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Not-For-Profit Sector News

Evelyn O'Loughlin, CEO Volunteering SA&NT



As I write this I am looking out over our extensive and well appointed new offices at Level 5, 182 Victoria Square (on the corner of Victoria Square and Flinders St) – the offices that once housed the Reserve Bank. I would personally like to thank the Premier and the SA State Government for their generous support and extend an open invitation to all organisations and volunteers to visit our new offices and see the improved facilities and services now available.

News from the Federal Government's Not-For-Profit Sector Reform Council.

As a member of the Reform Council, I attended the second full Council meeting held in Canberra on Wednesday 18 May 2011.

What's been achieved in the past six months?

- The Office of the Not-For-Profit Sector and the Not-For-Profit Reform Council have both been established.
- In the 2011/12 budget, the Federal Government announced \$53.6 million over 4 years to establish an independent Commonwealth Regulator.
- New National Regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) will be in place by 1 July 2012. The ACNC will be responsible for determining applications for charitable, public benevolent institutions, and other not for profit status for all Commonwealth purposes. It will also implement a reporting framework for the sector, provide education and support on technical matters, and establish a public information portal by 1 July 2013.
- ACNC Interim Commissioner, Susan Pascoe AM has been appointed and will report to Parliament through the Assistant Treasurer. The Commissioner will lead an Implementation Taskforce which has been established in Treasury from 1 July 2011 to consult further with the public, the not for profit sector and government agencies, and to have the ACNC ready for operation by 1 July 2012. The taskforce will also commence

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and see the improved facilities to help us serve the Not-for-Profit Sector better.

development of the new reporting framework and public information portal.

- The Chair of the advisory board assisting the ACNC, Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, has been appointed
- \$2.9 million over four years has been allocated to introduce a statutory definition of 'charity' for the purpose of all Commonwealth laws from 1 July 2013. Negotiations with states and territories on national regulation and a single national definition of 'charity' are being progressed through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) as these measures will be of most value if they are adopted nationally.
- Through COAG, governments are already working on greater consistency and harmonisation.
- Red tape reduction - includes reforms on contract provisions (procurement and grants), greater consistency between all government departments, simplified funding agreement templates for low risk grants and streamlined reporting. The Federal Government is currently piloting streamlined contracting arrangements and are looking to develop and pilot a new Common Funding Agreement by mid 2012.
- Commonwealth Government departments have appointed a Deputy Secretary as advocate with responsibility for supporting their agency's contribution to, and adoption of new processes to reduce red tape, streamline reporting requirements and implement priority actions under the National Compact: working together. The Council strongly supported this decision, as it will provide a strong accountability mechanism for the National Compact and the Government's reform agenda.
- Later this year the Federal Government will be launching the National Volunteering Strategy. The Strategy will set out the Government's vision for volunteering, including supporting those who are currently volunteers and encouraging more Australians to participate in volunteering.

I encourage you to take the time to review the work of the Not-For-Profit Reform Council at www.dpmmc.gov.au/nonprofit_reform_council.cfm and the Office of the Not-For-Profit Sector at www.notforprofit.gov.au and to contact me at Volunteering SA&NT if you'd like to know more.

A Message from the Minister

Grace Portolesi, Minister For Volunteers



There is probably no time of the year that is quiet for volunteers, but the period around South Australian Volunteers' Day is certainly an exciting and busy time in my calendar.

I have just launched a new annual scholarship program to encourage young South Australians to participate in volunteering. Successful applicants will receive up to \$3000 each to assist them undertake study in their field of choice, while they continue to volunteer and contribute to their community.

The Volunteer Support Fund opened in July. In recognition of 2011 being the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers, grants will this year be made available for community events being held around International Volunteers' Day (December 5) to recognise and thank volunteers. Applications for funds to support training and the purchase of resources for volunteers are also welcome.

It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate South Australian Volunteers' Day on June 13 with a full-house of almost 2,000 dedicated volunteers at a free concert held at the Festival Centre.

ABC 891's Peter Goers, a recipient of the Australia Day Local Hero award and a great advocate for volunteers and community groups in South Australia, did a wonderful job as MC of the event.

Congratulations to the three very worthy recipients of the 2011 South Australian Volunteer Awards, which I co-presented alongside His Excellency the Governor, Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

- Kate Smith received the Joy Noble Medal for her outstanding efforts as a volunteer with Disability SA and an advocate for its residents.

- CMI Toyota received the Premier's Business Award in Volunteering for their support of Adelaide Conservation Volunteers since 2003, particularly with environmental initiatives.
- The International Women's Group at Modbury Uniting Church received the Andamooka Community Project Award for providing a safe environment in which women refugees and migrants from different backgrounds can learn and practice new skills aimed at assisting them to settle and feel welcome in Australia.

Guests at the Volunteers' Day Concert each received a copy of the 2011 Volunteer Bonus Book, offering discounts and special offers.

A total of 10,000 copies of the Bonus Book are being distributed through many of the local Volunteer Resource Centres, so I do hope that you pick up a copy and treat yourself to the range of special offers in the booklet. Thanks for the work you do to make South Australia a better place to live.

I also took the opportunity at the Volunteers' Day Concert to launch my report for 2011. The report highlights achievements and initiatives in the South Australian community over the past 12 months taken to support volunteers and volunteering organisations.

To see a copy of the report, and to find out more about the other initiatives outlined above, go to the Office for Volunteers website www.ofv.sa.gov.au.



The Governor and Minister for Volunteers congratulate the winner of this year's the Andamooka Community Project Award, the International Women's Group from the Modbury Uniting Church

National Volunteering Conference Update

Peter Cocks, National Communications Manager, Volunteering Australia

National Conference on Volunteering update

Researchers & Research Presentations

Volunteering Australia acknowledges the important role of research in building evidence-based knowledge of volunteering and this will be featured throughout the conference program. We are currently working with the Volunteer Research Agenda Advisory Group (VRAAG) to ensure that research is a strong focus at the conference. The VRAAG provides advice to Volunteering Australia on the national research agenda.

The National Conference on Volunteering:

Inspire. Challenge. Influence. 9th - 11th November 2011, the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, QLD

Register at www.volunteeringaustralia.org



The conference will be a highlight of the International Year of Volunteers Plus 10 celebrations.

Researchers we have good news!

