

Media Release

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Volunteering Victoria: Using local knowledge to connect

Volunteering Victoria has recently appointed Rosemary Joiner to the role of Community Engagement Coordinator (Gippsland.) The aim of the role is to help enable and maximise volunteer participation and effectiveness in Gippsland.

Having someone who understands the area is vital to the success of this project said Volunteering Victoria CEO, Sue Noble, 'We recognise the importance of having someone on the ground in Gippsland who understands the local communities. Gippsland is such a large and diverse region and the knowledge of local opportunities and challenges in supporting volunteering is essential to the success of this project.'

As part of the role, Volunteer-Involving Organisation (VIO) Networks will be created in the regions of Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe City, South Gippsland and Wellington Shire.

These networks are being established under the auspices of Volunteering Victoria, to support the interests, activities and advancement of the volunteering sector in Gippsland. Any organisation that engages volunteers within their workforce will benefit from joining these networks.

Funding from the Department of Social Services is assisting with the development of these networks in La Trobe, East Gippsland, Baw Baw and South Gippsland, while services for Wellington Shire are being funded and supported wholly by Volunteering Victoria.

In April, the Baw Baw Volunteer Leadership Network met at The Summit in Trafalgar, to discuss their future plans.

'Every day, thousands of people are volunteering across Gippsland,' Rosemary said. 'From Meals on Wheels and the CFA, to schools, hospitals, aged care homes and community groups, there are countless organisations which could not provide their services without the support of volunteers.'

'It's timely that we are meeting so close to National Volunteer Week, which is a great opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the work being done by fabulous volunteers across the region.'

Volunteer Managers and organisations who are interested in being involved in a local network can contact Rosemary directly on 0428 348 250.

Photo Caption: The Baw Baw Volunteer Leadership Network committee: Maree Wallace, Meg Height, Rosemary Joiner and Andrew Cawood.

Note to editors:

About Volunteering Victoria

Volunteering Victoria is the state peak body for volunteering. Our vision is for resilient communities and empowered and active citizens through volunteering.



Through our dynamic and transformative leadership, we work to promote and build a vibrant, prosperous and strong volunteering community that is inclusive, respected and sustainable.

Volunteering Victoria is a member-based organisation, supported by a dedicated and highly professional team of staff and volunteers. From broad sectors such as social services, health, sport, culture, emergency services and local government, our membership reflects the diversity of people and organisations that work with and support volunteers in our community.

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