facility
- Coordinating facility bookings and managing user fees
- Organising and conducting committee meetings, including preparing agendas, minutes, and reports
- Reporting maintenance issues and incidents reporting.

Volunteer Opportunities

Council warmly invites residents from the listed communities to participate in local initiatives. Whether you have a particular skill set to share or just a few hours to spare, your involvement makes a meaningful difference and is genuinely appreciated.

Coordination of Volunteers

For more information or to express interest in volunteering, please contact:

Linda Anderson

Greater Shepparton City Council

90 Welsford Street, Shepparton 3630

Phone: 03 58 32 9895

Email: assetcommittees@shepparton.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://greater-shepparton.com.au/council/committees>



Riverlinks

Arts Entertainment Conventions Exhibitions

Riverlinks:

Riverlinks encourages people (especially those interested in a career in the Arts) to volunteer.

Ushers:

Volunteers for Riverlinks work as ushers for all our performances presented at the Eastbank Centre and Westside PAC. As well as general usher duties, volunteers are trained in evacuation procedures and audience safety. Contact Riverlinks Box Office on (03) 5832 9511

Technicians:

Technicians gain experience and knowledge in the technical field of performing arts. Contact: Riverlinks Technical Office on (03) 5832 9891.



Tourism & Events Department:

The Tourism & Events team, run, assist with events and attend various promotions annually in Greater Shepparton.

At any of these events and promotions, a volunteer's role may include the following:

- Assembly of promotional equipment such as signage
- Gate entry and ticketing
- Traffic management. i.e. parking
- Course marshalling (may require radio usage)
- Event registration and administration
- Assistance with marketing events at pop up event promotional booths
- Volunteer coordination

CONTACT

Tourism & Events Team

Phone: (03) 5832 9700



Visitor Centre:

Join us as a Volunteer at the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre!

At the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre, our volunteers are the heart and soul of our community. They welcome guests with warmth and enthusiasm, sharing their passion for our vibrant region and providing essential information that enhances every guest's experience. As proud ambassadors of Greater Shepparton, our volunteers dive deep into the local attractions, activities and events, ensuring that every visitor leaves with unforgettable memories.

We're looking for dedicated individuals who can commit to at least four hours a week (or every two weeks for weekend shifts) for a minimum of six months.

Here's what we value in our volunteers:

- Exceptional customer service skills
- A friendly people and approachable demeanor
- A polished and well-groomed appearance
- Familiarity with the Greater Shepparton area, or a genuine eagerness to learn
- A strong sense of pride and passion for our local community

If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, please reach out to the Visitor Centre:

Phone: (03) 5832 9330

Email: info@visitshepparton.com.au

We welcome new volunteers biannually, in February and July, with group training sessions to ensure you feel confident and knowledgeable in your role. A comprehensive 12-week training program is mandatory for all permanent volunteers.

We believe in the power of diversity and encourage individuals of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to apply, including those re-entering the workforce or seeking valuable experience in tourism/ Short-term volunteer opportunities (6-12 months) are also available.

As a volunteer, you're a part of the story. You'll share local secrets, helping visitors uncover the best of Shepparton and create lasting memories. You'll be the first to know about the region's vibrant events and exciting attractions, and you'll have regular opportunities to explore the area and network with fellow volunteers and tourism operators.

And to sweeten the deal, successful applicants can look forward to gaining a Responsible Service of Alcohol qualification on us! Plus, we'll cover the cost of a Police check, ensuring you're all set to join our dynamic team.

Ready to embark on this rewarding journey? Register today!

Visit our Council website at www.greatershepparton.com.au/community/volunteering for further details.

To express your interest, please register at <https://bit.ly/gsvic-vol-register>. Join us in making Shepparton & Goulburn Valley a truly welcoming destination for all!



L2P Program

Gaining a drivers licence can change a young person's life. Become a driver mentor today!

VOLUNTEERING WITH L2P

The L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program provides an opportunity for young people, who face significant barriers, to obtain their drivers licence with the support of a mentor.