Refereeing of Papers: Proposals are also invited for refereed conference papers which are designed to allow the presentation of completed research projects. Papers will be

independently peer reviewed on the basis of the full paper (rather than just on an abstract). Refereeing of papers will be done by members of an expert Review Panel using a double-blind review process.

The conference proceedings will be widely available. The format in which proceedings will be circulated will be dependent on the number of refereed papers accepted for the conference and available resources. The timelines for the refereeing process will be announced after the selection of the conference abstracts is finalised. More information will be available soon.

Student Bursaries

Are you an honours or research higher degree student with an interest in volunteering?

VA will offer four (4) subsidised student bursaries to this year's National Conference on Volunteering to selected Research Students.

The conference will take place from 9-11 November 2011 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The subsidised full conference registration rate will be \$425.00 per person (not including associated travel and accommodation costs); that is 50% of the early bird conference registration rate of \$850.00.

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Artworks Express Volunteers' Involvement In Programs

Sandy Scicluna Volunteer Program Manager DFC Limestone Coast.

Limestone Coast Families SA Volunteers decided to celebrate National Volunteer Week 2011 by designing some art work to reflect the motivation and drive that keeps them involved in the program. As a group they decided they would like to create something that reflects how they feel about their volunteer involvement and experience with young people and families who are clients of Families SA.

One of the more experienced volunteers – Rosie McPhail came up with the idea of using a hand symbol to represent support, guidance and helping others. From this idea other volunteers also added to it and they brain stormed and visualised what they would like the art work to look like.

One of our husband and wife volunteer teams Carmel and Brian Perry happened to have a couple staying with them who are currently backpacking around Australia – Alvin and Stella. Alvin is a graphic design artist so he keenly put together the ideas that the volunteers had come up with and produced the following 2 pieces of art work. The nice part about this is Alvin “volunteered” to help our volunteers!



Visitors from Taiwan Yen-Wen Cher (Alvin)-Graphic Design Artist and Pei-Chun Ko (Stella) with Allen March –Families SA Limestone Coast District Centre Manager.

The first art piece is titled “*The Spirit of Volunteering*” this illustrates the volunteer’s involvement in supporting an individual and watching them grow and develop despite the difficulties and challenges that they have experienced in their lives. The heart symbol represents volunteer’s commitment and caring attitude towards the children and young people.

The ‘many hands’ represent the many people that may be involved in raising a young person (it takes a village to raise a child) and also the fact that many hands make light work- the volunteer program could always benefit from having more caring people involved.

The second art piece is titled “*Hearts, Minds and Hands*” These 3 elements together are what it takes to be a Families SA volunteer.

The many “*Hands*” that are reaching up to support the children in need, and the physical side of the involvement as a volunteer ie –spending many hours driving and transporting children to school, access and appointments.

“*Hearts*” represent the emotional side of volunteering for

Families SA, the clients we work with are not always easy or thankful for a volunteers involvement but at the end of the day a volunteer goes home knowing that they have helped someone in need.

“*Minds*” represents the mature approach needed by the volunteers who work with our young people and the fact that they need to understand the emotional state of a young person and think before they respond to a young person who may be acting inappropriately or may be in crisis.

It also represents the team work involved when working with a young person –this may mean that a volunteer is part of the larger picture for a client – others involved maybe the social worker, supervisor, relative or foster carers, school teachers, biological family and many others.



Above Left back – Volunteer Program Manager Volunteers Rosie McPhail, Lisa Heath and Karen Russ. Front- Trish Tresidder, Andrea Pegler and Debbie Boyd.

Volunteers Brian Perry, Carmel Perry and Rosie McPhail

As the theme Volunteer Week 2011 is “*Inspiring the Volunteer In You*” it is hoped that these 2 pieces of art will inspire others in the community to become involved in volunteering at some level and will enjoy the many benefits that volunteering can bring.

IBM Staff Volunteer To Celebrate Their Centenary

Kathryn Gruber, PR Assistant, Resthaven

Celebrating their centenary, IBM Australia corporate volunteers came to Resthaven Craigmore and Malvern on June 15, to show residents how to use Skype, Facebook, YouTube, email and mobile phone text messaging (texting). The session began with a presentation showing Facebook, and how it can be used to stay in contact with family and friends. Trevor Dunn, the IBM representative at Craigmore, showed the residents how to find videos on YouTube and showed a recent video about Resthaven, which was made by UniSA, (the Malvern residents enjoyed seeing themselves featuring on the 'big screen') then they saw funny and educational video about how to peel a potato without using a peeler!

At precisely 11am, IBM Australia IT Specialists, Sarah Tucker and Trevor Dunn, Skyped each other, connecting the residents at Malvern and Craigmore and they were able too see each other with Craigmore resident Mary Drake being introduced to Malvern resident, Vera Hart. They chatted about the different Resthaven sites and Mary joked, "My only complaint is that we get too much food!"

While Volunteering SA&NT's Business Services Officer, Courtney Davidson and IT Specialists Trevor Dunn and Tommy Du spoke to Craigmore residents individually and answered questions about the technology, the Messenger Newspaper photographer and reporter took photographs and spoke at length with Mary Dunn, Patricia Russell and Joyce Deed, as well as IBM Australia's State Manager, Keith Gillard. Aside from Skype, the highlight for many residents at Resthaven Craigmore was exploring the world using Google Earth. Tommy helped Mary and Joyce see the house Mary's daughter lives in, while Harry Rothwell navigated to Liverpool, UK to visit the house he was born in, and reminisced while travelling



Left to right: Lynton, Phillip and Sarah with Richard Hearn and Evelyn O'Loughlin

through the neighbourhood he grew up in.

At Resthaven Malvern, IBMers Sarah Tucker, Phillip Bartley and Lynton Ireland led the presentations with the help of VSA&NT Corporate Volunteering Manager, Denese Wyatt. Resthaven CEO, Richard Hearn and Volunteering SA&NT's CEO, Evelyn O'Loughlin called in to see how the session was going while residents were looking up their favourite TV programs and recipes on Google. The residents were surprised that Skype, YouTube and Google Earth are all free and easily accessible.

Happy 100th Birthday, IBM! Thanks to you for sharing your expertise with us and thanks also to Volunteering SA&NT and the Managers and Lifestyle Coordinators at Malvern and Craigmore for making the day a success - we hope our computer kiosks at Resthaven can now be seen as another way of keeping in touch with family and friends and bringing the world a little closer.



