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Wyndham Volunteering Strategy 2019-2024

Community workshop
Thursday 27th November 2018, 1830-2030

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Welcome

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and pay respect to Elders past and present.

I acknowledge the sorrow of the Stolen Generations and the continuing resilience, pride and strength of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Introductions



Session aims

Why is this work
being done?

What do we mean
by volunteering?

Testing draft vision,
mission and
principles

Exploring the good,
the not so good,
and what can be
strengthened



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Why is this work being done?

Overview of the volunteer strategy project

Wyndham City role

Council has lots of contact with volunteers in the community as well as clubs, groups and organisations that rely on volunteers.

The focus of our work for Wyndham's volunteering sector has been on offering:

Free training

A support network
for volunteer
managers

Volunteer
appreciation
activities

Promotion of
volunteering.



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Wyndham City role

The landscape of volunteering is changing. A strategy to support the growth of volunteering together with clubs, groups and organisations is needed.

How should we think
about volunteering?

Where should we (and
other stakeholders)
focus our energy and
investment to generate
more volunteer activity?

What might we need to
do this?



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Wyndham volunteers: What we know

Less likely to volunteer than other Victorians (13.8% cf. 19.2%, ABS 2016)

Rapid growth and relationship to availability/development of social and community capital and infrastructure

1 in 3 have arrived in area in last 5 years

Higher likelihood of other caring responsibilities (particularly of children)

High cultural diversity

Relative high rates of FT employment, plus travel impacts

Lower education attainment and professional roles

Higher rates of disability

Estimated value in 2016: over \$143m; each percentage point worth approximately \$10.3m

Volunteering is changing

Growth in volunteering is uneven.

Volunteers want roles that are flexible, or require shorter hours or a shorter-term commitment.

People are increasingly time poor.

Volunteering competes with work and caring responsibilities.

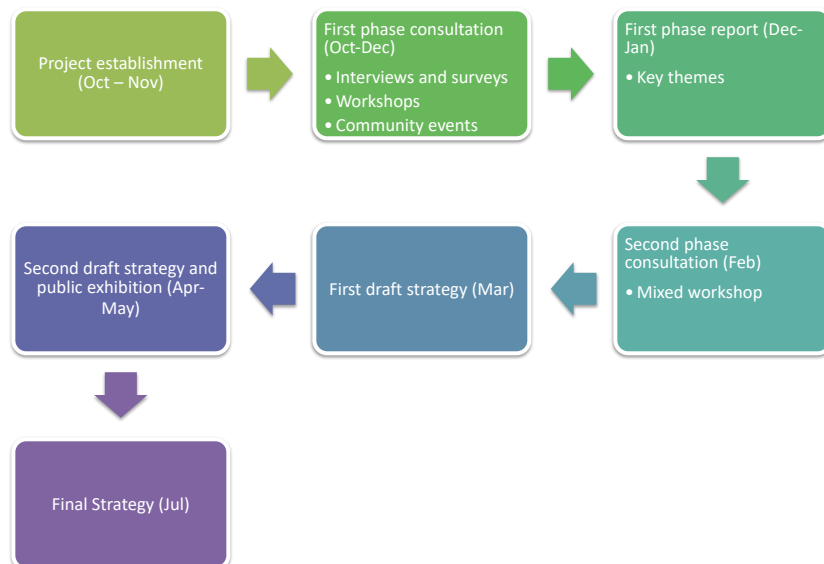
People are more mobile and less likely to stay in a single role for years.

Natural disasters skilled emergency volunteers are needed.

Strategy aims



Project outline



What do we mean by volunteering?

