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DPIPWE Volunteer News Update - March 2021



DPIPWE Volunteer Management Framework Update

Volunteer management software is currently under development and will soon be launched on the DPIPWE website.

Better Impact have been appointed by DPIPWE to supply a contemporary volunteer management software solution that is currently utilised by hundreds of organisations across Australia and New Zealand, including not-for-profit, local, state and federal government departments.

DPIPWE Volunteers will utilise 'MyImpact' to easily create an online volunteer profile, replacing our existing volunteer registration process, to complete attendance records and apply for new opportunities.

The software will provide a range of options to assist DPIPWE and volunteers manage attendance records. We will be working with our existing volunteers, Volunteer Team Leaders, employees and Wildcare to ensure that the processes we adopt, not only align to our volunteer program needs, but are also simple and easy to complete.

Why are volunteer attendance records so important?

- Not everyone who 'registers' as a volunteer actively participates
- If we can't see your time and commitment, we can't recognise your valued contributions
- Attendance is an important evidentiary requirement for the Department to access volunteer insurance cover, to support you when you need it most. That is, we need to demonstrate you were participating at the time an incident occurred.
- Attendance records may also be utilised in the event COVID-19 contact tracing is required.

Thank you

To our current volunteers, Volunteer Team Leaders and employees, thank you for your efforts and commitment to date in embracing the interim processes that were put in place to support volunteer programs to recommence post COVID restrictions easing.

We look forward to working with you over the coming months to ensure you are supported while we finalise the DPIPWE Volunteer Management Framework.

Tasmanian Government Radio Network Update

A new whole of government digital radio network across Tasmania will provide increased safety and operability for DPIPWE staff and volunteers working in the field.

Telstra will start construction this year on the Tasmanian Government Radio Network (TasGRN) which will increase radio coverage, capacity, reliability, resilience and offer full interoperability with participating user organisations.

It will replace five ageing networks that are approaching end-of-life with limited availability of technical support and spare parts.

User organisations, including the Parks and Wildlife Service, are expected to commence migrating over to the new network during the 2022/2023 financial year.

The new contemporary radio communications technology will allow a high level of situational awareness for radio users in order to support day-to-day work and ensure the safety of field staff and volunteers, compliance operations and emergency incident response.

It will provide interoperable, sustainable and contemporary radio-based communications that meet national and

international radio communications standards.

You are welcome to email [Quentin Henry](#) from the Parks and Wildlife Service, with any questions. Or alternatively, stay up to date by visiting the TasGRN Project [website](#)



Media Releases

[May 2020 - DPIPWE Volunteers vital in supporting Tasmania's Natural and Cultural Heritage](#)

[September 2020 - Thank you to Responders \(Macquarie Harbour Whale Rescue\)](#)

Social Media

Parks and Wildlife Service:

[Winner! Jasmine Power, Volunteering Tasmania 2020 Volunteer Award for Arts, Heritage, Tourism and Events](#)

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens:

[A dedicated group of volunteers assist the Seedbank in running germination testing - an article for the Australian Network for Plant Conservation, James Wood, Manager Seedbank.](#)

Natural and Cultural Heritage Division:

[Michael and Sally instrumental in on-ground monitoring as part of the Orange-bellied parrot recovery team](#)

Past Volunteer News Editions

 [Volunteer News - January 2021](#) (389Kb)

 [Volunteer News - October 2020](#) (617Kb)

 [Volunteer News - December 2020](#) (231Kb)

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