IBM representative Tommy Du shows Craigmore residents how to connect to Facebook

Collaborative Recognition For Volunteers

Jo Parker-Phillips, Kellie Stewart, Ann-Marie Arthur.

National Volunteer Week provides a national celebration to recognise the efforts of volunteers and their enormous contribution to organisations and communities across Australia.

This year, Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre, Volunteering Barossa & Light and The District Council of Mallala worked collaboratively to host a free event for volunteers in the community across these 4 council areas.

Recognising National Volunteer Week presented a perfect opportunity for each of these 4 council areas to combine resources, both staff and financial, to deliver a regional event.

Due to the close proximity of these 4 council areas, often volunteering "crosses council borders" where a volunteer who resides in Gawler may volunteer for an organisation in the Barossa, or a resident of Mallala may volunteer in Gawler – so it was a logical fit to bring volunteers together from each of these areas for a combined celebration event.

A Volunteer Movie Day was held on Monday 9th May 2011 at the Gawler Cinema and included a pre-movie luncheon, provided by local business Tom's Catering.

All of the volunteers who participated in this years event thoroughly enjoyed the day and really enjoyed their choice of 2 movies that were offered – *Water for Elephants* or *Secondhand Wedding*.

Mr Tony Piccolo MP attended and gave a short address to volunteers on behalf of Minister for Volunteers Grace Portolesi, and Liam Hannah made a very invigorating speech to commend local volunteers on their community involvement through volunteering. Mayor of Gawler Brian Sambell also spoke on behalf of the Town of Gawler.

Overall the Volunteers Movie Day for 2011 was a successful event and the organisers look forward to celebrating the enormous contribution made by our volunteers across the region again during National Volunteers Week in 2012.

Playford Volunteers Show Their Talents

City of Playford hosted *The V Factor* – its very own version of the X Factor talent show to celebrate National Volunteers Week 2011.

Over 200 Playford volunteers gathered at Playford Civic Centre to celebrate the significant contribution that they make to the community through volunteering.

After the night was officially opened by Mayor Glenn Docherty, approximately 60 Playford volunteers became the "main event", showcasing their many talents including singing, acting, magic, dancing, stand up comedy and even a special appearance from a much younger (and fitter looking) Elvis!

With an overwhelming majority of votes, the star of the night was Banjo player Richard Churchill - who had the audience madly clapping and singing in their seats. As the winner of *The V Factor*, Richard won a recording package kindly donated by the Northern Sound System. Based on the crowd reaction, Richard will be busy making copies of his CD for all his newfound fans.

Talent shows out there will no longer need to audition for talent. It is clear that the City of Playford volunteers have all the talent you could ever need!

Comments from the night:

Congratulations, from the feeling around the place, everyone had a fantastic time.

Just wanted to say how fantastic the evening was! What a great way to recognise our volunteers. Congratulations!

The warmth in that room was amazing Playford people are really talented and supportive.

Well done on planning such a fab night!



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Volunteers Thanked For Going The Distance

Lisa Morrison, Public Relations Officer SA Ambulance Service.

Volunteer ambulance officers from SA Ambulance Service travelled the equivalent of 10 times around the world last financial year, treating and transporting patients in country communities.

This extraordinary effort was celebrated at more than 75 ambulance stations around the state during National Volunteer Week (9 to 15 May).

Senior managers from the organisation visited ambulance volunteers to hand-deliver letters and gifts.

"Volunteering at SAAS is an inspiring vocation," said Neale Sutton, executive director of country patient services at SA Ambulance Service.

"They're ready to provide comfort and professional care to anyone who asks it and is in need. Their ability to give that service to the community is inspiring."

Mr Sutton said SA Ambulance Service volunteers saved lives and deserved the appreciation of all country communities.

"They give up an enormous amount of time with friends and family, but they get so much back in terms of being part of a great team, learning new skills and a sense of pride and satisfaction in doing vital work.

"Each one of them, even if they don't realise it, has inspired every patient that they have touched."

SA Ambulance Service's National Volunteer Week celebrations included a dinner at the Rydges Southpark Hotel in Adelaide for 12 very special volunteers who reached the milestone of 25 years of service in the past year.

While the organisation has over 1500 country volunteers, more are always needed to replace those who move to other areas or take on extra work or family duties.

"The community is the ambulance service in many smaller country towns," said Mr Sutton.

"It's only by people being willing to put their hands up and volunteer that we can run local 24-hour ambulance services."

Call 1800 655 306 or visit saambulance.com.au for information about becoming an ambulance volunteer



Above: Moonta Volunteers Mel Duckford, Libby Williams and Kevin Partington. Below: SAAS 25 Year Dinner Recipients



Show Volunteers Help State Icon Reach 172 Years

Lucy Camp & KheShan Wood Volunteer Program Managers



The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc is an institution born in 1839 and this year celebrates 236 Shows over a period of 172 years. The Royal Show is the longest running and largest event on the South Australian calendar, it's a State icon and a community event entertaining and educating more than half a million people annually.

The Show has been supported and delivered through the assistance of volunteer Judges and Stewards for many years and currently depends on approximately 650 of them to assist in offering professional and first-hand advice in their specialised field to Show patrons as well as judging competitive sections.

Gwenda Baker has served as a judge and steward in the Handicrafts section for almost 50 years, Decima MacDonald has been judging Spinning & Weaving, Lace & Embroidery for 40 years and Kaye Naughton has been a judge in Junior Art, Craft & Design for 37 years. Steven Kohler was a steward in the pig section for 28 years. Most of these volunteers have been recipients of the Long Service Volunteer Award, their years of tireless volunteering and supporting the Show has been unwavering.

In addition to our Judges and Stewards, the Show relies on the assistance of many group volunteers and although the Society makes a donation to the various organisations involved, the individual members are volunteers as they do not receive any personal financial benefit.

Various Scout groups assist with running the stamping stations on the Farm Walk, and when we are all tucked up in our beds, spare a thought for the Scouts who muck out the Sheep Pavilion each night of the Show.

Urrbrae College students run the Pigs and People section which is part of their curriculum and the Learning Centre is managed by DECS who source volunteers from secondary schools and our Information Booths are coordinated and managed by Stirling Rotary.

With the diverse field of Show volunteers and the introduction of the National Standards for Involving Volunteers in not-for-profit organisations, it is time to introduce a Volunteer Program and we are extremely excited to be engaging the broader community to be part of this iconic event.