As a mentor, you can help a young person develop their confidence and skills, and assist them in reaching the required 120 hours of supervised on-road experience. With a drivers licence, a young person will have a better chance to access education, training and job opportunities.

This program is ideal for parents with upcoming learner drivers or retirees with a couple of hours to spare each week.

No formal qualifications are required, we provide the training and the vehicle to be used for sessions.

PARTNERS

The L2P Program is a joint partnership between VicRoads and the Transport Accident Commission, supported by the Victorian Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please phone 5822 8100 or email L2PHume@berrystreet.org.au



Leukaemia Foundation[®]

Shepparton Leukaemia Foundation

VOLUNTEERING AT THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Leukaemia Foundation and have been since 1975. Together, we're transforming the lives of people living with blood cancer.

If you volunteer with the Leukaemia Foundation you will be making a positive difference to the lives of people with blood cancer.

If you want to gift your time, connect with your community and make lasting change we want to hear from you. Look at our variety of volunteer opportunities on our website and sign up today.

Take a look at our volunteer's website for more information about the ways you can volunteer:
volunteer.leukaemia.org.au

We look forward to working with you to beat blood cancer!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

The Leukaemia Foundation has many volunteer opportunities to suit your availability and interests such as:

- Event Volunteering
- Driving patients to and from appointments
- Establishing/supporting a Volunteer branch

CONTACT US

We'd love to hear from you, get in touch with our Volunteers and Members Team via the details below:
volunteer@leukaemia.org.au

1800 620 420



Life Church Mooroopna

VISION

To assist families of our community and to show them the life and love that we have found in Christ, and to help them achieve their social and spiritual potential.

SERVICES OFFERED

Life Op Shop has been the outlet for the welfare arm of the local church since 2008.

We offer bargain priced pre-loved clothing, electrical, furniture, toys, books, and bric-a-brac.

We also assist people in emergency situations with food parcels, clothing etc., as well as advice, transport, and general help in getting them back on their feet.

We also provide tourist information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITIES

Volunteers are always needed and valued as a vital part of our operation.

Duties include:

- customer service
- sorting stock
- repairing furniture
- merchandising
- and having fun at the same time

CONTACT

Life Op Shop

4-6 Mill Street, Mooroopna

Phone: (03) 5825 4298

Open: 9.30am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday

lifeopshop@gmail.com

Manager: Sandy Anderson

Mobile: 0428 220 290

Life Church

4 Treacy Street, Mooroopna Vic 3629

Ph: (03) 5825 3938



Lighthouse Project – Greater Shepparton

OUR SHARED VISION

Greater Shepparton offers all young people the chance to realise their full potential and thrive.

OUR SHARED PURPOSE

To improve the wellbeing and educational outcomes of young people from conception to career.

OUR SHARED GOALS

Our community will work together over the next twenty years to ensure that Greater Shepparton has:

- Happy and healthy children and young people
- Children learning early and successful in school
- Safe and secure children and young people
- Supported families
- Vibrant communities

Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project is a collective impact place-based organisation dedicated to improving the outcomes for children and young people. Lighthouse invests in tackling complex societal issues through the lens of prevention rather than crisis intervention, leading to positive and fundamental social change.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our volunteers are vital members of the Lighthouse Crew as their contribution can create significant positive change. We offer a range of volunteering opportunities for people of all ages.

These include mentoring and being a positive role model for secondary aged youth at our OLLY, interacting with parents and non-school age children at our Family Haven, or maybe you like to tinker, or are mechanical minded and can assist teach hands-on skills at our Pit Stop Program.

We also have one-off or short term volunteering opportunities under our “Random Acts of Kindness” – Keep out eye out for these as they are ever changing!

We welcome all community members and business who want to help deliver better outcomes for our young people to join the Lighthouse Crew!

