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Things you may have missed in the budget

Volunteering Victoria welcomes the Victorian Government investment in volunteering, announced in the Victorian Budget on 1 May 2018.

Through the State Budget, The Victorian Government will be investing a total of \$500,000 into the people that make our state run – the volunteers.

\$300,000 will be invested over 2018-19 and \$200,00 over 2019-20, to implement strategic priorities developed by the Ministerial Council for Volunteers, Chaired by Gabrielle Williams, Parliamentary Secretary for Carers and Volunteers.

The funding will be used to help build volunteer sector capacity by training leaders in volunteering which will mean the sector is better supported, more effective, more inclusive and safer for all Victorians. It will also ensure that the sector is kept abreast of the changing digital world and contemporary practices.

This is particularly welcomed in an environment where volunteer management is increasingly professionalised, volunteer managers are expected to stay up-to-date with contemporary management practices, government regulations, all while demonstrated exceptional leadership, often in challenging and under-resourced environments. This investment will help to support the professional development of volunteer managers who underpin the large volunteer workforce, to the benefit of all Victorians.

The State Budget funding will also be used to develop innovative online technology. As online platforms become integral to the volunteering sector, this funding will support the sector to maintain digital initiative in our contemporary environment.

With so much potential for our communities through volunteering, we look forward to this Victorian Government investment in the sector.

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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.