

Quick Reference Guide To Volunteering

Greater Shepparton Volunteer Managers Network



**Inspire the
Volunteer
Within you!**

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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.



Believing In Children,
Young People, Families
& Their Future.

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 humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au or phone (03) 5822 8100. We'd love to chat!



Brotherhood of St. Laurence

Working for an Australia free of poverty

Brotherhood of St. Laurence (BSL)

ORGANISATIONAL PURPOSE AND VISION

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence (BSL) employs over 1200 staff and is supported by approximately 1000 volunteers. We are a social justice organisation working alongside people experiencing disadvantage to address the fundamental causes of poverty in Australia.

We create programs which prevent and alleviate poverty during four key life stages: childhood, adolescence, midlife and retirement.

BSL's work is focused in Melbourne and Victoria and also branches out to partners across every state and territory in Australia.

In Seymour, Victoria, BSL operates **The SEED Project (Sustaining Economic Empowerment and Dignity for Women)**. SEED provides a Women's Financial Wellbeing Hub where women receive training, referral pathways, and access to workshops and other support. [The SEED Project | Brotherhood of St. Laurence \(bsl.org.au\)](https://www.bsl.org.au).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINER

The BSL is offering an exciting opportunity to volunteer as a Digital Literacy Trainer at the SEED Project in Seymour.

Volunteers assist participants to learn a variety of computer and other digital skills including: using the internet, navigate basic computer or smart phone functions, learning Microsoft Programs, email, online applications, using MyGov, exploring Job Search Sites, using Zoom, and more.

You will have the opportunity to see participants achieve their learning goals and support them on their journey to securing employment, accessing study, and gain more independence in navigating our digital world.

Volunteer hours: 1-2 hours a week, Monday to Thursday, during business hours.

Volunteer tasks:

- Provide digital training to participants in one-on-one setting.
- Plan and prepare content for each training session based on participant's needs.
- Send meeting reminders to participants.

We are looking for volunteers with:

- Experience in coaching/training delivery (formal or informal).
- Confident computer skills
- A can-do attitude and flexible, creative approach.

CONTACT:

For more information or to apply for this volunteer role please contact Lisa at the Digital Literacy Program:
digital.literacy@bsl.org.au



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.

There are a strong fundraising team of volunteers who form a Fundraising Working Group, run regular stalls, a knitting group, a craft and sewing group and volunteers who help sort and pack donations.

In Shepparton we have an incredible team of volunteers whose endless support is a treasured service in the local community.

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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

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Regional Volunteer Coordinator – Greater Shepparton

Cherrie Secomb

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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:

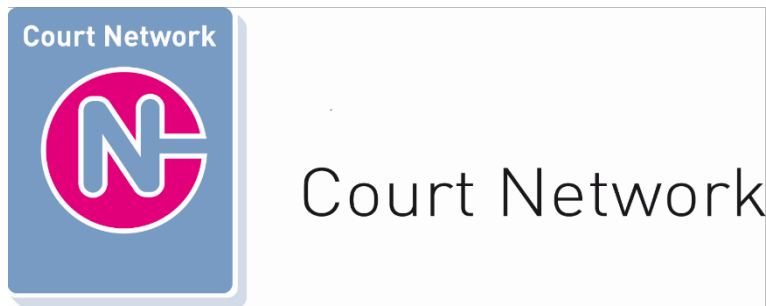
- Media and Public Relations
- Brigade Training
- Brigade Administration
- Junior Members Training
- Health and Wellbeing

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

CFA Volunteer Hotline: 1800 232 636 (FREE CALL)

Email: volrecruit@CFA.vic.gov.au

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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 Inc.: Community Transport

Community Accessibility (CA) works in partnership with clients, carers and other professionals providing, high quality and flexible services. Through leadership, and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, we promote social wellbeing and independence with transport being the key enabler.

Our **Community Transport** program provides volunteer drivers to transport community members to medical and social outings. We are also involved with other community transport programs, which are sponsored through in-kind partnerships, between a varied number of community organisations.

We are looking for volunteer drivers who;

- Enjoy the company of our client group
- Are willing to donate some of their time
- Want to be part of a group of like-minded people
- Want to make a positive contribution

The Volunteer roles and tasks of Community Accessibility are varied and invaluable and are delivered throughout many centres of the Goulburn Region of Victoria. We would not be able to deliver our services without the continued support of volunteers.

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, please call our Shepparton Office on (03) 5831 8515.

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

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

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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

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 – Link to Us, Art & Craft, English as second language

COORDINATOR

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Our Centre is a member of Volunteering Victoria



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

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

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ConnectGV



MISSION

ConnectGV's mission is to continuously develop, co-ordinate and strengthen service options which connect people with disabilities to their local community.

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 Garden Complex, Billabong Sweets and Treats, Flower Power (for regular and one-off flower deliveries) 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, for example this may be in the areas of music, art, craft or sport among others.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ConnectGV welcomes the support of volunteers across the various areas of our organisation; including individual supports, employment, residential, Billabong 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.

