



VISITING VOLUNTEERS NEWSLETTER

February 2009

Welcome to the 2009 Visiting Volunteer program. As we highlighted last year the visiting Volunteer program is being incorporated into the mainstream programs of Volunteering WA. We have progressed from a concept in 2004 through the stages of a project to being an integrated program in 2009. What does all that mean to you? It means that the visiting volunteer opportunities will be listed on the Volunteering WA website available for everyone to view and to follow-up if interested. If you don't have a computer at home, or are not on-line, you can visit your local Volunteer Resource Centres and ask them to access the Volunteering WA website and the listings of visiting volunteer opportunities.

The mainstreaming of the Visiting Volunteer program also means a change in personnel. Margaret has moved-on to other projects and Lorien Doherty, Manager Volunteer Services, now has Visiting Volunteers as part of her portfolio. Ivan, John and Raji are the volunteers assisting Lorien with the Visiting Volunteer program so you have a better chance of catching one of us most days of the week.

We will continue to send out newsletters to keep you informed about happenings with the program and any urgent/special requests for assistance.

Promotions

Volunteering WA will be undertaking a number of major promotions during the year giving an opportunity for us to promote the Visiting Volunteer program as part of the overall promotion. We will be at the Camping and Caravan Show which is scheduled for 19th to 23rd March at the Claremont Showgrounds. Last year a number of Visiting Volunteers help us at the show by handing out brochures, talking about their volunteering experiences, and compiling registrations of potential volunteers. If you're interested and would like to help, then please let me know. The contact details are listed at the end of the newsletter.

National Volunteer Week in May will also provide opportunities to showcase the visiting Volunteer program. We will keep you advised of events and activities once they are finalised.

Program Management

As part of the development of the Visiting Volunteer program two handbooks are being prepared. One is for volunteers about to take-up a volunteering opportunity and the other for community groups about to receive visiting volunteers.

Margaret is working to finalise the handbooks which will set out the responsibilities and obligations of both the project manager and the volunteer. We are trying to keep the information brief, relevant and understandable so volunteers have a better understanding of their role and the community is able to provide better management of their visiting volunteers. These handbooks should help to provide a better volunteering experience and prevent any misunderstandings from developing into significant issues.

Contacting You

To assist us in providing up-to-date information about the projects, events and activities we need to verify that your contact details are correctly listed with us. For those of you, who have previously provided an email address, thank you.

If none of your details have changed, then you don't need to do anything at all. If you have moved house or have a new email address please let us know (contact details are listed below).

If your circumstances have changed and you can no longer wish to be a participant in the Visiting Volunteers Program we do understand – just let us know and we will remove you from the Visiting Volunteer register. Your local area is always looking for volunteers and if desired we will transfer your registration to the local volunteering register.

Volunteer Resource Centres

Albany & Regional Volunteer service	9841 3588	Central Arcade 230 York St Albany
Armadale VRC	9399 0629	7 Orchard Ave Armadale
Bassendean VRC	9377 2191	50 Old Perth rd Bassendean
Busselton/Dunsborough VRC	9754 2047	23 Princes St Busselton
Cockburn VRC	9411 3490	9 Coleville Cres. Spearwood
Esperance VRC	9072 0346	6 Charlie Wilson Arcade Esperance
Fremantle VRC	9335 3394	The Meeting Place 245 South Terrace South Fremantle
Geraldton VRC	9921 1433	3 Maitland St Geraldton
Joondalup VRC	9482 4333	Joondalup Library Boas Ave Joondalup
Kalgoorlie/Boulder VRC	9022 3197	7 Market Arcade 272 Hannan St Kalgoorlie
Kwinana VRC	9439 0425	Hub Shopping Centre Parmelia
Manjimup VRC	9777 2774	45 Rose St Manjimup
Melville VRC	9364 0794	Piney Lakes Enviro. Centre Winthrop
Peel VRC	9581 1187	Lotteries House 7 Anzac Place, Mandurah
Swan VRC	9250 6421	Midland Library Midland
Victoria Park VRC	9311 8101	Town of Vic Park Shepperton Rd Victoria Park
Volunteer South West	9791 3214	Lotteries House 99 Victoria St Bunbury
Yanchep VRC	9561 2039	

Contacting Us

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I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

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