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From the manager

So many volunteers engage in the work of community based not for profit groups in the Bunbury area and indeed Australia. ABS 2010 statistics show that over 41% of people outside of cities volunteer in comparison with 34% in capital cities. Women (38%) out volunteer men (34%) and people speaking only English at home tend to take part in volunteering over those who do not. Volunteers are most represented in the 45—54 age group and couples with children aged 5—17 had the highest participation rate at 55%, many in sport and recreation. Working people volunteer more than those not in the work-force. Volunteering is undertaken by 6.1 million Australians, and in WA is worth 11 billion dollars to the West Australian economy (VWA).

Volunteer South West is celebrating volunteers in National Volunteer Week with VSW Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards. We invite you to “Celebrate the Power of Volunteering” too.

All VSW programs are aimed at recognising and supporting volunteering in the region. We also work very hard to engage people who are not active in our communities due to barriers like language or disability, because everyone should be given a chance to be part of our communities through volunteering, it's what make them such a great part of the world to live in. Whether you are young or old, skilled or unskilled, a corporate or business volunteer, we love to think you want to make a contribution but also get the joy of giving through volunteering. Lots of people already know, but spread the word ...let the secret out!
Tania Jackson

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

12th—18th May 2014

‘CELEBRATE the POWER of VOLUNTEERING’

This powerful theme will be adopted by volunteering organisations nationally as they plan for celebration events to acknowledge and thank more than six million volunteers who together form a formidable workforce powering many essential organisations in the community.

This year marks the 25th annual National Volunteer Week where we recognise the contribution of volunteers across all sector groups such as community, environmental, sporting and cultural services and supports.

Volunteer South West is taking this opportunity to say THANK YOU on May 14th to those who provide their time, skills and passion in the positions they proudly fill. Get your nominations in.

Remember to wear the ‘hat’ that defines you!

Volunteer South West
the heart of our community

Volunteer South West
carefully invite two volunteers to attend the Volunteer South West
National Volunteer Week 2014 Morning Tea at
South West Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards 2014

**National Volunteer Week
2014**

“Celebrate the Power of Volunteering”

Date: Wednesday 14th May
Time: 10.00 am – 11.30am
(Sign-in 8.45 for 10am start)
Venue: “Kingshore Spine”, Kingshore Beach Resort
Dress: Dress, Bunbury (and its surrounds) available on upper level

Wear your favourite hat!
Each person wears many hats. What hat will you be wearing today?

RSVP: Tuesday 6th May 2014

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CELEBRATE THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING
25 years of National Volunteer Week

Enhancing Access to Volunteering

There was a very positive response for the Bridge to Volunteering and Enhancing Access Program in recent months. This shows a need in the community to learn more about the volunteering opportunities that exist in the local communities. Many clients expressed surprise that though they had lived their entire life in Bunbury that they didn't know how much the various organisations visited contributed to the community. Their perception of volunteering changed dramatically and many are now looking forward to their first volunteering roles and joining others in helping to make the community a better place to live.



VSW QR Code



Smart Events QR Code

EA Project Officer Gaitree Sud has been busy setting up our **Take2 Program** (supported by Enable South West) where people with disabilities are matched with long term volunteers at local agencies. Induction is currently underway for one of our clients and more lined up for the next EA program at the conclusion of which they will be ready to volunteer.

If your organisation would like to be involved in the **Take2 Program** please contact us on 9791 3214.



SMART EVENTS PROGRAM

- ★ Smart Events can undertake evaluations of your event to help with funding applications
- ★ Smart Events hires out a trailer to meet your festival needs.
- ★ Smart Events can give assistance and advice on festival issues.
- ★ Smart Events provides annual training on event related topics.



Look out for upcoming training later on this year on successfully marketing your event.

Contact Denise Sara,
Smart Events Coordinator,
on 9791 3214 or by emailing
smartevents@bigpond.com to book the trailer for your next event or to set up an evaluation of your event.

The power of 'paying it forward' - Corporate Volunteering



Photo courtesy of Bunbury Mail
Fal, wife Navajothy and 2 year old daughter Harshatha

Falgunan Nanukurup, owner of Spice Journey the popular local curry van, talks of giving as being something he has always been inspired to do, following in the footsteps of his father and other family members back in India. To celebrate his first anniversary in the business, Fal and his wife Jyoti decided to pick a local charity to donate their Boxing Day profits last year to a worthy cause. Through Volunteer South West assistance they picked SolarisCare as the beneficiary. "We wanted to help people who needed help" says Fal. "The intention behind it wasn't to benefit me, but to benefit someone else." Fal also hopes this can inspire other businesses to think about giving. "You only get by giving, you get happiness in return. But first you need to have the

'intention' to give. So many people have helped me in so many situations that I always want to help others. It's a chain and you only grow by giving".

Carline Turner from SolarisCare Bunbury said the donation was a welcome boost towards the running costs of the centre.