Almost 30% of the State's population attends the Show each



Enthusiastic Volunteers Needed For The Show

year with generations having enjoyed the Show's offerings and continuing to do so. In 2010 the Show received its second largest number of competitive entries in its 235 Shows history, 30,087 entries only 12 entries short of an all time record were received. So the call has gone out to anyone and everyone, if you can cook, knit, crochet, paint, take photos, breed cattle, sheep or pigs, or have a clever pet, the options are endless, why not compete at the Royal Show.

There is something for everyone at the Show, amazing entertainment, a family carnival atmosphere, over 500 commercial exhibitors, animals, stunning horticulture displays

and food to please all palates.

There are many volunteering positions available including; roving crowd care, exhibitor liaison, attendants, administration assistants, information booth assistants, flying squad (break/shift cover) and runners.

Ideally Royal Show volunteers need to be friendly, enthusiastic and flexible people who love the Show, work well in crowds, are good with people and enjoy helping others.



Join the Show Community

For more information on how to become a volunteer at the Royal Adelaide Show log onto www.theshow.com.au and look under Show Experiences/Volunteering at the Show.

The Historic Beginnings of Toc H

Michael Thomas, Toc H

A Brief history of the Toc H Movement

The origins of the Toc H Movement are linked to the town of Poperinge in southern Belgium in World War I. It was in this town in December 1915 that the British Army Chaplains' Department set up, what was essentially, a rest and recreation centre for British and allied soldiers on leave from the front lines in the Ypres Salient in the heart of Flanders Fields. The centre was named 'Talbot House' in memory of a young British officer, Gilbert Talbot, who had been killed in action earlier that same year.

Talbot House operated under the charge of Australian born British Army Chaplain Rev. Philip 'Tubby' Clayton. During the 3 years of its operation, until the end of the war, it is estimated that some 500,000 soldiers visited the centre to enjoy the facilities it offered. Initially the soldiers referred to Talbot House as 'T H' and later as 'Toc H'. The Army signaller's code, at that time, for the letter 'T' was the word 'Toc'.

The Toc H Movement was established in Britain in 1922 by Royal Charter, following a desire by many British returned servicemen to uphold the 'Spirit of Talbot House' as a peacetime movement. Tubby Clayton was drafted as the founding padre and Toc H soon spread to the other allied nations who had fought in the Ypres Salient.

The iconic Talbot House in Poperinge remains today as a living museum and thousands of people from around the world visit and stay there each year while touring the battlefields of Flanders Fields.

75th Anniversary of the Toc H Victor Harbor Branch

The Toc H Movement was established in Australia in 1925 when Tubby Clayton made his first return visit to the country of his birth. It has been active as a community service organisation ever since, no more so than in Victor Harbor. The Victor Harbor Branch is the oldest continuous branch or group in South Australia, having been set up in August 1935, and the second oldest in Australia.

The Toc H Campsite on Waggon Road, has served the South Australian community for some three generations, since 1938, but this would not have been possible without the wonderful support of the local Toc H members throughout these years. The branch has long been committed to the local community through its service activities and links with other community organisations – Rotary, Lions, the Arthritis Association and the RSL – to name a few.

The Main Hall at the Victor Harbor campsite

Toc H Victor Harbor Branch holds a special place in the history of Toc H South Australia. The early activities of the branch

and the development of the campsite were supported by Sir Winston Dugan (later Lord Dugan), the Governor of South Australia in the mid to late 1930s. Ever since this time the Patron of Toc H in South Australia has been the Governor of the State. The present Governor, His Excellency Kevin Scarce also shares an interest in the work of the Toc H Movement and its activities in Victor Harbor.

The executive of Toc H Australia Southern Region, of which Toc H South Australia is a major part, was extremely proud that The City of Victor Harbor chose to honour the Toc H Victor Harbor Branch with a Civic Reception to recognise its 75th anniversary.

This event was celebrated during the evening of Friday, 17th September, 2010 at the Victor Harbor Civic Centre with invited guests from Toc H and the local community. There was also a strong Local Government involvement, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Victor Harbor.

On Sunday, 31st October 2010, the Toc H Victor Harbor Branch ran a Gala Day at the campsite on Waggon Road from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. This event, the second part of the 75th anniversary celebrations,

was organised as an open invitation to everyone in the district to visit the campsite and inspect the facilities and join in the fun.

This was a great occasion, and despite a threatening weather forecast (which did not eventuate) we were able to offer a warm Toc H welcome to our Patron, the Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce and Mrs Scarce, in sunny but cool

conditions, to formally open the event. (See photo, left)

Toc H Camping Program –

Many thousands of disadvantaged primary school aged children have been able to have a holiday by the seaside as a result of the Toc H Camping Program. This program is kindly supported by various Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, and Toc H branches, and is aimed at offering respite for children in need for between 3 and 5 days duration.

The camps are held during the summer and winter holidays, and another camp is organised annually for refugee children recently arrived in Adelaide. The first two camps for refugees have been generously supported by the Morialta Trust.

These camps wouldn't be possible without the many hours of dedicated involvement by young trained volunteer leaders who, together with the two Toc H Directors of Camping, plan the activities and care for the children.



Refugees Enjoy Camping Holidays with Toc H



Toc H annual camp for refugee children recently arrived in Adelaide

Over the past 75 years, the members of the Toc H Victor Harbor Branch have also provided considerable support to the children who attend the Toc H camps.

Toc H continues to offer opportunities for young people, as well as the 'young at heart' to be involved in worthwhile

community service based activities.

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Susan J Ellis Challenges The Volunteer Sector

Courtney Davidson, Business Services Officer VSA&NT

On Thursday 2 June 2011, Volunteering SA&NT, in partnership with Northern Volunteering SA, Southern Volunteering SA, and Limestone Coast Volunteer Resource Centre introduced Susan J. Ellis, President of Energize Inc to individuals from the Volunteering Sector in South Australia. Seventy two people attended the workshop titled *"Educate Up: Gaining True Support for Volunteers from Top Management,"* held at the BioSA Incubator Conference Centre, West Thebarton.

OzVMP and People First Total Solution were instrumental in bringing Susan to Adelaide and organising her Australian tour. Susan J. Ellis is President of Energize Inc., an international training, consulting and publishing firm that specializes in volunteerism. She founded the Philadelphia-based company in 1977 and since that time has assisted clients throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Latin America, Israel and Australasia to create or strengthen their volunteer corps. Energize's innovative website www.energize.com has won international recognition as a premier resource for volunteer program leaders.

