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Volunteering Australia and Aon working together to keep volunteers safe

Volunteering Australia is delighted to continue their relationship with supporting partner Aon for a further three years. A relationship that already spans over 20 years has grown in 2019, as Aon signs on as National Volunteer Week Exclusive Sponsor.

Volunteering Australia CEO Adrienne Picone said, "We are very proud of the longevity of this supporting partnership and I'm looking forward to continue working with Aon to keep Australian volunteers safe.

"Successful volunteering outcomes depend on an appropriate balance between the needs of volunteers, and those of the organisations that involve them. When volunteers put up their hand to donate time, they need access to suitable and safe opportunities. Insurance is a vital component of safe and effective volunteering.

"As the approved insurance provider for Volunteering Australia Aon understands the value of volunteering and that organising insurance can be a daunting experience for a Volunteer Involving Organisation. <u>Aon's Volunteering</u> <u>Australia Resource Centre</u> delivers educational material and tools as well as general advice to ensure Volunteer Involving Organisations have the right insurance to protect their volunteers.

"We are especially excited to also have Aon as the National Volunteer Week Exclusive Sponsor for the next three years. Aon's support will help Volunteering Australia grow this important celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. Aon has a long-standing commitment to supporting the community. During National Volunteer Week (20-26 May 2019) we will also be encouraging those who don't volunteer to give it a go and experience the benefits of giving back to their community for themselves.

"Working with Aon on National Volunteer Week will also allow more Volunteering Involving Organisations to learn about Aon and how their expertise in the volunteer space can assist them to ensure their volunteer programs are safe. <u>Aon's Volunteers Vital Pack</u> for example, aims to meet the needs of the volunteering sector by offering an insurance package designed for the volunteering sector," Ms Picone said.

Aon Not-for-Profit Client Director Gavin Deadman said, "Aon is pleased to continue our long-term relationship with Volunteering Australia.

"Volunteering is the life blood of the Australian community and stretches across every sector of our society. Aon is proud to support Australia's hard working and dedicated volunteers by providing insurance solutions for Volunteer Involving Organisations," Mr Deadman said.

Visit the Volunteering Australia website to learn more: <u>https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/resources/insurance/</u>