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Kathy Fuller – Volunteer & Partnerships Broker

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LOEL THOMSON

COSTUME COLLECTION • 200 YEARS OF HISTORY

Loel Thomson Costume Collection

The Loel Thomson Costume Collection (LTCC) is comprised of over 10,000 pieces of women's, children's and men's costume and household items reflecting the lives of everyday Australians over the last 250 years since white settlement. It is housed in a temperature controlled, dedicated display space at MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution) in the Emerald Bank precinct, 7723 Goulburn Valley Highway, Kialla, Vic.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you enjoy people, history and like to get hands on behind the scenes, this is a museum you will enjoy being part of, as it operates wholly with volunteer support.

The museum is open 7 days a week so there is flexibility in when, and how often, you choose to volunteer. The **roster** has morning shifts (10am-1pm) and afternoon shifts (1pm-4pm).

As a volunteer in the LTCC there are various duties to be undertaken.

The main focus is to **engage with visitors** to the museum and share with them some of Loel's journey and the background to the Collection. This helps put the Collection into perspective as the culturally valuable asset it is.

There are, of course, **housekeeping** duties with daily vacuuming (stick vacuum!) and dusting to keep the space pristine.

One of the tasks volunteers can undertake is to be part of a team who research, locate and **set up themed displays** to reflect different aspects of life over the years. Displays remain up for about 6 months before being replaced with a new theme. At any one time only about 10% of the items in the Collection are on display.

The Collection is **catalogued** and all items are on a computer program should you choose to use it.

There is a **reference library** attached to the LTCC which offers a great insight into pieces you will find in the Collection.

CONTACT

If volunteering in the Loel Thomson Collection sounds like something you would enjoy being part of please contact collections@moveshepparton.com.au or phone +61 3 5823 5833.



Neighbourhood Watch

ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Formed 35 years ago, Neighbourhood Watch Victoria is a volunteer based organisation that works in close partnership with Victoria Police and the broader community to reduce crime.

Its inception was based on extending the influence of Victoria Police through engagement with programs and activities that builds community awareness of crime prevention techniques.

Its premise is that only an engaged community working with police can significantly reduce the incidence of crime. Chief Commissioner Graham Aston firmly believes this and is Patron of NHW Victoria.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteers play an important role and importantly share in the solidarity of watching out for one another. We share in developing connected communities who are better educated about crime prevention and are motivated to be responsible for keeping themselves and each other safe.

Activities include:

- Number plate safety to prevent plates being stolen
- Presentations on residential and personal safety initiatives
- Conducting letterbox drops of educational material in crime hot spots
- Sharing crime trends and solutions at pop up events

HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Crime Prevention Officer, Greater Shepparton Police Station

Ph: 03 5820 5830



www.facebook.com/eyewatchgreatershepparton

Further Information:

Web: www.nhw.com.au



<https://www.facebook.com/NHWGTRSH>



Orange Sky

We aim to provide a simple service that makes a huge difference for those doing it tough. Orange Sky supports people experiencing homelessness or hardship through access to free laundry and shower services, as well as the opportunity for regular connection.

OUR PURPOSE

To help more people, more efficiently with more resilient revenue streams whilst still finding ways to innovate and support our communities with access to adequate laundry facilities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assisting friends on shift with their washing and drying and connecting through conversation.

- Monday: 9am – 11am
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 10am – 1pm
- Either weekly or fortnightly availability

Service coordinator (volunteer leadership role), supporting the teams and team leaders.

- Approximately 5 hours per week, as needed.

Sign up via our website: <https://orangesky.org.au/volunteer/>

CONTACT DETAILS:

For questions around volunteering, please reach out to volunteer@orangesky.org.au or 07 3067 5800 Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm (QLD time).



OUTintheOPEN Festival Shepparton

MISSION

OUTintheOPEN is Shepparton's festival celebrating LGBTIQ+ pride and community diversity. OUTintheOPEN was developed to address some of the inequalities faced by the local gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (LGBTIQ+) and allied communities and to build a more inclusive community in Greater Shepparton.