Throughout the full day session, Susan challenged the participants to think outside the square and confront issues that are regularly pushed to one side in the volunteering sector.

The key learning areas were how to:

- Assess the level of genuine support given by the organisations to volunteers
- Identify what needs to change at the senior management level to permit more effective engagement of volunteers
- Effectively confront resistance or obstacles to maximum volunteer participation
- Become the in-house educator on volunteerism and be pre-active in surprising ways
- Transform volunteer recognition events and enlist volunteers in advocacy for what they need



Seminar Feedback:

"Thank you for bringing such a high quality presenter to us in Adelaide!"

"Absolute worthwhile workshop, learnt much, highly recommended!"

"This session encouraged me to review some aspects and 'energised' me to take some positive action. Thank you!"

The venue, BioSA Incubator Conference Centre was fantastic. The modern and innovative space created a great learning environment and the staff were very accommodating and friendly.

Overall, Susan's workshop went extremely well and the feedback was positive. Thank you to the VRC's, OzVPM, and People First Total Solutions for helping organise Susan's schedule, and a special thank you to Susan J. Ellis for her amazing workshop.

Volunteering SA&NT looks forward to offering the sector more of these specialised learning workshops and master classes, and encourage individuals from Volunteer Involving Organisations to participate when these sessions become available.



Home Visiting Volunteer Program For Young Families

Ruth Carmody, Rural Health Team Promotions Officer Early Childhood Programs



Above and below: Rural Health Volunteers

A team of volunteers is working quietly in the communities of Jamestown, Booleroo and Orroroo and surrounding towns help young families cope. It's all part of the Together Building Families Home Visiting Program, for families with children aged 0-5 and pregnant mothers.

The volunteers offer practical support for the parent at home, looking after the child or children so the parent can attend to other duties, be that housework, school commitments with an older child, shopping, attend to phone calls, or any number of other duties.

The program is about keeping mums well, and in doing so, fostering the mental health of the whole family.

It offers practical and emotional support – feeding the baby, settling them, reading to them. It's not about doing house work, but maintaining wellness and offering support to anyone who may not have the family support available, whether that is because their families are not living locally or are busy working.

Families can self refer into the program by contacting the Rural Health Team, while referrals can also come from friends, midwives, CAFHS nurses, and child health services.

The service is offered for six weeks to up to three months, depending on needs. Commonwealth funding ensures the services is provided free to families and also reimburses volunteers for all travel expenses relating to their volunteer work. It's a confidential program and volunteers undergo a four day training programme in which they are given an understanding of child injury prevention, confidentiality, cultural awareness, child safe environments (mandatory reporting).

"We also give the volunteers a fun kit with playdough, stickers, books, or toys from the toy library, so they have something special to share with the young people they are looking after."

Avis Clark, affectionately known as the "Melrose Grandma", has been volunteering her services time to families in the area informally for many years and became part of the Rural Health Team home visiting program in 2007.



She says it's a wonderful experience. "It is wonderful to see the children warm to you, to build the trust and rapport with the young child. It's great for the mums, they can go off for a few hours and do whatever they need to do," Mrs Clarke said. The mums are very grateful, you can see the mums relax and grown within themselves, they really appreciate the space for

themselves."

Mrs Clarke also attends the local playgroup twice a week to offer support to mums with several children. "It's in my nature to love children and to be with families."

Five new volunteers have been recruited for 2011.

Michele Ashendon is one of the new volunteers from Peterborough. She is really looking forward to the experience to help people and children and give families an opportunity for support.

Anyone interested in receiving the home visiting program or being involved as volunteer in the future is encouraged to contact Ruth Carmody at the Rural Health Team on 86672458

Knowing Myself As A Mentor

Pravat Ghose, Volunteer Community Mentor, Department of Education and Children's Services

He wrote:

"How are you going? I am still waiting for my new mentor and was wondering if you are able to visit me again soon. I enjoyed working with you and playing cricket I think that working with you helped me concentrate on my learning and behaviour. In class we are learning about natural disasters and writing narratives.

I hope to see you soon."

When I commenced in my role as a volunteer community mentor, it was not easy. I was matched with 2 children who were totally different from one another. One child was, in a sense, over accommodating and welcoming and ensured that we were kept busy with pre-planned activities that were 'outside the square' and in contrast, the other child was extremely reserved and reluctant to reveal what might make him smile with happiness, what might make his heart soar.

Although both children are exceptional in their unique ways, I wish to tell you about the child who was introverted and yet deeply thoughtful, more difficult to connect with and yet filled with incredible potential underneath the protective layers built up over time. To give you some insight into our interactions, it took months of meeting with him at school for an hour a week to make eye contact. I felt frustrated; I questioned if our time together was of any benefit and more than once I thought about giving up. Yet each week I turned up and so did he - and for that week - turning up was enough.

In my heart I felt that he needed my help and I could not give up. After our mentoring sessions I would sit quietly at home and reflect on our shared time, I could not shake the feeling that I needed go beyond the constructed protective shell. I pondered his perspective of the world, the differences between us: the 30 years in age between us, our differing family backgrounds, the fact that I am from a vastly different culture and country. Yet again and again, I came back to our shared humanity. I sought ways to 'walk in his shoes' and

become increasingly attuned to experiencing his view of the world.

For me, reflecting on our time together and focusing on finding ways to close the gap between us was of utmost importance in the development of our mentoring relationship. I sought practical ways to connect with him: intentionally using his words during our mentoring conversations, picking up small pieces of information on his likes and dislikes and using these as the basis for our activities, and learning more about his family background.

Week by week, hour by hour I saw small changes as little by little he opened his world up to me. He started to make eye contact with me, he even began to smile and laugh as we journeyed together and started to feel a sense of shared experiences and trust in one another. What a privilege to be let into his world, what a great honour to receive his warmth and appreciation. To receive a compliment from a being that you have mentored is priceless. It

is magical to connect with a young person and experience the joy of reparative connection with the next generation.

From this experience, I feel that volunteer mentoring is a fundamental duty towards society and future generations. Who can measure the impact of creating a positive relationship with a young person whose heart has closed due to modern social pressures? However to get these results I have had to plough through uncomfortable moments for which there were no answers except to keep going. If I can bring meaningful connection into a young person's life with observable and measurable results, this is definitely something that I want to share with other school volunteer mentors.

