

Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre

The Regional Collective: Next
Generation



The Big Questions

- Barriers for teens
- Barriers for Organisations
- How can they work together to create meaningful volunteer opportunities



“Kids these days just hang around all day, move at half speed, and scream when you try to get them to do anything.”

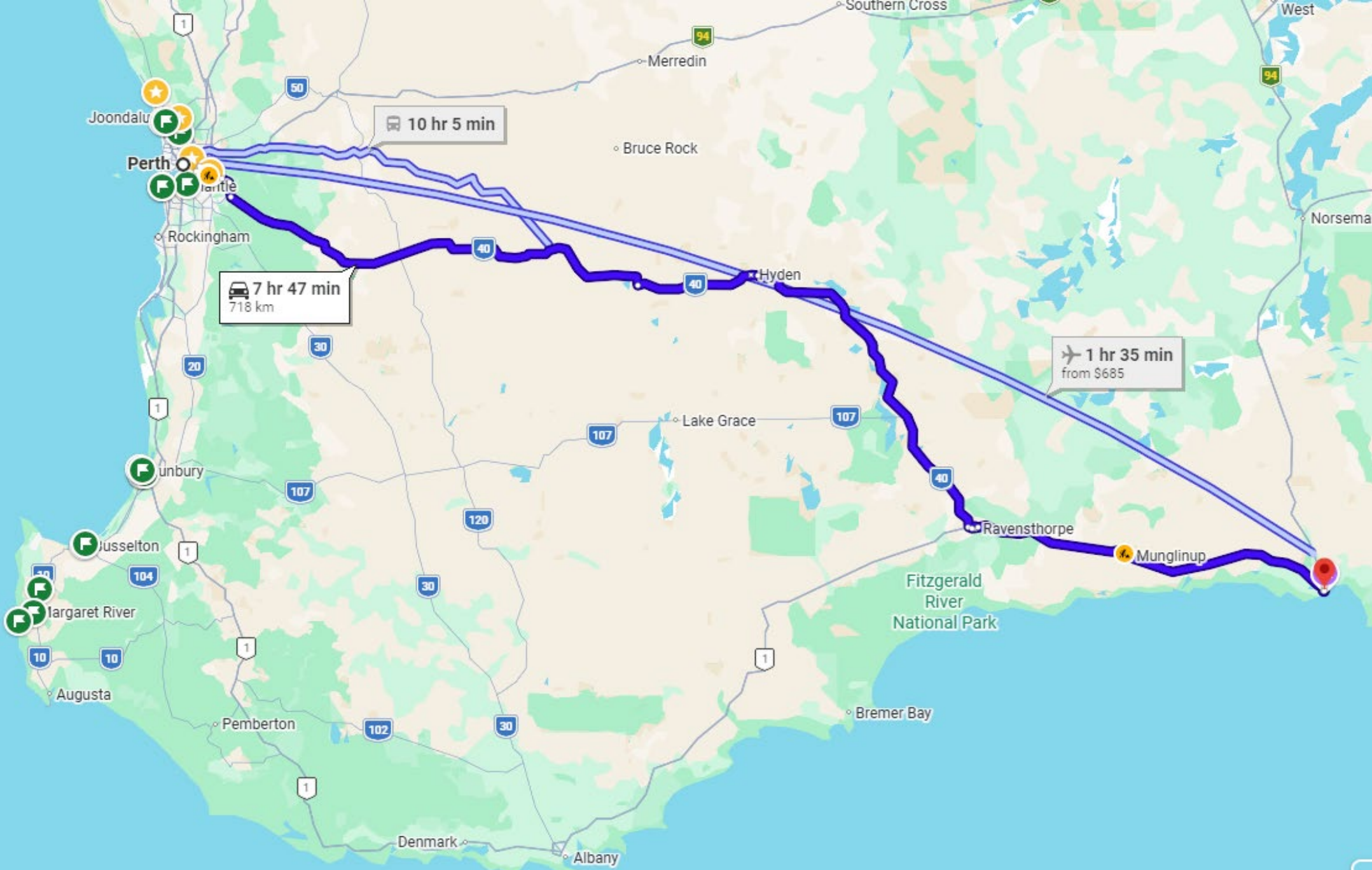
An adult who has confused teenagers with a 3-toed sloth

“ Volunteer? Isn’t that just a fancy word for me not getting paid?”

Teenager who has *just* aged into the workforce

Roadblocks

- Timing
- Transport
- Risk



🚆 10 hr 5 min

🚗 7 hr 47 min
718 km

✈️ 1 hr 35 min
from \$685

Joondalu

Perth

Marble

Rockingham

Manbury

Wusselton

Margaret River

Augusta

Pemberton

Denmark

Albany

Merredin

Bruce Rock

Hyden

Lake Grace

Fitzgerald River National Park

Bremer Bay

Ravensthorpe

Munglinup

Norseman

94

50

40

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107

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120

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107

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Southern Cross

West





“I’ve never seen these ads in my life”



ESPERANCE

AUSTIN
1880

VOLUNTEERING
WORK
HEART

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Outcomes



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July 2025

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August 2025

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September 2025

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October 2025

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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School Hols

July 2025

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Survey to students

August 2025

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EACS Assembly

October 2025

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School Hols
Ag Show

conference

November 2025

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Talk to orgs
- museum
- theatre
- radio
- enviro
- gallery

December 2025

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Shire budget review

January 2026

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School Hols

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Long Service Leave

March 2026

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martin workshop

April 2026

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School Hols

26/27 Budget

May 2026

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filming
NVW

June 2026

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intensive edits

Perth
VWA showcase!

volunteer

1 of 3

noun

ˌvɔːlənˈtiə 

plural **volunteers**

NEW

Simple Definition



: someone who does something without being forced to do it: such as

a : a person who chooses to join the military

b : a person who does work without getting paid to do it

- *Volunteers* are needed to help with the bake sale.
- The school was built by *volunteers*.

**You can't recruit teens the
same way you recruit adults**

**Young people are looking for
something bigger**

**Slow progress is still
progress!**

“The difference between screwing around and science is writing it down.”

- Adam Savage



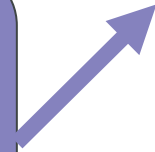
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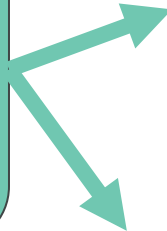
Do something big & cool!



The kids attend



They have a great time!



they are more likely to come and help with less cool things in the future :)



they bring their friends next time!!!!

⊗ high energy

✓ high engagement



They have a bad time




bye forever :(







A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark top, is pointing her right index finger towards a young girl with long, wavy brown hair. The girl is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, shirt and is smiling slightly. They are in a dark room, possibly a theater or a stage, with some faint lights visible in the background. The woman is on the right side of the frame, and the girl is in the center. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on their faces and hands against the dark background.

I knew that we had this youth
program running

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