PURPOSE

OUTintheOPEN is a project led by Goulburn Valley Pride Inc. and is proudly supported by many other organisations and community groups. The festival consists of a health/wellbeing forum at GOTAFE and a Carnival Day on the first weekend in November at the Queens Gardens. Other events will occur during the week-long Festival across the City of Greater Shepparton and surrounds.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

OUTintheOPEN Festival is a volunteer fuelled project that simply couldn't operate without the passionate and committed contribution from individuals within our community. Each and every volunteer is an ambassador for OUTintheOPEN Festival: enthusiastic, friendly, helpful and professional at all times.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Because the Festival contains such diverse events, it requires a very broad range of volunteer roles. We encourage you to volunteer within areas that are of interest to you. Some of the main areas in which volunteer assistance is needed are:

- Carnival Day - BIG picnic-party in the Queens Gardens.
- Technical/Production Assistance to help coordinate and run events.
- Evaluations / Survey Collectors.
- Team Leaders: mature and responsible volunteers to coordinate and manage volunteer teams.
- Door / gate duties.
- Information services at events, etc.
- Office/Admin. support at the OUTintheOPEN Festival office.
- Special activities: adhoc duties as required.

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS:

Damien Stevens-Todd

Festival Co-convenor

Mob: 0418 511 562

Email: enquiries@outintheopen.org.au

Web: www.outintheopen.org.au



PFLAG Greater Shepparton

MISSION

We are a group of parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian and bisexual people who meet regularly to offer support and friendship to families, particularly parents and also to members of the LGBTIQ+ community who may need support in coming out to their families and friends.

PURPOSE

We offer support through public education and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. PFLAG aims to provide a vital link between LGBTIQ+ people and the wider community.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

Parents and friends have the opportunity to support the facilitation of a regular meeting space where conversations and support can be offered. Preparing the room/space and coordinating tea/coffee facilities, chairs and a welcoming environment are just some of the volunteer roles/duties that are required. PFLAG also manages its own lending library of resources.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PFLAG regularly gets involved with local and state-wide events that support diversity and inclusion such as marches, rallies, market days, forums and charity work. PFLAG also manages its own webpage and occasionally offers comments to the media in regards to bullying in school or issues such as marriage equality. All parents and friends are welcome to get involved.

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS:

Glenys Leach

Facilitator

Mob: 0409 626 647

Email: gvpride@gvpride.org

Web: <https://www.gvpride.org/resources/pflag-greater-shepparton/>



Riding For The Disabled

MISSION

Riding for the Disabled Shepparton is a voluntary, non-profit organisation providing opportunities for people with a disability to enjoy safe, healthy, therapeutic horse related activities. Shepparton RDA had been operating for 47 years.

PURPOSE

RDA provides sporting and recreational activities for riders with a disability, it offers opportunities to improve balance, core strength, posture and coordination to extend their abilities. People with a wide range of disabilities are accepted into RDA programs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RDA Shepparton is always in need of volunteers. No previous horse experience is necessary, we can train you, anyone can make a difference/

WE have a range of roles:

- you can work with riders and horses
- you can be a side walker
- leadership roles
- horse training and care
- coaching opportunities
- fundraising and office support

CONTACT

Cathy, Shepparton RDA Secretary

Phone: 0447 462 281

Email: rdashepparton@gmail.com

RDA Victoria Website: www.rda.asn.au



Shepparton Corps

The Salvation Army (Shepparton/Mooroopna)

MISSION

The Salvation Army Shepparton-Mooroopna is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus.

We share the love of Jesus by:

- caring for people
- creating faith pathways
- building healthy communities
- working for justice

VALUES

Integrity, Compassion, Respect, Diversity, Collaboration

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

To assist in carrying out our mission to a broken and hurting community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meal – Wednesday

Light cleaning duties, assistance with meal preparation, room set up and pack down, serving of meal, front of house duties

Community Services & Doorways Program

Create a welcoming service for community members to visit, unpack deliveries and stock shelves, assist community members to access food parcels and vouchers, cleaning.

Grounds & Maintenance

Maintain gardens at Nixon & Orr St property.

Mooroopna Thrift Shop

Light cleaning duties, sorting of clothes, serving customers, hanging of clothes within the shop, making shop displays.

