

Workshops/Training and Volunteer Vacancies

Workshops & Training Sessions

The Eastern Volunteers Workshops are free of charge. However, booking your place is essential, and we would appreciate notification of any cancellation to allow others to take your place.

2011 Workshops

Volunteer National Standards & Procedures **Wednesday 4 May**

Introduction to Volunteering

These sessions are open to anyone wishing to learn more about volunteering and the many opportunities which are available to contribute to the community. Please visit our website www.easternvolunteers.org.au/training for further details. The next sessions will be on the following dates :

Wednesday 20 April
Tuesday 24 May

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Eastern Volunteers has plenty of volunteer opportunities, and we're always seeking volunteer drivers especially in the Whitehorse area – contact the office for further details. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for the kms travelled in their own vehicle and EV would love to hear from you if you can spare ½ to one day per week to assist EV clients to get to and from appropriate appointments.

For further enquiries about volunteer vacancies please contact Eastern Volunteers and ask to speak to our Volunteer Services Team.

There are currently a number of vacancies such as piano player, magazine editor, administration, art support and grounds person.

Check out our website
www.easternvolunteers.org.au/vacancies

Changes to EV Membership Provisions

As Eastern Volunteers grows, it is becoming increasingly important for us to determine accurate membership numbers and details.

In response to this, the Eastern Volunteers Board of Management recently resolved to change EV's Membership provisions. The resolution will involve changes to EV's Constitutional Rules which will need to be ratified at the next AGM or an earlier Special General Meeting. In addition, the resolution also includes the introduction of annual membership fees for the first time for both individual and organisation members.

This change will allow us to establish an accurate and up-to-date membership system, rather than continuing with a roll over approach that was unwieldy and difficult to maintain in a reliable format.

It is proposed that the new arrangements will come into effect on 1st November 2011. The annual fee for an individual member will be \$5 (or \$20 for five years paid in advance) and \$10 for an Organisation member (or \$40 for five years paid in advance). Each membership category will be entitled to one vote and enjoy a range of benefits that will be announced in the coming months.

The Stan Pump Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award

The late Stan Pump made a significant and lasting contribution to Eastern Volunteers as past President/Inaugural Chairman, and initiating and organising events such as the Annual Fun Run and the Annual Police Band Concerts.

In his honour the Board of Management has established the Stan Pump Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award.

Details of the Award will be published in both the June and September newsletters.

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Autumn Edition



Welcome to our first edition for 2011.

We look forward to another busy year at Eastern Volunteers, kicking off with our 11th Annual Fun Run at Lillydale Lake on Sunday 13 March 2011.

We all held our breath every time we heard the weather reports, but luckily the rain held off until after the event and the weather was just perfect, bringing approximately 500 attendees.

Both runners and walkers were eager to get going, putting all their efforts into the first few hundred metres. It was great to see family members running or walking as a group and some were pushing their toddlers in prams.

With the generous support of our sponsors and supporters there were plenty of prizes available. All winners received a trophy (donated by Medal & Trophy Industries) and gym membership (donated by Lilydale Squash and Fitness Centre) and a spot prize.

The on-site coffee van had steady business and all in all the day was a huge success with much needed funds raised for EV services.

Our thanks and appreciation to our wonderful major sponsors:

- The RACV
- The Malka Group; and
- Stockdale & Leggo, (Lilydale)

We also received spot prizes and showbag goodies from many other businesses and participants left the event with a showbag, water and prizes. Results and a list of business supporters are available on our website www.easternvolunteers.org.au/funrun.

As with all our events, there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes before the big day, and a big thank you to the members of the Fun Run Committee for all their time and effort in preparing for this event.

As always, we couldn't function without the assistance of volunteers who took on several roles, both on the committee and on the day, and we really wish to thank them and to let them know how valued they are to Eastern Volunteers.

So....A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this community event.

Congratulations to all the participants and see you all again next time.



EASTERN VOLUNTEERS.....

Offering volunteer training programs and providing volunteer assistance to more than 360 community organisations.

Providing volunteer assisted transport to HACC eligible frail aged people and those with disabilities living in the Cities of Maroondah and Whitehorse and specified parts of the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

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Your Gift - A Way to Support Eastern Volunteers



Yes, I want to demonstrate my support for Eastern Volunteers with a tax deductible gift:

\$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 Other \$.....

Enclosed is my cheque/money order payable to Eastern Volunteer Resource Centre Inc. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please post to Suite 1A, 36 New Street, Ringwood 3134

Title:	First Name:	Last Name:
Address:		
Contact Phone:		<input type="checkbox"/> I would like my donation to remain anonymous

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Gift-Wrapping

Volunteering creates many opportunities – making new friendships and having fun, gaining new skills and experiences, providing pathways to paid employment, helping deliver community services and providing expertise to assist an organisation.



In partnership with Eastland Shopping

Centre we held a gift-wrapping service prior to Christmas and we will be providing a similar service from late April to wrap gifts for Mothers Day. We are seeking volunteers to help us deliver this service with gifts being wrapped for a gold coin donation.

The Eastern Volunteers Gift-wrapping service is a great way to volunteer within a fun environment. Toni Bardella was one of our volunteers, who assisted in this program when she discovered Eastern Volunteers by walking into our premises in New Street, Ringwood.

"I was impressed with the quality of wrapping paper and ribbon and was able to meet many different people, including other volunteers. It was a great way to get involved in the community and to assist other people," Toni said.

