



## THE VOLUNTEER GRANTS PROGRAM 2008

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers and is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers and encouraging volunteering in local communities. Funding of between \$1000 and \$5000 is available to eligible not-for-profit organisations to purchase small equipment and sporting items to help their existing volunteers and to encourage more people to become volunteers. Organisations will be able to request funding to contribute towards reimbursement to their volunteers for fuel costs incurred in their volunteering work. This will assist volunteers in their important work, including those who use their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 provides funding of between \$1000 and \$5000 to help not for profit organisations to:

- buy tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers, and/or
- cover costs such as club sporting equipment and uniforms, training of volunteer sports coaches, and travel for specific sports-related purposes, and/or
- contribute towards fuel reimbursement for their volunteers.

**There are two forms available to apply for funding under the Volunteer Grants Program 2008**

### Call for applications

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 funding round opens on **Friday 5 September 2008** and closes on **Friday 17 October 2008 at 5pm AEDT**. Only the 'online' or approved paper Volunteer Grants Program 2008 Application Forms will be considered.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 **closes 5pm AEDT on Friday 17 October 2008**.

For more information, go to the website:

[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp\\_2008\\_guidelines.htm#p2](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp_2008_guidelines.htm#p2), email [vgp2008@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:vgp2008@fahcsia.gov.au), or call the toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374.

### Annual General Meeting.

The 23rd AGM of  
Monash Volunteer Resource Centre  
will take place on

Wednesday 29 October 2008 at  
Wheelers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Road Wheelers Hill  
commencing at 7.30 pm.

Guest speaker will be Dr Shaune Lakin,  
Director of Monash Gallery of Art

*RSVP by October 24 2008  
for catering purposes to  
MVRC on 9562 0414*



## EVENTS

### MANAGERS OF VOLUNTEER NETWORK (EASTERN) - DATES FOR 2008

October 28, December 9

Time: 1pm - 2.30 pm

Venue: Monash Volunteer Resource Centre  
5 Myrtle St., Glen Waverley 3150

For further information please contact: Gloria Mahoney – 9562 0414 or Sandra Giles 9809 5039

**The Victorian State Seniors' Festival Week** will be held from October 5th-12th. This year's theme - 'Be Inspired'. Opening day celebrations @ Federation Square. The Victorian Seniors Festival is a week-long celebration for seniors and includes hundreds of free or low cost events, forums and activities, across Victoria, as well as free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders.

**Community Safety Month - October.** Community Safety Month aims to promote awareness about a broad range of safety matters - crime prevention, personal safety, safe work practices and staying safe during an emergency.

Now celebrating its twelfth year, Community Safety Month was initiated by the Victorian Safe Communities Network, which co-ordinates the project with support from Victoria Police. Check the City of Monash website: [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au) or the Community safety Month website on [www.communitysafetymonth.com.au](http://www.communitysafetymonth.com.au)



International Volunteer Managers Day - November 1 - IVMD is a day to set aside for recognition of the important role that Volunteer Managers and Coordinators play in running successful volunteer programs.

The next **Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management** is being held on the Gold Coast, 11-13 March 2009. The Retreat, is limited to just 52 participants, and targeted at those who have been involved in the management of volunteer programs for more than two years. Confirmed speakers to date are Martin Cowling, Andy Fryar and Rob Jackson from Volunteering England. The Retreat seeks to provide a personal, intense and tailored experience aimed at the seasoned volunteer management professional. For further information go to [www.vpmretreat.com.au](http://www.vpmretreat.com.au)

## NEW SERVICE - CITY OF MONASH

Monash Council is boosting its efforts to communicate with residents who don't have a strong proficiency in English through the introduction of a new interpreter service called Monash Language Assist.

The new service would bring Council services closer to the 9,500 people who reported in the last census that they did not speak English well or at all.

Monash Language Assist will enable people with low proficiency in English to call a number in their mother tongue to listen to information about Council services and activities and then be offered the option of being put through to an interpreter. This interpreter can then contact Council and conduct a three-way conversation with the caller and a Council officer on any Council matter.

The service will provide a specific phone number and line for the top eight languages spoken in Monash after English: Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, and Vietnamese. There will also be a ninth telephone number for all other languages.

The service will also provide the capacity for Council to provide a specific number and interpreter service for a cultural group outside of the top eight when working on a special program.

For further information please go to the City of Monash website: [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)

## PUBLICATIONS



Conference Papers and presentations from the 12th Volunteering Conference held on the Gold

Coast in September can be downloaded from Volunteering Australia's website: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org)

Latest publication from the Migrant Information Centre - Eastern Region.

*Settlement in the Eastern Region 2003 - 2008:*

This document details the settlement by country of birth, local government area and migration stream in the Eastern Region for the five years ending June 2008. This can be downloaded from: [www.miceastmelb.com.au](http://www.miceastmelb.com.au)



Visit the OzVPM website for resources relating to a range of topics including: boards of management, older volunteers, internet and virtual volunteering, policy development, etc.

Visit: [www.ozvpm.com/resourcebank](http://www.ozvpm.com/resourcebank)

## CORPORATE EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING

Monash Volunteer Resource Centre has developed a Corporate Employee Volunteering program linking the expertise of local businesses to non-profit agencies.

Local businesses are being asked to volunteer some of their employees' time to support the community.

Employee volunteering can result in transferral of skills, knowledge and technical expertise, access to teams of volunteers for major task and free or subsidised resources, improved understanding between the corporates and not-for-profit sectors, and increased public awareness of community issues.

