STATEMENT

Friday 24 November 2017



Clarification on the use of the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement

Volunteering Australia recommends use of the *National Standards for Volunteer Involvement* as a best-practice guide for volunteer participation, and as a means of conducting volunteer programs. We recommend the use of the Standards to Volunteering Support Services, Volunteer Involving Organisations and the private sector for educational purposes.

The Standards were developed in consultation with the volunteering sector to ensure relevance and suitability, however they remain the intellectual property of Volunteering Australia.

Organisations can produce resources and materials <u>in line with</u> the Standards. However, no other body may commercially exploit the Standards without Volunteering Australia's express permission. Volunteering Australia requests that it be acknowledged as the source of the Standards in any documentation referring to the Standards.

As the owners of the Standards, Volunteering Australia has endorsed its Foundation Members, the State and Territory Peak Bodies for volunteering, as being the sole organisations to deliver nationally consistent training on the Standards. This includes the *National Standards for Volunteer Involvement* workshop and webinar, as well as other training and resources.

Among the key role of the State and Territory peak bodies is to assist with the implementation of the *National Standards for Volunteer Involvement*. Should you require any assistance with implementation of the Standards, please <u>contact your</u> <u>State or Territory peak body here</u>, who will be happy to provide additional support.

If you require any further information on the use of *National Standards for Volunteer Involvement*, please do not hesitate to contact Volunteering Australia on 02 6251 4060 or visit our <u>website</u>.