Christmas Toy Distribution Centre

Sorting donations, picking up donations, light cleaning duties, assisting clients to gifts

Fundraising – Shepparton & Mooroopna Areas Red Shield Appeal (May), Christmas Appeal (Dec), Food & Blanket drives, BBQ Fundraisers

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

SHEPPARTON

Major Scott Smallacombe
 Shepparton Salvation Army
 99 Nixon Street, Shepparton 3630
 Phone: (03) 5821 2666
 Email:
CorpsOfficer.Shepparton@salvationarmy.org.au
 Web: www.salvationarmy.org.au/shepparton

MOOROOPNA

Mooroopna Thrift Shop
 3 Mill Street, Mooroopna 3629
 Phone: 0477 094 967
 Email:
CorpsOfficer.Shepparton@salvationarmy.org.au
 Web:
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/shepparton/what-we-offer/thrift-shop/>



SAM – Shepparton Art Museum:

Do you have a passion for art? Why not join SAM's amazing team of volunteers? It's a great way to get involved with art in the community, while gaining valuable experience within a cultural organisation.

SAM is at an exciting time in its history, and arts and culture play an important role in community life. Volunteering offers a unique and rewarding opportunity where you can experience our programs, exhibitions, events, collections, and meet artists and other arts and cultural workers first-hand. We have a diverse volunteer base, with an amazing group of people who range in ages, education levels and career backgrounds. Volunteering for an art institution is a great way of expressing your love of art to the broader community.

For all enquiries please refer to our website <https://sheppartonartmuseum.com.au/> or call SAM on 03 4804 5002.

Shepparton Agricultural Society

ANNUAL SHEPPARTON SHOW

“Show what you grow, Share what you know”

The Show date is set by the 2nd Saturday of October.

Shepparton Agricultural Society Annual Shepparton Show

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Anyone who would like to learn some new skills and experiences of an Agricultural Show
- Hard-working, community minded reliable people required to assist in various roles and duties at show-time, including setting up and pull down of animal pens in cats, cattle, goats, poultry, cages, animal nursery, art & craft sections.
- Emptying of bins around dining area and also where required around grounds.
- Specialist needs include show animal stewarding, which would suit people with animal handling experience.
- Help coordinate events such as Pets Parade, Scarecrows, Tiny Tots etc.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be able to follow instructions and use common sense.
- Some experience with handling of animals would be desirable.
- Working conditions can be hard due to weather, (hot, dusty, rain, mud, animal odours and noise).
- Some heavy lifting maybe involved.
- Protective footwear and sunhats are required, Safety Vests supplied.
- All volunteers are supervised and are under the direction of a section steward or show committee member.
- Must have a current Working with Children check.
- Must follow Covid-19 safe work practices as per current regulations.

REWARDS

Free entry to the show, coffee, teddy bear biscuits and the satisfaction of working as a team. Also enjoying the tradition of the annual Shepparton Show.

We don't manage sideshow alley jobs, any person looking for paid work in this section need to contact sideshow guild members directly, prior to Show opening time, Monday – Thursday.

All volunteers are required to log their details in our Volunteers Register at Secretary's Office and wear wristbands at all times as per OH & S requirements.

Further info contact Showgrounds office Julie 0358214677 or mob 0409251631.



Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare (SMULG)

The Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group is a volunteer group who cares about our local native environment.

We aim to help rehabilitate some areas in our local bushland and wetlands and increase community awareness of our native spaces by tree planting, weeding, rubbish pick up, joining in activities such as walks and talks with RiverConnect or Parks Vic with schools and the community, involvement with National Tree Day and other projects.

We have lovely connections with other groups.

A lot of our work is in Reedy Swamp, bushland and wetland of the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton and The Boulevard Bushland Reserve.

We meet monthly in Shepparton on the second Tuesday night of the month at 7 pm to organise our activities which may fall on weekdays or weekends. Sometimes we have an activity at the start of the meeting and have it outdoors. We would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to volunteer.