For information about the DECS Community Mentoring Program, please visit www.decs.sa.gov.au/mentoring or contact Heidi Unferdorben on 8261 224



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Launch of the new Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre

Kellie Stewart, Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre

The Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre has a new location at the Evanston Gardens Community Centre. A brand new purpose-built Community Centre, it is now home to a branch of the Gawler Library, the Gawler VRC, the Business and Community Services staff division of Council and the adjoining Soldiers Memorial Hall which has been renovated as part of the overall project. The Evanston Gardens Community Centre is located at 65 Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens and was made possible through the financial contributions of the Federal Government and Council.

The Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre is undergoing an exciting phase of growth and development, and this new dedicated location is an exciting part of this growth.

In conjunction with a Volunteering Working Party consisting of Elected Members and local representatives of the volunteering community, the final stages of developing a Business Plan for the Gawler VRC is being coordinated by

myself, Volunteer Resource Centre Officer. This Business Plan provides direction for the daily functions and activities of the VRC – in line with the Town of Gawler Strategic Plan and the Town of Gawler Volunteer Charter. It will also clearly define the operational and promotional programs that will be developed and provide a framework for regularly monitoring progress and measuring success in achieving the planned outcomes for the community.

The relocation of the VRC to its new address, combined with the development of the VRC Business Plan is indicative of the exciting new phase of growth for the Gawler VRC which will ensure that a more effective and efficient service to the volunteering community is provided.

The Gawler VRC is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am – 5pm (out of hours appointments are available)
Contact: Kellie Stewart Volunteer Resource Centre Officer on 8522 9238 or email: kellie.stewart@gawler.sa.gov.au

2011 Volunteer Leadership Forum

Viv Barker, Executive Officer, Southern Volunteering (SA) Inc

On Tuesday 29 March 2011 Southern Volunteering (SA) Inc – City of Onkaparinga hosted their third consecutive Volunteer Leadership Forum at the South Adelaide Football Club. Seventy five Volunteer Managers and Coordinators from the south attended the one-day event which featured guest facilitators Andy Fryar (OzVPM) and DJ Cronin (Greenslopes Hospital QLD).

The day got off to a brilliant start with the opening act starring trio Kaye Mahomet, Joanne Maiden and Mike Feszczak and included a unique “speed networking” component.

Congratulations once again to the City of Onkaparinga for sponsoring the event and to the attendees for actively participating on the day. It was very pleasing that Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg (Bottom right) could give the opening address and express her continued support for the valuable role that Volunteer Managers perform. Amanda Rishworth MP Member for Kingston, (Top right) a strong advocate for volunteering, interrupted her extremely busy schedule to share in the official opening duties with the Mayor.

Thanks to the generosity of VSA&NT all participants received a copy of the 2nd Edition of Volunteer Management – An Essential Guide while 5 lucky winners each received a copy of the latest edition.

Southern Volunteering would like to thank the following members of the steering group who put in a considerable amount of time prior to the event and on the day:

Viv Barker (Southern Volunteering), Jo Maiden, Ze Harty, Sophie Lawrence and Cathy Kerrison (City of Onkaparinga), Marilyn Blake (Reynella Neighbourhood Centre), Kaye Mahomet (Volunteering SA&NT), Angela Bell (City of Marion), Marilyn Pearson–DoCare–Neighborhood Support Program, Jan Powell – ACH, Kim O'Connor (CVS - Southern Volunteering), Angela Bell (City of Marion) and Noelene Moffatt (Aldinga Community



Centre). Thanks also to John Mutter who was our volunteer photographer and who did an excellent job of capturing the spirit of the day.

Southern Volunteering is very much aware that many of the attendees find it difficult to attend national conferences

due to cost and time constraints. The aim of the Leadership Forums has always been to provide a similar experience at a local venue at minimal cost and based on the feedback it would appear that this aim has been well and truly achieved. The next event is planned for March 2013

National Summit Provides A Wealth Of Information

Dominic Nicholls, Regional Development Officer, VSA&NT Darwin

In May I attended the 2011 National Emergency Management Volunteers Summit in Canberra that provided a wealth of information and experiences to draw on. Over 500 people from all corners of Australia and variety of emergency volunteer organisations were represented.

Stuart Diver gave an inspirational talk about his experience of surviving the Threadbo landslide in '97 and his life's challenges since then. It is an amazing story of overcoming adversity and I highly recommend that you take any opportunity to hear him speak.

There were plenty of discussions and ideas around recruitment and retention of young and culturally diverse emergency volunteers, as it appears that like many sectors, these are two areas that are not proportionally represented in the emergency volunteering force.

It was of particular interest to learn about how other states are coordinating their emergency response and recovery and the different approaches to all agencies working together. This varied from attempting to encompass all possible agencies to non-existent formal and informal arrangements.

The bringing together of emergency response and recovery groups explores how we will all manage volunteers at all

stages of an emergency. There are great opportunities to not only improve our systems but we can also solve some of our recruitment challenges at the same time.

The summit highlighted the need for many organisations to look at their investment in volunteer management.

Looking through the lens of volunteer management as a part of supporting volunteers I could see some real opportunities for organisations to avoid reinventing the wheel by tapping into the volunteer management support offered by their state and territory peak bodies and Volunteer Resource Centres

Other highlights for me included talks from Anna Newton-Walters a young volunteer from the ACT State Emergency services, who wowed the room with her energy and irreverence towards stereotypes of young and older volunteers.

Adam Dent from Red Cross Victoria State Emergency Services followed Anna's talk with an equally powerful overview of working in the recovery space following the Victorian Bush fires. In particular Adam's intense respect for his volunteers and the people they are helping was a great reminder of the privilege it is for us to work with volunteers and the community they serve.

Objectives of the Summit:

- identify and discuss contemporary issues within the emergency management volunteer sector
- showcase and discuss best practice in the emergency management volunteer sector
- develop recommendations of significance to the emergency management volunteer sector
- commit to working together to progress recommendations to further enhance emergency management capability and community resilience in Australia, and
- connect government at all levels, non-government organisations and emergency management volunteers from across Australia.