Volunteer South West is linking up a corporate team from Bankwest to assist Riding for the Disabled in Collie at the end of May. Look out for photos on our website!

We have a variety of opportunities for corporate groups who'd like to volunteer their time or skills to 'give' in this manner. There are many opportunities and projects at local not for profit agencies that your team can be involved in. Give Shamara Williams a call on 9791 3214 or email admin.volunteer@bigpond.com to discuss your availability and potential volunteering opportunities.



VAST

Volunteer Active Support Training

Volunteer South West's VAST program for volunteers, volunteer managers and the not-for-profit sector will be delivering the following training/workshops for you to participate in and network with other local volunteers and volunteer coordinators.

National Standards in Volunteer Management - Tuesday 20th May.

A one-day interactive workshop. Implementing the concepts from this workshop will enable you to work to international best practice standards and make you a star!

** Tie this training in with **Human Resource Management 1 and 2** being run in Busselton on the days following .

How to run effective meetings (webinar) - Wednesday 25th June.

Information provided on how to run a meeting effectively to ensure that objectives are met and time is used wisely

Marketing your event – TBA

This training will be designed for those who coordinate events. Date and Venue will be sent out to all our members and Smart Events members and advertised on our website www.volunteersouthwest.org.au

World Class Training on Volunteering:



FRIDAY 29th August—we are privileged to have Rob Jackson visit Bunbury to provide training on “Understanding and engaging 21st century volunteers”. Rob Jackson is one of the leading authorities on volunteering in the world. He has been involved at the coalface of volunteer management for much of his career and is a first rate public speaker.

Learn how to keep your volunteers engaged from a world class expert!

TO REGISTER: Contact Shamara Williams on admin.volunteer@bigpond.com or 9791 3214

Wives influence husbands to participate in labour force

Married women who are active in the workforce play a significant role in influencing their husbands to follow suit, but the reverse does not hold true, according to new research.

Released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) a recent study into labour force participation decisions made by mature-aged Australian couples from 2001 to 2011, uses data from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics (HILDA) survey.

Labour force participation and retirement decision are of particular interest, and in Australia one policy focus has been on keeping mature-aged people in employment longer, the rationale being that this may mitigate the impacts on society in areas such as pension and health systems.

The study, which also focuses on couples with a mature-aged husband, found evidence that the employment of wives encourages the employment of their mature aged husbands.

- ◆ The wife's choice to participate in the labour force influences directly the husband's decision to participate. However interestingly, the reverse does not hold true.
- ◆ The increased participation of married women in the labour force resulted in a 4 percentage-point increase in the participation of mature-aged married men between 2001 and 2011.
- ◆ This relationship exists even when the persistence of labour force participation of mature-aged married men is taken into account.
- ◆ Husbands are also influenced by their wife's decision to retire, while wives appear to be less sensitive to the participation status of their spouses.

Copies of *The labour force participation of Australian mature-aged men: the role of spousal participation*, are available from www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2702.html



Dates for your diary

6th May B2V Session— Bridge to Volunteering—held the 1st Tuesday of every month, this community education is about what volunteering is and isn't!

No obligations, come and check it out.. ... Volunteer coordinators why not send your new volunteers to learn about rights, responsibilities and benefits of volunteering!

14th May EVENT—National Volunteer Week morning tea. Get your nominations in ASAP!

20th May TRAINING— National Standards

3rd June B2V—Bridge to Volunteering session

3rd June — 24th June Enhancing Access—a supported volunteer program for people with barriers to volunteering. Ring 9791 3214 to find out more information.

25th June TRAINING (Webinar) - How to Run Effective Meetings

1st July B2V—Bridge to Volunteering session

5th August B2V—Bridge to Volunteering session

TBA TRAINING—Marketing Your Event

5th August—26th August Enhancing Access program—a supported volunteer program.

Contact us on 9791 3214 for more information about all of the above programs.

Celebrating our Harmony Champions



Volunteer South West was given the opportunity to recognise volunteers from organisations that provide services to WA'S Cultural and Linguistically Diverse communities with a Harmony Champions Program grant from the Office of Multicultural Interests. The event held at Mot's Café on April 9th, acknowledged the hard work and achievements of these volunteers. Special guest, City of Bunbury Councillor Betty McCleary spoke of her own volunteering experiences (including nomination for Volunteer of the Year in Bunbury in 2011) and how important multiculturalism is to her.



Whilst partaking of the delicious food provided by Mot, attendees exchanged what they had learned about themselves from working with CaLD clients, shared ideas on improving communication for successful engagement and tips on how people from a CaLD background can connect with others, encouraging them to become active participants of our vibrant community. These included volunteering, getting involved in events, clubs, social gatherings.



Facebook

Check out our Facebook page to see photos from our many events and activities. Search for "[Volunteer South West](#)"

Website

Look out for upcoming training and other information on our website www.volunteersouthwest.org.au

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