

STATEMENT



Tuesday 12 May 2020

National Volunteering Conference 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19

Volunteering Australia and Volunteering WA regret to announce that the National Volunteering Conference 2020, due to take place from 18-20 March 2020 in Perth, Western Australia, has been cancelled.

Plans had been made to postpone the conference, however it is now clear that the ramifications of COVID-19 are likely to last far longer than originally thought, with the recovery period uncertain.

This decision is obviously disappointing, given the hard work of the various committees and staff who have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months to plan this Conference. We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their understanding.

Volunteering Australia would like to thank our colleagues at Volunteering WA for all their hard work to deliver a conference that was shaping up to be one of our best yet, with a high-quality program of speakers and networking opportunities. We now look towards the next national conference in 2022 and look forward to welcoming delegates then.

We would also like to acknowledge the support and commitment of our valued sponsors and business partners and thank them all for their contributions:

- Australian Government Department of Social Services
- Woodside
- Department of Communities
- City of Perth
- SEEK Volunteer
- Perth Convention Bureau
- Aon
- ProBono
- RAC
- Beyond Bank
- Eduka

A representative from Volunteering WA will be in contact with all delegates to advise them of the refund process, in the meantime if you have any enquiries please contact nvc2020@volunteeringwa.org.au

Kind regards

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