Please contact us by emailing: wadamore@bigpond.com

Or ringing Wendy on 0407 331 376



Shepparton Search and Rescue Squad

Shepparton Search and Rescue Squad (SSARS) is a Not for Profit, Charitable Organisation run by Volunteers for the Greater Shepparton Community. SSARS is here to provide specialised search and rescue services to the wider Shepparton community and to those who are travelling through or visiting. We aim to do this at no cost to the individual by raising money, either through donations, sponsorship or grants.

We are seeking fit and healthy individuals who are able to think quickly and decisively in high pressure situations to work with us to provide a range of services from Flood Boats, Water Safety, Traffic Hazards and Traffic Control, Storm and Building Damage to Road Crash Rescue. There is always a job that needs to be done.

We meet every Monday night at 7:30pm at 15 Dudley Street Shepparton for training and social activities. We would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to volunteer.

Potential volunteers are able to come on a Monday night or can email us at:

admin@sheppartonrescue.com.au or can visit our website at: www.sheppartonrescue.com.au

The Centre for – Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

Continuing Education

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) is an Australian government initiative aimed at improving the quality of life of elderly people who live in residential aged care facilities or who are receiving Home Care Services.

The program connects older people who may be socially isolated or feeling lonely with volunteers who regularly visit them. These volunteers provide companionship, social interaction, and emotional support, helping to reduce feelings of loneliness and improve overall wellbeing.

Our team carefully matches recipients and volunteers taking into account hobbies, interests, background and your personal preferences to ensure the best possible chance for a genuine friendship to develop.

Volunteers make regular contact (either weekly or fortnightly) at a time that suits everyone. Visits are face to face but can also include phone calls, letters, and video calls.

RECEIVING A VOLUNTEER

- Receive a home care package or be waitlisted to receive one
- Live in an aged care facility
- Anyone can make a referral, including self-referrals

It does not cost anything to participate in ACVVS

BEING A VOLUNTEER

- Volunteers must be over the aged of 18
- Be willing to make regular visits
- Be able to visit for a minimum of 1 hour a fortnight

You do not need any experience or qualifications to become a volunteer. Volunteers are provided with training and ongoing support

Becoming a volunteer visitor can be a rewarding life changing experience. You have the chance to make a new friend and to significantly improve the quality of life for an older person who may feel socially isolated or lonely providing them with companionship and emotional support.

CONTACT

If you would like to get involved in ACVVS or to find out more information call,

Stacey Watts on 0437 245 107 or 1300 843 236, or you can email acvvs@thecentre.vic.edu.au



The Smith Family:

The Smith Family is an independent children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

As Australia's largest national education-oriented charity, we support disadvantaged Australian children to participate fully in their education, giving them the best chance at breaking the cycle of disadvantage. Our learning support and mentoring programs help children in need to fit in at school, keep up with their peers, and build aspirations for a better future for themselves.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SHEPPARTON:

Learning Clubs

- **Primary:**
Primary School Learning Clubs are safe, supportive out of school hours learning environments, where students have the opportunity to access resources and participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills. Activities can include homework, literacy, STEM and numeracy as well as games and group discussions. Volunteer Tutors support students with activities individually or in small groups to help students grow in confidence in their own abilities.
No previous experience or skills required.
- **Secondary:**
Secondary aged Learning Clubs are safe, supportive after hours learning environments that support local secondary students (often years 10-12) with their academic work. Volunteer Tutors support students with completing homework tasks, understanding subject topics and preparing for tests and exams. Whilst working with students you may also offer support in understanding how to study, developing study and time management skills and future aspirations.
Skill set for Senior Secondary Tutors (tutoring years 10-12):
Sound knowledge and understanding of the subject area they would like to tutor in.
Skill set for Junior Secondary Tutors (tutoring years 7-9):
Feel comfortable with junior Math and/ or English subject areas.

Anyone applying to be a volunteer with The Smith Family will be willing to provide:

- Working With Children Check
- National Police History Check (organised and paid for by The Smith Family)
- 2x Reference Check

CONTACT

For more information please call The Shepparton Program Coordinator on 0466 776 682. You will also find more information as well as digital volunteering opportunities at our website:

<https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>



St Pauls African House

MISSION

To create a supportive and sustainable space for Africans from a refugee background to gather, to preserve, honour and pass on their culture. To provide capacity building and community strengthening programs along with opportunities for the wider Australia community to grow in their understanding through engagement with African migrants.