**Speakers at our next Corporate Volunteering Forum on October 29 include Robert Bosch, Elite Customer Solutions, Melba Support Services, Puffing Billy Railway and Waverley Industries**

Contact Monash Volunteer Resource Centre on 95620414 for further information.

### Corporate Volunteering Forum Wednesday 29 October 2008

at the Waverley RSL

#### ***“Ways business can assist the community”***

A *must* for Corporate organizations who are running and developing Corporate Social Responsibility programs for the staff in their organization.

A *must* for Community Service Organisations as they consider the exciting benefits to be gained from partnerships with corporate neighbours.

Hear first hand about Corporate Volunteering projects that have enabled Community Service organizations to meet, and go beyond their planned objectives, achieving great things for people and for the environment around them.

Date: Wednesday 29 October 2008

Venue: Waverley RSL, 151 Coleman Pde.,  
Glen Waverley 3150

Time: 8.45 am to 1.00 pm

RSVP: October 15 2008 to

9562 0414 or [mvrc@iinet.net.au](mailto:mvrc@iinet.net.au)

## VOLUNTEERING AT CHRISTMAS



in preparation for the “Season”, we are making a few enquiries into time schedules for your organisation over the Christmas period, i.e. will you be open and what days, and in particular, what needs you will have over the season.

The MVRC will be running a training course on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November – “Volunteering Opportunities at Christmas” and we would love the opportunity to present your needs at Christmas.

So if there are meals to be served, parcels to deliver, envelopes to be stuffed, programs to be set up, gardens to be prepared, tins to rattle, let us know.

We have also had a request from a youth organisation that would like to place 300 young people – aged 16 – 30 years old – for one day, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, as part of their “Submersion Day”. If you can take a group of 3 or more, please let us know and we will send you details.

And just for your information - the MVRC will be closed from Monday, 22 December 2008 and will be back on deck on Thursday, 22 of January 2009

## SENIOR CITIZENS REGISTER

Do you have frail and/or aged clients who would benefit from being members of a register of vulnerable clients residing in the Monash area? This is a free service funded by Monash City Council and operating from Monash Volunteer Resource Centre. Members all receive a fridge magnet and a credit card sized card to keep in their wallet alerting emergency services to their status as a member.

A database containing medical details and details of next of kin is kept at Monash Volunteer Resource Centre and the local police station so that, in the event of an accident, emergency personnel can be quickly appraised of essential information. Members are also entitled to a free safety audit of their home and a regular 6 weekly monitoring phone call. Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting MVRC on 9562 0414. *Please note this service is available to residents of the City of Monash only.*

## RADIO PUBLICITY FOR YOUR AGENCY

The local Community Radio 94.1 3WB station continues to support the volunteer sector with its ongoing commitment of radio segments for community service organisations.

Our new roster for the MVRC fortnightly spot on this radio station is nearly completed for 2009.

If you missed out this year and would like to publicise your agency next year please contact us on 9562 0414.

## FREE TRAINING AT MVRC 2008

### INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTEER TRAINING 2008:

October 14, November 11, December 9

#### Volunteering & Cultural Diversity

Wednesday October 29 2008 Facilitator: Judy Mc Dougall, Migrant Information Centre East

#### Volunteering Opportunities @ Christmas

Wednesday November 26 2008 Facilitator: Monash Volunteer Resource Centre

### WORKSHOPS FOR AGENCIES 2008:

#### Planning a Volunteer Training Program for your Organisation

Wednesday October 15th , 10am– 12 noon—Kerrie Spinks

#### Please Note:

- All sessions are free of charge.

- Bookings are essential for all sessions
- Dates and venues are subject to confirmation.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior as late arrivals will not be admitted.

For bookings & further information contact:

**Monash Volunteer Resource Centre Inc**

**Phone: 9562 0414**

**Fax: 9562 0411**

**Email:**

[mvrc@iinet.net.au](mailto:mvrc@iinet.net.au)

#### **NOTE: PARKING AVAILABILITY**

Street parking is limited to 2 hours. 4-hour parking is available across the road and at Centrelink which is located in Bogong Ave. Participants are asked not to park on the premises of Monash Volunteer Resource Centre.

## CRIMCHECK

The Monash Volunteer Resource Centre CrimCheck web-based service provides a cheaper, quicker, more secure service for volunteer police checks and is available to Department of Human Services - funded organisations in the EMR.

Suitable organisations are able to apply to register on the CrimCheck website ([www.crimcheck.org.au](http://www.crimcheck.org.au)) and, subject to approval and training, will then be able to utilise our services.

The average waiting time for police checks has been approximately 4 weeks and CrimCheck has reduced this by over 75%.

**CrimCheck** 

CrimCheck Information Sessions are held:

When: once a month

Time: 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Venue: 5 Myrtle Street Glen Waverley 3150  
Mel (71B2)

For further information please contact Jim on 95620414

### Monash Volunteer Resource Centre

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[www.volunteeringaustralia.org](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org)

[www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au](http://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au)

[www.govolunteer.com.au](http://www.govolunteer.com.au)

### LATEST 2006 ABS Data

City of Monash population = 161,244  
No. of people born in countries where English is not the main language = 54,603 (33.9% of Monash population)  
No. of people in Monash who indicated that they spoke another language and spoke English not well or not at all = 9,563 (5.9% of the Monash population)  
The make-up of the Monash population is changing dramatically. Some changes between the 2001 census and 2006 census include:  
3,700 more residents from mainland China (80.2% increase)  
1,638 more residents from India (53.4% increase)  
906 more residents from Malaysia (24.1% increase)  
921 more residents from Sri Lanka ((27.3% increase)

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