Toni has already volunteered to assist again with gift-wrapping for Mothers Day and we would like to invite you to help your community by volunteering.

The Eastern Volunteers Mothers Day Gift-wrapping Service will be provided between:

- Wednesday 27th April to Sunday 1st May
10am to 4pm
- Thursday 5th & Friday 6th May 10am to 7pm
- Saturday 7th 10am to 5pm

Researching the History of Eastern Volunteers

Eastern Volunteers is now over 35 years old and it's timely to reflect on our how we have grown and expanded over these years. We're seeking information such as old Annual Reports, photographs, newspaper articles etc, to assist us in producing a book on the history of Eastern Volunteers.

We particularly need information on the early years of Eastern Volunteers. If you're able to assist please contact Alex Makin (details above).

EVs New Website

The new Eastern Volunteers website is online and available at www.easternvolunteers.org.au. The new site will make it easier for us to include new content and ensure that the website is a key tool in our marketing presence. The website also makes it easier for you to be connected with Eastern Volunteers, and subscribe to updates

Content can also be shared via social media networks, meaning updates on the website will be automatically posted to Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. This way you can always remain informed on the events and activities of Eastern Volunteers.

We also now have a new presence on Facebook, and the address of the Facebook Page is:

www.easternvolunteers.org.au/facebook

If you have a Facebook Account please become a Fan of this Page.

In addition, we are now on Twitter as @easternvols. Our twitter address is www.twitter.com/easternvols and is set to automatically receive updates via the website.

We always welcome suggestions so please let us know if there is content you would like included on the website.

Visit the new Eastern Volunteers website at www.easternvolunteers.org.au.

Business Breakfast

After a resoundingly successful launch last year, EVs **Business Booster Breakfasts** are back!

This first Breakfast of the year is on Wednesday 18th May (7.30-8.45am). It will offer the chance to:

- Hear Greg Fordham (Airbiz) talk about the ways that he uses community involvement to both build up his business and serve the community;
- Network with other like-minded local business-people; and



- Meet Terry Macdonald, Chair of EVs Board and other key EV staff, while enjoying a cooked breakfast at Club Kilsyth!

This will be a forum well worth

A Moment with

Hi Everyone,

I'm Julie, Project Co-ordinator, Volunteer Services, which is a newly created role at EV. My main role is to help implement the new projects that the Volunteer Services Team are working on.



My main project at the moment is to place corporate, group and professionally skilled volunteers with the Not For Profit organisations which we serve. The main challenge I see in regards to this particular project is finding a suitable corporate company which matches the needs of our Not for Profit organisation - a bit like matchmaking!

When I am not working at EV, you will find me volunteering at the Salvation Army and at the Box Hill Citizens Advice Bureau. Both places are Welfare Services where they help people in need or who are in a crisis. The main reason for people needing help is due to financial pressure, and both organisations have been especially busier in the past year with the Global Economic Crisis. Although the role can be distressing at times, it is also uplifting and rewarding as you get the privilege of hearing people's stories and seeing the strength of the human spirit to persevere despite their circumstances - after all, anyone who can live on \$345 per week without complaining is amazing in my eyes!

Julie Tang

Multicultural Spring Festival

After attracting more than 5,000 people to last year's Multicultural Festival, we are eager to begin planning for the 2011 Multicultural Festival. We are in discussions with prospective sponsors and will be seeking the involvement of community organisations to be present throughout the day.



This year's festival will continue to feature multicultural entertainment, as well as community organisations, and activities and fun for families and people across Melbourne's outer east. The 2011 Multicultural Festival will be held on Sunday 9th October at Ringwood Lake.

Now is the time to get involved to ensure the success of the 2011 Eastern Volunteers Multicultural Festival!

If you would like to assist or would be interested in sponsoring the event please contact Alex Makin on 9870 7822 or email alex.makin@easternvolunteers.org.au

Pitching In – Partnering with the Maroondah Leader

Eastern Volunteers has recently formed a partnership with the Maroondah Leader to feature a half page monthly article on volunteering. The feature, entitled **"Pitching In – Volunteering makes a Difference"** which commenced in March, will be included on page 11 on the third Tuesday of each month.

Each month **"Pitching In – Volunteering makes a Difference"** will feature three sections:

▪ Upcoming volunteer vacancies

This will include a brief description of volunteer vacancies, the requirements for the role and the hours per week required.

▪ A profile on volunteers and organisations

This will include a profile on volunteers that have a connection to the Maroondah community and the organisation or activities they are involved with. To profile your volunteers we require names and contact details so the Maroondah Leader can interview them and take a photograph.

▪ Editorial content on issues and activities relevant to volunteers and the community

This section will provide an update on activities relevant to volunteers and the community. For example, this could include some information on upcoming events or emerging challenges that are relevant to volunteers.

This partnership will help demonstrate the importance of volunteering and highlight the positive contributions that people make to the community.

We congratulate the Maroondah Leader in recognising the strength of volunteering and for partnering with Eastern Volunteers.

If you would like your volunteers profiled for this feature or would like to discuss your proposals, please contact Alex Makin on 9870 7822 or email alex.makin@easternvolunteers.org.au

Portal Project Officer

We are happy to welcome Garry Neeman to the position of Portal Project Officer in the Volunteer Services team. Garry will be with us for the rest of the year, working on a project to promote the Victorian **"I Can Do That"** Volunteer Portal. The project will equip agencies with the skills to recruit volunteers via the portal as well as building up the best practice toolkit.