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## ***Giving Australia 2016* – Latest findings on business and individual giving and volunteering**

New findings on business and individual giving and volunteering have been released today, as part of the *Giving Australia 2016* report series. The Hon Minister for Social Services Christian Porter MP, Deputy Chair to the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership, launched the latest two reports in the series:

- [\*Giving Australia 2016 Business Giving and Volunteering\*](#)
- [\*Giving Australia 2016 Individual Giving and Volunteering\*](#)

Volunteering Australia CEO Adrienne Picone said, "Volunteering Australia is proud to be recognised as a sector partner in the largest-ever research conducted on giving and volunteering in the country".

This is the second and third data release, of five research reports from *Giving Australia 2016*, with findings of interest to civil society, government, business, and philanthropists.

The Business Giving and Volunteering report focuses on giving and volunteering by small, medium and large businesses, that represent a significant contribution to the Australian not-for-profit sector. The Individual Giving and Volunteering report provides insights on volunteering, including trends, innovations and challenges for those who are giving their time and money to a diverse number of causes.

Some key insights from the Business Giving and Volunteering report include:

- Business volunteering in the workplace is increasing, with 63% of large companies having a workplace volunteering program, 30% of mid-sized businesses, and 6% of small business (though many small businesses indicated they would like to get involved in workplace volunteering).
- Almost 90% of large businesses reported allocating more resources to volunteering, compared to 10 years ago, and wanted to see more of their workforce participating in workplace volunteering.
- Almost three-quarters of large businesses or 72%, indicated they encouraged employee giving by allocating paid time for volunteering.

Highlights from the Individual Giving and Volunteering report include:

- An estimated total of 932 million hours was volunteered during 2016.
- Females volunteered an average of 138 hours during the year (46.9%), while males volunteered an average of 130 hours (40.3%).
- Those who volunteered (87.4%) also engaged in charitable donation.

*Giving Australia 2016* is led by the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies at QUT and sponsored by the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership. Read more about the [\*Giving Australia 2016 release\*](#) [here](#).

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