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2025-26 Year in Review

Advocacy

Amplifying the voice of volunteering. Influencing change.

215

Sector voices heard

Survey responses informing our 2026 State Election Platform and advocacy priorities.

6

Policy submissions

Advancing sector priorities through evidence-based policy advocacy and government engagement.

$1M

Government commitment

Following Volunteering SA&NT's advocacy, the South Australian Government committed $1 million over four years to expand the Student Volunteer Award statewide from 2027.

$45B

Value of volunteering

The 2025 State of Volunteering Report highlighted the estimated annual social and economic contribution of volunteering in South Australia.

353

Members represented*

286 SA member organisations

67 NT member organisations

*as at 30 June 2026.

Promotion and reach

	SA		NT	
Followers:	7,065	+3%	3,635	+11%
Followers:	1,772	+5%	899	+5%
Followers:	2,186	+16%	899	+4%
V-News emails sent:	82,000+			

Real change for stronger communities

Through research, sector consultation and government engagement, we championed volunteering as an essential contributor to stronger communities and informed public policy and investment.

Amplifying volunteering stories, opportunities and sector news through our digital channels, helping connect communities and raise the profile of volunteering.

Sustainability

Building a stronger, more inclusive and sustainable volunteering sector.

32

Learning & Development events

1,269 attendances across training, networking and professional development activities.

103

CHSP providers supported

Through **342** one-to-one interactions, strengthening volunteer involvement in aged care.

1,300 Volunteer positions advertised

Across **113** organisations, helping connect people with volunteering opportunities.

Inclusive volunteering

Through the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA), we developed and contributed to practical resources, case studies and initiatives to help organisations reduce barriers and create more inclusive volunteering opportunities.

2026 NATIONAL Volunteering Conference

- **788** Conference tickets sold
- **430** in-person and **358** online tickets.
- **8** Australian states and territories represented.

70%

Turning learning into action

70% of National Volunteering Conference survey respondents had already applied or planned to apply what they learned.

Partnerships

Stronger connections. Greater community impact.

By bringing together businesses, community organisations, government and sector partners, we expanded volunteering pathways, supported inclusion and strengthened collaboration across South Australia and the Northern Territory.

268
Corporate volunteering hours

95 employees across **3** businesses took part in **9** volunteering experiences, supporting **4** community organisations.

184 **Young people engaged**

Through a regional youth volunteering initiative, generating **94** registrations and **21** applications.

13 **Networking events**

654 attendances, strengthening collaboration across the volunteering sector.

Connecting communities across SA & NT

996
Prospective volunteers assisted in SA

Alongside **183** organisations through **27** expos and community events in South Australia.

20+
Expo & events in the NT

In the Northern Territory, we participated in **5** expos and **20** community events, building relationships with local organisations and communities

27
People supported through inclusive partnerships

In collaboration with the Australian Refugee Association, helping people access volunteering opportunities.

Recognition

Honouring volunteers. Celebrating community impact.

Through awards, celebrations and youth recognition initiatives, we acknowledged the people whose time, skills and dedication strengthen communities across South Australia and the Northern Territory.

94
SA Volunteer Awards nominations
Recognising outstanding volunteers across five award categories.

113
NT Volunteer Awards nominations
Submitted by 46 organisations across the Northern Territory.

150+
SA celebration attendees
Coming together to celebrate volunteering at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens on 20 May 2026.

258
NT Awards attendees
Representing 76 organisations at the Top End awards celebration.

SVA Service Award

Celebrating impact and growth*

Empowering young people. Supporting schools and organisations. Strengthening communities through meaningful volunteering.

*2024-2026

"Volunteering connected me with people from different backgrounds and made me feel part of a community."

2,192
Registered students

40,000+
Hours logged

929
Active youth volunteers

1,206
Badges distributed

13,400
Hours align with SDG #3