PURPOSE

The purpose of St Paul's African House is to provide a community space for:

- African communities to have access to a venue for hire at affordable rates
- The provision of training and education
- Capacity building and community strengthening
- Support, information, meetings, socialising and celebrations
- Building and strengthening African, Australian and Multicultural relationships
- Hire by organisations and individuals from the general community

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of ways to help fulfil the purposes of African House, the most important of which is to build supportive and positive relationships with African people.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Can you sew? Could you assist African adults to read English? Do you have IT skills? Would you care for children while parents learn? Do you enjoy gardening or cleaning? Can you cook? Can you teach? Do you have an interest in planning for and helping at events?

We are seeking expressions of interest from enthusiastic, caring and culturally sensitive volunteers of any age group or culture. If you have an interest in supporting African people or in helping to maintain the clean, fresh and comfortable environment in African House and its surrounds, please contact us.

We encourage you to bring all your ideas and skills to the table. You may have ideas that we have never considered before or the very skills that we have been searching for. You may be the person we need.

All volunteers are required to undertake an approval process including reference checks. Volunteers are also required to have a Working with Children Check.

CO-ORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Dr. Steve Little

Executive Officer (volunteer)

Email: exec@stpaulsafricanhouse.org

Phone: 0487 601 464

St Paul's African House, 54 Poplar Avenue, Shepparton VIC 3630



Tatura and District Historical Society

HISTORY

The Tatura and District Historical Society was formed in 1984. In this time, it has become internationally famous for its collection of artefacts and memorabilia from the seven internments and prisoner of war camps that were in the Tatura district. These camps held many thousands of people for the duration of WW2. This history contained in the museum is sought after by ancestors of the people held in these internment camps from all over the world.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

To bring valuable skills, knowledge and enthusiasm into the Tatura and District Historical Society, which is needed to keep the museum operating.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Showing visitors around
- Cataloguing of historical items
- Conservation
- Archiving
- Research
- Grant applications
- Building renovations
- Exhibitions
- Recording local history
- Cleaning and restoration
- Collection management

Volunteers are greatly appreciated, for a couple of hours a month.

CONTACT

Drop in to: 49 Hogan Street, Tatura
Ph: 03 5824 2111
Email: taturamuseum@gmail.com
Website: taturamuseum.com



UBC - Uncle Bobs Club

OVERVIEW

UBC – Uncle Bob's Club is a registered charity with the ACNC, and for over 82 years, we have been dedicated to improving children's health across Victoria. Our mission is to support children with medical needs by funding essential equipment for hospitals, institutions, and individual children. Additionally, we provide Scholarships and Fellowships for healthcare professionals at the Royal Children's Hospital and support the annual Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

VOLUNTEER

UBC receives no government funding and relies entirely on the generosity of the Victorian public and the tireless efforts of our volunteers. With over 300 volunteers, we are proud to be the largest contributing charity partner to the Good Friday Appeal.

You can learn more about our work, successes or how you can volunteer with us via our website:

www.ubcvic.org.au .



Uniting (Victoria Tasmania Ltd.)

Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania Ltd.) in Shepparton runs a variety of exciting programs and our volunteers help us to make great things possible!!!

Administration support ~ includes answering phones, mail outs, preparing show bags, preparing welcome folders for new arrival with resources in multiple languages, photocopying, helping with surveys etc.

English Conversation Classes ~ assist members of the new settling communities with opportunities for practicing their English and getting to know people in the community who are not service providers. Uniting organizes community consultations biannually to explore what activities the community would like for us to plan for them under the Settlement Engagement and Transition Support Program.

Diversity Group ~ assisting and supporting LGBTIQA+ young people (12-25YO) and their allies with planning and cooking a shared meal, invite/listen to guest speakers, talk about your own experiences, participate in fun activities (social support group).

General maintenance and housekeeping ~ just as it says!

