

Media release

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Volunteering Victoria welcomes announcement of new Ministerial Advisory Council on volunteering

Volunteering Victoria welcomed the announcement this afternoon of the much anticipated State Government Ministerial Advisory Council on Volunteers by the Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos.

The Council will meet quarterly and will advise the Government on how best to support and strengthen the volunteer sector and oversee a broader program of volunteer recognition.

“This is a milestone in the development of the volunteering culture in Victoria and a solid acknowledgement by the State Government of the critical and strategic importance of volunteering in delivering the services and programs that make our community strong,” said Sue Noble, CEO, Volunteering Victoria.

Premier Andrews and Minister Mikakos have called on peak organisations, representatives from corporations with volunteering programs and individual volunteers in Victoria to nominate for the Council which will be chaired by Parliamentary Secretary for Carers and Volunteers, Gabrielle Williams.

“Thousands of volunteer managers and coordinators across the State and among our members work to coordinate millions of volunteers in all sectors and areas of our lives. The work they do equates to billions of dollars of economic value, with the social impact of that work being immeasurable.

“To imagine our State without the services, programs and support networks that operate because of the volunteering effort is impossible – we simply could not do without our volunteers and the volunteer managers who support them. The establishment of this Council is an important step in making the voice of the sector heard, and an important acknowledgement of the value of the sector to Victoria and Government programs and services,” Ms Noble concluded.

Nominations to the Council will be made by Ministers and members of the volunteering community.

Read the Victorian Government [media release here](#).

To nominate or find out more visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/volunteers-council

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