

# VOLUNTEERING *and* CONTACT ACT

## October - Message from our CEO



Dear Friends

November 5 is [International Volunteer Manager's Day](#) - a day designed to recognise and celebrate the profession of volunteer management. Amongst the statement of values listed on the IMVDay website is this:

"Volunteer Managers have the skills and knowledge to help people be part of the solution in meeting community needs. Even in cynical times, they practice the art of the possible."

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer manager "artists". Our final [Quarterly Forum](#) of the year is dedicated to volunteer managers and includes a thank you lunch and plenty of time for networking with your fellow volunteer managers.

This month we welcome our new member [Worldview Foundation](#) - This is an exciting new Charity in Canberra which has national expansion plans. Their purpose is to relieve poverty and distress by advancing the welfare of people and the community.

Enjoy this month's newsletter and please contact us if you need more information on any of our services and support.

Warm Regards,

*Vicky*

Vicky Darling

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## Quarterly Forum - Wed 8 Nov

10:30am - 12:30pm

Our November Quarterly Forum is being held in celebration of International Volunteer Managers Day! The theme for IVMD 2017 is **'Be the Voice'**.

Come along to our networking lunch to celebrate the profession of volunteer management, and discover and share your voice!

Havelock House Federation Room, 85 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon ACT 2612

Free for members | \$40 for non-members  
[RSVP here by 3 Nov](#)

## Annual General Meeting - Tue 28 Nov

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Please join us at our AGM to celebrate our achievements for the 2016-17 financial year.

Light refreshments will be provided.

[RSVP here by 17 Nov](#)

John James Foundation (Level 3, Peter Yorke Building, John James Healthcare Campus, 173 Strickland Crest, Deakin ACT 2600)

**We thank John James Foundation for the sponsorship of the venue.**

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## 2018-19 ACT Budget Submission

Last week VCA made a submission to the 2018-19 ACT Budget consultation process. Thank you to everyone who filled out our survey and met with us to discuss priority areas for investment. You can read our full budget submission [here](#).

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## Volunteering Australia Consultations for 2018-19 Pre-Budget Submission

Volunteering Australia is consulting with the sector, to gauge feedback for their 2018-19 Pre-Budget Submission, GoVolunteer/VIKTOR, and rights-based issues in relation to volunteering.

**Face-to-face consultations will be held in Canberra on 3 November 2017, Volunteering Australia (Level 2, 202 City Walk, Canberra 2601), 10:00am – 12:00pm.**

To RSVP please email [Lavanya Kala](mailto:Lavanya.Kala).

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### ACT Community Directory

This month we had over 9,100 visits to the [ACT Community Directory](#), with 10 new listings, including:

[Southern NSW Harvest](#) is a non-profit organisation helping to grow local food, fibre and farming across Southern NSW.

[Rebus Theatre Inc](#) uses theatre to educate and inspire people regarding important social issues.

[Life Training and Design](#) provide NDIS support for people with disabilities and mental health diagnoses.

**The Directory is a great way for the public to find your organisation and services.**

Get listed today by emailing us [here](#).

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### ACT Community Diary

Some newly listed Diary events include:

[I'm doing an Impact Evaluation, what evidence do I need?](#) Presented by ACTCOSS.

[Advanced Behaviour Management Principles](#) for carers of dementia sufferers, presented by Alzheimers Australia ACT.

[Education and training in relation to domestic and family violence](#) presented by Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS).

**To promote your events [click here](#).**

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## Volunteer & Business Breakfast - Tue 5 Dec - Save the date!

VCA and the [Canberra Business Chamber](#) invite you to celebrate International Volunteer Day at our Volunteer and Business Breakfast.

Formal invitations will be sent out in the next fortnight. Watch this space!

7:30am - 9:30am

East Hotel (69 Canberra Avenue, Kingston ACT 2604)

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#NVC2018 - Submit an abstract to speak at this national event!



The poster features a background image of the Sydney Harbour Bridge at dusk. Overlaid on the right is a large, stylized graphic of a person's head in profile, filled with vibrant blue and white splatters. The text 'ignite invigorate inspire' is written in white within the head graphic. To the right of the head, the text reads: 'NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING CONFERENCE 2018', '20-22 June 2018', and 'International Convention Centre Sydney, Australia'. Below the head graphic, the main headline 'Call for abstracts now open!' is written in large, bold, teal letters. Underneath, there are two columns of text: one detailing the themes and the other stating the deadline and contact information. At the bottom, the logos for 'Volunteering AUSTRALIA' and the 'Australian Government' are displayed.

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**NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING  
CONFERENCE 2018**  
20-22 June 2018  
International Convention Centre  
Sydney, Australia

## Call for abstracts now open!

Submit an abstract to present at the 2018 National Volunteering Conference focusing on one of the following themes:

- + Igniting Leadership
- + Invigorating Knowledge
- + Inspiring Innovation

We invite all volunteers, managers of volunteers, researchers, industry partners, peak bodies and national associations to submit an abstract.

**The Call for Abstracts will be open until 19 November 2017.**

For more information email:  
volunteering@conlog.com.au

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## VCA November Events

7 Nov -

### [Volunteering Essentials](#)

Receive a comprehensive understanding of what is involved in volunteering for NFPs.

14 Nov -

### [Volunteering Open Day](#)

This is a great opportunity for anyone to find out more about volunteering.

23 Nov -

### [Specialist Knowledge Series](#)

#### The Art of Advocacy

Are you a radical or a reformer? Do you seek change through confrontation or collaboration? This presentation will explore the tools, talents and tricks used to motivate and manoeuvre others to advance your cause.

5 Nov -

### [International Volunteer Managers Day 2017](#)

How is your organisation celebrating Volunteer Managers? Visit the [website](#) for some ideas.



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