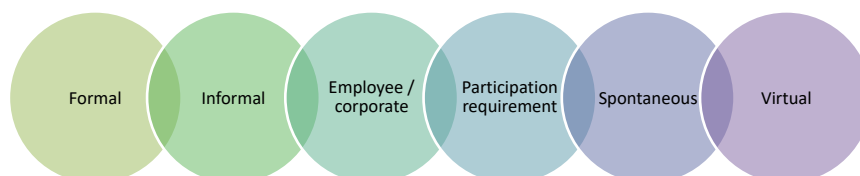
Defining volunteering

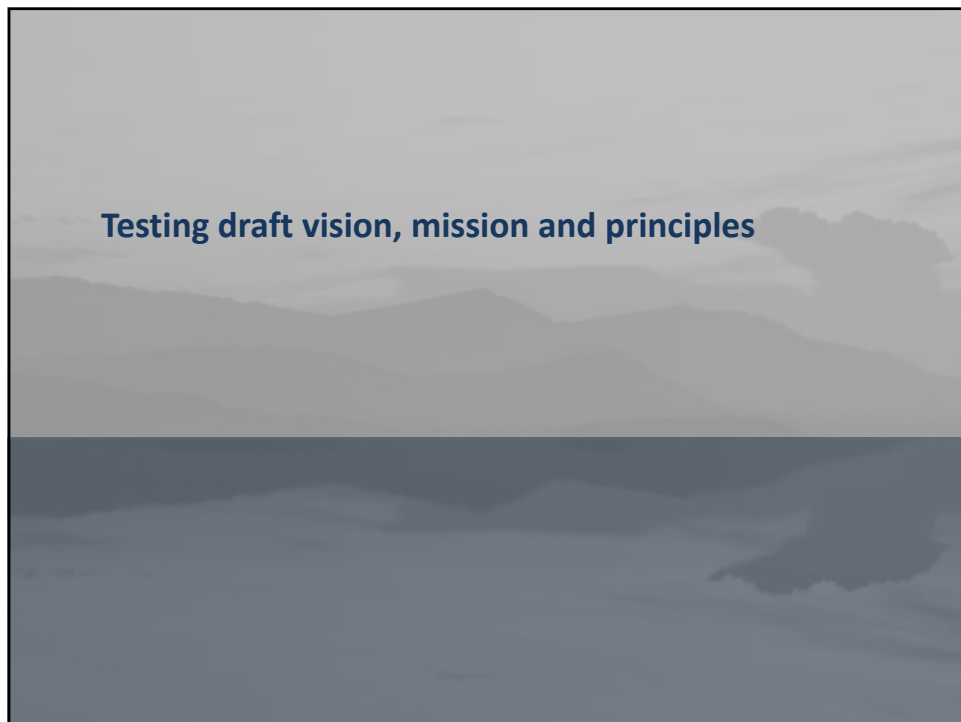
Volunteering Australia defines volunteering as:

Time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain.

Australian Bureau of Statistics defines a volunteer as:

Someone who willingly gives unpaid help, in the form of time, service or skills.





Vision, mission and principles

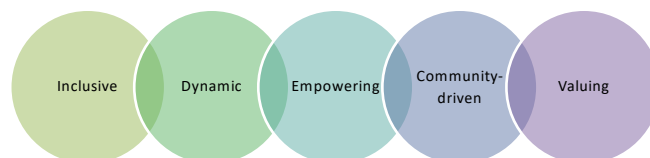
Draft Vision

Enriching lives and connecting communities through volunteering.

Draft Mission

To recognise, support and enable volunteering opportunities for all.

Draft principles



Vision, mission and principles



Afternoon tea

Exploring the good, the not so good, and what can be strengthened

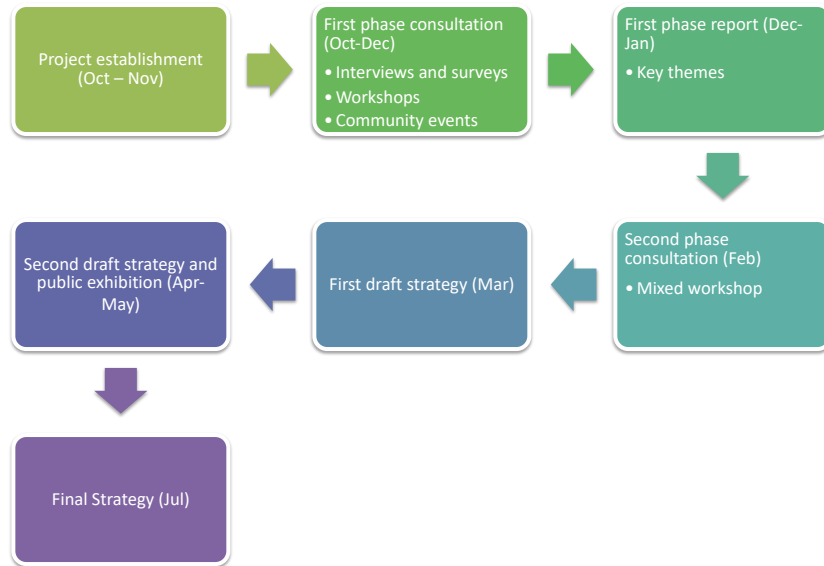
Exploring the good, not so good and opportunities

Stationed around the room are sheets of paper for different aspects of volunteering.

Using your marker and post-it notes, brainstorm as many ideas as possible:

Number and range of opportunities	Ease of access	Volunteer diversity
Training and support (volunteers)	Training and support (managers)	Value/recognition of volunteers
Funding	Policy and advocacy	Comms / use of technology

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Thank you for your participation

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