Star Bear Volunteers Needed To Support Grieving Kids

Anglicare SA's Star Bear program has been providing grieving children aged 5 to 17 years with a shoulder to lean on since 1999 and is looking to recruit more mentors and volunteers for its weekend camps.

Helping almost a thousand children and their families and run by trained mentors and carers from Friday to Sunday, Star Bear camps are designed to increase children's understanding of death and the grieving process and give them an opportunity to share their experiences with others.

Joan Watson is a 70 years young volunteer who has been involved in Star Bear camps for three years. She says getting involved is worthwhile for anyone wanting to help children who struggle to express their grief.

"My main role is to help out in the kitchen and also coordinate and assist in designing memory boxes with the children," she

said. "The memory boxes are used by the children to place memorabilia of the person they have lost inside them.

"Often children find when involved in the camp that they are not the only one going through the grief and they can share their experiences with others."

"Being able to help and support these children is fulfilling and the fact that I have potentially helped someone is rewarding." Volunteer, Joan Watson.

Training is provided to all new mentors and volunteers, with no counselling qualifications required.

For more information about Star Bear or Star Bound programs, go to www.anglicare-sa.org.au/star-bear-and-star-bound/ or contact Louanne Johns on (08) 8301 4208.

Launch Of Northern Territory Volunteer Awards

Dominic Nicholls, Regional Development Officer, VSA&NT Darwin

Volunteering SA&NT in partnership with, invite community organisations The Northern Territory Government to nominate for the inaugural Volunteer of the Year Awards, which recognise the important role volunteers play in their community.

The awards ceremony will be held in December to coincide with the International Day for Volunteers.

The awards have three categories:

- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement, which recognises the outstanding achievements of a volunteer
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service, which recognises the long-term service and commitment

of a volunteer

- The Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence, which recognises an organisation's commitment to best practice in managing volunteers.

Organisations can also nominate their Most Valuable Volunteer for recognition.

Take the chance to say thank you to your volunteers and nominate your volunteers or your organisation for all the great work they do!

To nominate go to:

www.dcm.nt.gov.au/volunteers/recognitionawards

Nominations close 30 September 2011



Support for People Living With Diabetes

Helen Wilde, Volunteer Coordinator, Diabetes Counselling Online.

Most people living with diabetes report that diabetes is itself a major factor in how stressed they feel in their general lives, but help is available from Diabetes Counselling Online at www.diabetescounselling.com.au

Diabetes Counselling Online (DCO) offers free personal counselling to all Australians living with diabetes, their family and friends.

By going to the website you can access a range of other services such as forums and chat rooms, fact sheets, and also find tips on managing stress via a range of well tried strategies.

The Counsellors at Diabetes Counselling Online are all living with diabetes themselves.

In 2011 there are a number of opportunities to support the work of DCO by volunteering.

These opportunities include assisting with fund raising, as well as some opportunities to assist with managing the moderation of online forums, or other aspects associated with the web environment.

Fundraising can include ticket selling at events such as the Building Expo, Open Day at the Telethon house, or the Royal Show. We are also interested in new ideas for fund raising. You can contact our fundraising manager [Helen Wilde at helwild@hotmail.com](mailto:helwild@hotmail.com) with your ideas

An exciting new initiative of DCO is The Mens' Project, which is a pilot program being offered to men living with diabetes in remote and rural Australia.

A special support program is being offered via the Internet in order to determine how useful this method of counselling can be for people living in isolated circumstances.

If you are a man living with diabetes in country/rural or remote Australia, or know someone who is, please visit the website and register your interest, or use the contact telephone numbers provided.

Also, if you are interested in hearing the Founder and Director of Diabetes Counselling Online, Helen Edwards as a speaker at your next event, go to www.diabetescounselling.com.au



Greek Orthodox Community Expo

Katerina Giannakis, Community Care Services Volunteer Support Coordinator

A Volunteer Expo and a celebration were held at St. Nicholas Community Hall, 71 George Street, Thebarton on Wednesday 11th May 2011, as part of National Volunteer Week.

This is the first year the Community Care Services has organised an event like this. The Expo was from 9am - 1pm. Multicultural Aged Care Organisations were invited to set up and display information on how to attract new volunteers. Volunteering SA&NT, Chinese Welfare Services, A.N.F.E, Filipino HACC and Goodwood Community Services were the participants. The Expo was extensively promoted in the media.

During the Cocktail function all volunteers received a volunteer badge and chocolates. Amongst the guests and VIP'S were Michael Atkinson, MP for Croydon, John Trainer, Mayor, of City of West Torrens, Evelyn O'Loughlin CEO of VSA&NT, Naomi Offler VSA&NT CALD HACC Project Officer, Sylvia Cassoudakis, General Secretary of GOCSA and other

members of the Executive Committee of the GOCSA .

Maria Foundas was MC and Dimitra Koutsainis her equivalent in Greek. Ms Sylvia Cassoudakis thanked all the volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment. Together with Mr Michael Atkinson they presented the Premier's Certificates to the groups and to Mrs Helen Pokkias for being a volunteer with 25 years of service.

The event was enhanced by great music, food and drinks. A big thank you to our sponsors, Square Waterhole Mt.Compass Vineyards, Sanco Hampers, OneOnOne Nail Tuition, Café Buongiorno , Vicki Nesgos Fifth Avenue Collection, Yours Truly Chocolates and Kathy's Flower House for the table arrangements which were sold to raise money for 5 year old cancer patient Chelsea Lethrangomites. It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone.

Outings To Gain Knowledge From The Community

Naomi Offler, CALD HACC Project Officer, VSA&NT

In November 2010, a group of VSA&NT interviewers participated in a highly successful visit to a series of three Multicultural organisations – Greek Welfare, P.I.S.A. – Italian Meals Delivery Service and Chinese Welfare. The interviewers commented on their increased knowledge and this correlated with an increase in potential volunteers being directed to Multicultural organisations for placements. All of this has resulted in a second visit being organised.

escape persecution. This opened all our eyes.

The Cambodian Aged Care Service was our next port of call. There were flags flying everywhere, a result of a recent celebration. The smell of fresh coriander and chilli wafted in as we entered the room where the elderly Cambodians were having lunch! and we were invited to join them for fish cakes, sweet chilli sauce, battered prawns, delicious soup with prawn balls and bok choy followed by sumptuous coconut dusted desserts made for an incredible meal! We were really spoilt.

