



VOLUNTEERING...THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

**Volunteers:
shaping the
nation!**

We're working on a national approach to volunteering in Australia

- **One in four Australians volunteer in some way**
- **Their contribution shapes our nation**
 - **through active citizenship**
 - **building strong communities**
 - **by supporting our economy**

How we volunteer is changing

- **Australia values and supports volunteers in many different ways**
- **Through technology we can overcome time, geographical and physical limitations**
- **Our population is very mobile**
- **As we grow older, if we're healthy, we'll keep volunteering longer**
- **The way we volunteer is changing as we balance work/family and life commitments**
- **More businesses recognise corporate volunteering as a way to support their staff and their communities**



The focus of our work

- **Engaging new volunteers**
- **Building community resilience in the face of challenges**
- **Addressing protection, risk management and training issues**
- **Responding to emerging trends and issues**
- **Ensuring volunteers are recognised, supported and valued by all Australians**



Engaging our Volunteers

- **Around one-third of Australian adults volunteer**
- **Motivations for volunteers vary – but everyone can contribute in their own way**
- **Barriers to volunteering can also present new opportunities**

Emergency Management Volunteers

- We all recognise the important work of our 500,000 emergency management volunteers
- We need to ensure the sector remains strong and capable of meeting future challenges



Building community resilience

- Community resilience is about having locally organised ways of meeting the challenge in front of us.





Training and Protecting Volunteers from Risk

- **Volunteering should be safe for volunteers and the communities they serve**
- **Volunteers need to be able to build and maintain skills**
- **Volunteers need to be well led and properly managed**

Volunteers deserve recognition!



- Australia has a unique tradition of volunteers.
- Our volunteers are involved in schools, environment, community organisations, overseas aid, arts, culture, libraries, museums, health, emergency services and many other advocacy groups.
- Volunteers are fabulous!

Providing Feedback

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