Holiday Programs for Young people from Newly Arrived Communities ~ To work with youth during the school holiday period. Times vary depending on the activities that are planned by the young people and the Multicultural Team.

Trauma informed Parenting Program and Playgroup ~ Every Thursday at Settlement Hub in Maude Street, you can help out with staff, mums & kids. Playgroup runs during the school term.

Special Events and Promotional Activities ~ developing promotional materials, helping to organise events in a professional manner, engaging with the community to promote events and programs..

Mentoring and Coaching ~ with young people or people from newly arrived communities in a range of our programs, your skills, experience and interests would be matched with the needs of our service users.

All volunteers must have a volunteer Working with Children Check (V Card) and undergo a successful National Police Check. Uniting can assist you in obtaining this.

If you need more information on Uniting or its various programs:

- Go to the website <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/ovens-murray-goulburn/> and click on Get Involved, becoming a Volunteer and you can download other information about volunteering with Uniting here OR
- Contact Shepparton reception - Phone: 03 5831 6157 Email: sinfo@vt.uniting.org or volunteers@vt.uniting.org



Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry

VISION

Compassion in times of crisis.

PURPOSE

Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry is an organisation specialising in disaster response in Victoria.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry volunteers provide psychosocial support such as psychological first aid and emotional spiritual care under the State Health Emergency Response Plan. We seek women and men with excellent people/pastoral skills &/or a commitment to learn and support others with compassion.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry supports DHHS to deliver the following relief and recovery activities:

- provide psychosocial support including psychological first aid, emotional and spiritual care and personal support in relief & recovery centres and through community outreach, direct visits, community meetings and gatherings;
- coordinate the multi-faith multicultural response to emergencies;
- assist the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the development and coordination of state services of worship and assist in the organisation of public memorials and gatherings to support the recovery of affected communities.

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Rev. Chris Parnell

Area Coordinator, Greater Shepparton and Moira

Ph: 03 5821 3483

Email: sheppartoninterfaith9@gmail.com

Web: <https://vccem.org.au/>



Vision Australia

VISION

Why we exist:

To support people who are blind or have low vision to live the life they choose.

What we do:

Create equal opportunity so people who are blind or have low vision can get an education, get a job and be as independent as they choose.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

To bring valuable skills, knowledge and enthusiasm into the organisation, which contributes to the delivery of services and support to people who are blind or have low vision.

ROLES & PROGRAMS VOLUNTEERS MAY UNDERTAKE OR BE INVOLVED IN: Volunteers support clients to achieve their individual goals; this may be in the home to live independently, in a community group setting i.e. sports and recreation activities, to access the printed word.

- Dog collection program
- Gift wrap
- Administration support
- IT support volunteers on call
- Direct client support as requested
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- Vision Australia Radio readers
- Vision Australia Radio technical operators
- Project volunteers
- Telelink facilitators
- Large event volunteers including Carols by Candlelight and Melbourne Cup Day pin & win

VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR

Pam Power

12-14 Fryers Street, Shepparton Vic 3630 (appointment only)

Ph: 0456 980 149

Fax: 1300 847 329

Email: pam.power@visionaustralia.org



YRIPP – Youth Referral and Independent Person Program

MISSION

Volunteer Independent Persons attend police interviews with young people less than 18 years at designated police stations around Victoria.

The Independent Person is there to protect the young person from the disadvantage inherent in their age and to ensure that the young person understands what is happening to them and why.

PURPOSE

The Youth Referral and Independent Person Program (YRIPP) deliver a high quality system of adult volunteers called “Independent Persons”.

These volunteers attend police interviews with young people in police custody when a parent or guardian is not available.

YRIPP also seeks to divert young people from future offending through early intervention at the point of police contact.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

The Independent Person is there to protect the young person from the disadvantage inherent in their age and to ensure that the young person understands what is happening to them and why.

The Independent person offers referrals to the young person with the aim of diverting the young person from further contact with the justice system.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Independent Person Shepparton or surrounds

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

YRIPP Team

Ph: 03 9340 3777