Nhey Hean and Sambath Yun, Program Coordinators, showed us through their facilities which included rooms for praying and offerings to Buddha, their offices and the main room for activities and eating.

Our final destination was A.N.F.E (Associazione Nazionale Famiglie degli Emigrati Inc.) where we were greeted on our arrival at Flinders Park Community Centre by Volunteer and Program Coordinator, Helen English.

The chatter of around 40 elderly Italians seemed to fill every corner. During the activity part of the daily Day Care Program managed by Gianni Maniero, a few looked our way, but most were engrossed in Bingo or the card game they were playing. Over a good strong Italian short black, the interviewers chatted with Gianni about his volunteer needs, centring on more drivers to drive the buses that pick up the elderly and kitchen assistants/cooks.

We were there to find out what these organisations need in terms of volunteers to sustain and expand their services to meet the increasing demand of the Multicultural Aged Care Sector.

We all left A.N.F.E. and the other organisations with full stomachs, valuable information and a knowledge of what they need to continue making a difference to our Multicultural elderly.



Interviewers Laine and Stephen with CALD HACC Volunteers Project Officer, Naomi Offler, Sambath Yun, Nhey Hean and community members of the Cambodian Association of S.A.

Myself and two of our dedicated interviewers, Laine Turner and Stephen Moller were met by Lan Nguyen, Welfare Director at the Vietnamese Community in their grounds in May.

A delightful visit was underscored by a powerful presentation designed by Lan on Vietnamese culture and her own story as a young 21 year old refugee who arrived in Australia by boat to

Support For Latvian Community

Naomi Ofler, CALD HACC Project Officer, VSA&NT

LAIMA was established in 2004 to provide much needed support for the Latvian elderly.

Seven years on, the organisation now provides a monthly lunch and activities for over 65 elderly Latvians, cooking classes where the volunteers teach the young traditional Latvian recipes (a Latvian cookbook is on it's way!), monthly outings for carers and uniquely Latvian outings for everyone such as mushrooming in Kuitpo Forest.

When members of the original Latvian community arrived in Adelaide in the late 1940s, their primary intention was to keep Latvian culture alive. To do this, they had to volunteer their time in order to maintain language and traditions.

"It was natural for them" says Ilze Ostrovska, Volunteer Coordinator and Administrator of LAIMA. She goes onto say; "They maintain Latvian culture here. They built the current buildings which house the Association, the shop, school, church, relief society and the hall where Day Care is the community gave their money."

"Everything we do is culturally based"

says Valda Peddie, Program Manager.

"When the volunteers demonstrate traditional Latvian recipes in the Saturday cooking classes, the elderly bring their children and grandchildren," says Valda. "There is learning from generation to generation. To be involved in your own culture reinforces that side of your life. It becomes more important as



Above: Volunteer Ulla Gicasvilj preparing the lunch.

you get older."

For Ilze, working at LAIMA gives her the opportunity to connect with her homeland. Arriving in Australia in 1991, her work at LAIMA means she can speak in her own language and not least, "...make the lives of elderly Latvians rich."

"The greatest expression of this is the opportunity to listen to their stories. "Of course, they have told their friends their life story over and over, but I am fresh and they love telling them to me," said Ilze.

LAIMA provides eight events per month for clients, volunteers and carers. We salute the contribution you make!

Contact LAIMA on email: info@albsa.com.au



Above (from left to right) – Ilze Ostrovska and Valda Peddie.

LAIMA is named after Laima Bogens who as an early Latvian immigrant decided that aged care would form an important part of exactly what the Latvian community would have to provide.

Flinders Students Head North For Rotaract

Kathryn Anderson, Manager Industry Partnerships, SKTP, Flinders University

Student members from the newly established Rotaract Flinders University club rolled up their sleeves at Edinburgh recently to dispatch goods collected for developing countries by Donations In Kind.

The result of an initiative by six southern suburbs Rotary clubs and the Flinders Southern Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (SKTP), the Flinders club was formed in March this year by students with a keen interest in matching their studies with service to the community. The club has 42 inaugural members and is growing.

On April 9 and 10, student Rotaractors sorted goods and packed them into shipping containers for delivery to developing countries.

The support by local Rotary clubs also provides the students with specialised knowledge and experience in business and community projects.

NGO Donations In Kind collects used books and medical equipment, including computers and even hospital beds, which are no longer needed but are in good working order.

They are warehoused at Edinburgh until they are sorted and shipped by Rotary.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Flinders students to develop leadership skills, meet new friends and work on initiatives that serve the local and international community, in a safe and supportive environment.

Rotaract's national President, Ms Alana Wilson, said the club focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces.

"Throughout my years of involvement with Rotaract, I have continually seen how this experience shapes the lives of young people", she added.

Ms Kate Flack, a second year student of business and international studies, is inaugural president of Rotaract Flinders University.

"I am really excited about the projects that Rotaract Flinders Uni will develop this year; the weekend at Edinburgh was just the start. I encourage students to join", Ms Flack said.

For more information visit Rotaract at Flinders University on FaceBook to www.facebook.com/rotaractflinders or email Kate Flack rotaractflinders@hotmail.com

1600 Adelaide Uni Volunteers Applauded

David Ellis Media Officer in Marketing & Strategic Communications, University of Adelaide

The work of the University of Adelaide's 1600 volunteers was applauded recently at the University's annual Volunteer Recognition event.

The University of Adelaide Volunteer program, under the patronage of Mrs Lindsay McWha, provides an integral link between the University and the wider community and adds to the richness of university life by involving a diverse range of people in a variety of activities.

Run by Development & Alumni, the annual Volunteer Recognition event coincided with National Volunteer Week in May. A morning tea was held in Bonython Hall, hosted by Mrs

McWha and attended by a large number of volunteers from all campuses of the University.

The annual event marked the University's celebration of National Volunteer Week and acknowledged and thanked the University's volunteers for the valuable assistance they provide throughout the year.

In 2010, volunteers contributed more than 128,000 volunteer hours to the University, or approximately \$2.8 million of work (based on Volunteering Australia estimates). In addition, more than 1400 Clinical Title holders gave varying amounts of their time throughout the year



Adelaide Uni Student Volunteers
(Photo John Hemming)

New Volunteering SA&NT Membership

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If you would like to find out more on how your organisation can enjoy the benefits of Membership, contact VSA&NT Business Services Officer on 08 8221 7177 or visit our website at www.volunteering.sa.org.au

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