

WHAT A YEAR

The 2014/15 year for Volunteering Tasmania (VT) can only be described as dynamic. In addition to the usual ebbs and flows, there have been some distinct successes and challenges.

The highlight of our year was the announcement by the State Government of VT's Peak body status, a dream we have held for 22 years. This cements our place as the organisation that can help to grow and nurture volunteering in Tasmania. It also brings new responsibility for advocacy work, and we have relished the opportunity to comment on a number of key sector issues.

Prior to the Peak body announcement, we were reeling from a 51% cut to our federal funding. This was a common story across the national network, and along with Volunteering Australia, Volunteering Victoria and Volunteering SA&NT, we made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Department of Social Services Funding Cuts and participated in the hearing in Canberra.

This year we made a significant contribution at a national level, participating in the review of the National Standards, and project managing the review into the Definition of Volunteering.

We also released our third *State of Volunteering Report* (SOVR), developed in collaboration with the Institute of Project Management. It presented a comprehensive analysis of the social, economic and cultural value of volunteering in Tasmania; and placed volunteering as Tasmania's largest industry, contributing nearly \$5 billion in benefits to the community.

Our 'Building Natural Disaster Resilience through Volunteers' project received funding from the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Program, and we look forward to providing innovative solutions for recovery and resilience in our communities.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, skilled and passionate group of volunteers and staff. Our thanks goes to each and every one of our team members.

In the coming year you will notice a number of changes in the way we provide services to the Tasmanian community: growth of our volunteer referral service, increased volunteer management resources, State-wide volunteer awards, and enhanced Member benefits.

There is an air of excitement at VT and we look forward to working with you all in 2015/16.



ADRIENNE PICONE
Chief Executive Officer

MICHELLE EWINGTON
Chair of the Board



OUR MISSION

We deliver our mission of creating an environment which promotes and sustains effective volunteerism by:

Supporting and facilitating pathways to volunteering for everyone, minimising barriers and optimising opportunities.

Providing consultancy, support, resources and information to volunteer involving organisations and programs

Influencing public policy and promoting research and debate

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2014/15

1410

VOLUNTEER-INVOLVING ORGANISATIONS ASSISTED

24493

UNIQUE VISITORS TO THE WEBSITE



112 MEDIA MENTIONS

1127 TASMANIANS HELPED INTO VOLUNTEERING ROLES, PLUS FACE-TO-FACE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO 294 PEOPLE THROUGH OUR VOLUNTEER REFERRAL SERVICE

STATE OF VOLUNTEERING: TASMANIA 2014 REPORT (OUR THIRD SOVR) RELEASED IN DECEMBER 2014

8348

VISITS TO OUR VOLUNTEER CONNECT RECRUITMENT DATABASE

628 NEW FACEBOOK FANS, TOTTALLING 1612