CO-ORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

A registration of interest to volunteer form can be obtained by calling 5821 2466 or by registering online at <https://www.connectgv.com.au/volunteer>. 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, Kali Frost, on 5821 2466 or via email hrpayroll@connectgv.com.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.

COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

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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

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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GOULBURN VALLEY
HOSPICE CARE SERVICE INC.

Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service Inc.

VISION

A world where life limiting illness, death and grief are managed with respect and compassion.

MISSION

To lead, promote and develop excellence in palliative care.

VALUES

- Respect:** We respect each other, our clients, and their carers and respect their right to have a choice.
Trust: We trust in each other and will show trust in those we serve at all times
Teamwork: We value each other as team members, providing support to one another, working cooperatively and respecting each other's views. We value working with other providers. In particular, we see ourselves as part of a team with our clients and their carers
Dignity: We treat everyone as someone worthy and respect and maintain their dignity at all times
Belief: We believe in each other and the value of what we do AND we believe in the capacity of our clients and their carers.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

We have a variety of ways people can volunteer for our service. All these volunteer positions work together to support Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Service Inc. to achieve our Vision and Mission.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Opportunity Shop Volunteer
- Client Care Volunteer (family support and bereavement support programs)
- Committee of Management
- Friends of Hospice
- Hospice Car Rallye

CONTACT

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admin@hospice.shepparton.net.au
<http://hospice.shepparton.net.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 Friends Of the Library membership;
- 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:

Tom Harding

Shepparton Library

Phone: 1300 374 765

Email: shepparton@gvrlc.vic.gov.au

Michelle Nicolson

Mooroopna Library

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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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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.

Our Vision

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

Our 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://greatersepparton.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

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 on (03) 5832 9700

Visitor Centre:

Volunteers at the Visitor Centre (VC) provide a first point of welcome and information for visitors to Greater Shepparton. VC volunteers play an important role as ambassadors for the Greater Shepparton area. Volunteering provides a great opportunity to share local knowledge, helping visitors to make the most of their stay. Being at the forefront of tourism activity in the region, VC volunteers are often surprised to learn about the diverse attractions, activities and events which make this such a popular place to visit.

A regular commitment of at least half a day a week, for a minimum of six months is generally required, along with the following personal qualities:

- Great Customer Service skills
- Friendly people who enjoy meeting others
- Neat presentation
- Knowledge of the Greater Shepparton area
- Passionately positive about where they live.

Contact: Visitor Centre on 1800 808 839 or (03) 5832 9330

Email: info@visitshepparton.com.au



The uptake of volunteers occurs when there is multiple interest to train as a group rather than individual appointments.

For further information on volunteering and volunteering opportunities or to register your interest, please visit the Council website:

www.greatershepparton.com.au/community/volunteering





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 contact Bill Winters on 0437 762 520 or email bwinters@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 0404 091 758 kfuller@gslp.com.au



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/NHWGTRSHP>



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/>



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

Recognising that God is already at work in the world, we value: Integrity, compassion, respect, diversity, collaboration and commitment.

VOLUNTEER PURPOSE

To assist with tasks to enable us to run programs to connect and help people within our community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meal – Wednesday within school term

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

Community Services & Doorways Program

(Salvocare). Serving tea and coffee to clients, cleaning, administrative tasks, putting food parcels together

Homeless night shelter (Runs during winter months)

Duties: preparing and serving meals, making and packing up of beds, bus driving

Grounds & Maintenance – weeding, mowing of lawns at the Nixon & Orr St Property

Playgroup – assisting with running the Thursday Program 10-11:30am

Mooroopna Thrift Shop – Tues, Thurs & Sat 10-4pm

Duties include: light cleaning duties, sorting of clothes, serving customers, hanging of clothes within the shop, moving of furniture, making shop displays, emptying of charity bin.

Christmas Toy Distribution Centre - Duties include: Sorting donations, picking up donations, light cleaning duties, assisting clients to gifts

Community Christmas Meal – Christmas Day

Duties: Cleaning, Meal preparation, room set up and pack down, serving of meal, front of house duties

Fundraising – Shepparton & Mooroopna Areas

Types: Red Shield Appeal (May), Christmas Appeal (Dec), Food & Blanket drives, BBQ Fundraisers

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

Captain Karyn Wishart
Shepparton Salvation Army
99 Nixon Street, Shepparton
Ph: 03 5821 2666
Email: karyn.wishart@salvationarmy.org.au

Captain Karyn Wishart – Manager
Mooroopna Thrift Shop
3 Mill Street, Mooroopna
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Email: karyn.wishart@salvationarmy.org.au



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 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 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 PAUL'S AFRICAN HOUSE

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

Kate Radevski
Partnerships & Programs Manager
partnerships@stpaulsafricanhouse.org
0447 215 845

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

Uniting

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

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Area Coordinator, Greater Shepparton and Moira
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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)
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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

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