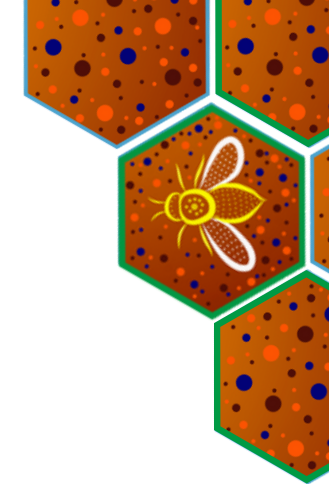


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8.30am to 9.00am

Registration starts

9.00am to 9.30am

Welcome to Country | Minister's message | Deputy Chair welcome |
CEO Welcome

9.30am to 10.30am

**Lecture -
Strategy**

ACT and National Volunteering Strategies: What's next?

This session will showcase the final draft ACT Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan and take attendees through the National Strategy for Volunteering implementation journey so far, as well as key insights from the State of Volunteering Report.

10.30am to 10.45am

Morning tea & coffee break

10.45am to 11.45am

**Lecture -
Diversity & Inclusion**

Inclusion in volunteering through accessible language

Almost half of Australians have low English literacy. This session will explore how using plain language is important for volunteer recruitment, engagement and demonstrating best practice.

11.45am to 12.30pm

**Concurrent workshop -
Legislation &
Compliance**

Navigating background checks

This session will cover WWVP Cards, WWCC and National Police Checks and provide a general overview on how to navigate the current systems in place, including clear guidance on when you need each check and when you don't!
(Helpful for people looking for a sound introduction to this topic, and those who may need a refresh).

11.45am to 12.30pm
**Concurrent workshop -
Legislation &
Compliance**

Organisational governance

This session will provide a deeper dive into legislative compliance around background checks and cover more complex situations such as inter-jurisdictional processes. (Helpful for people with existing knowledge of this topic who may have a higher level of governance accountability/ need clearer guidance with complex applications).

12.30pm to 1.00pm

Lunch break

1.00pm to 2.15pm
**Concurrent workshop -
Best practice**

National Standards - Introductory session: What's in it for you?

With the launch of the refreshed National Standards, this session will cover what's changed and why. It is aimed at supporting an introductory understanding of the Standards and how they can benefit an organisation. (Helpful for people looking for a sound introduction to this topic, and those who may need a refresh).

1.00pm to 2.15pm
**Concurrent workshop -
Best practice**

National Standards - Strategic implementation

With the launch of the refreshed National Standards, this session will cover what's changed and why. It is aimed at supporting implementation of the Standards, including use of a new gap assessment/accreditation tool. (Helpful for people with existing knowledge of this topic who may have a higher level of accountability/ need clearer guidance with complex applications).

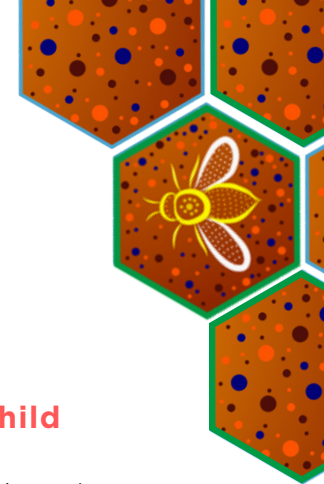


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2.15pm to 2.45pm

Afternoon tea & coffee break

2.45pm to 3.45pm

**Presentation -
Legislation &
Compliance**

ACT Child Safety Scheme: Understanding obligations for implementing Child Safe Standards in volunteering

Delivered by the ACT Human Rights Commission: Children and Young People Commissioner's Office, this session will share progress to date on developing the ACT Scheme, facilitate an information exchange on child safety in the volunteering context, and provide the opportunity for volunteer involving organisations to raise any issues/questions on this important compliance area.

3.45pm to 4.45pm

**Workshop -
Diversity & Inclusion**

Inclusion in volunteering and cultural competency

Following the launch of VolunteeringACT's resource for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers, this workshop aims to support organisations to break down barriers in volunteering.

4.45pm to 5.00pm

Closing remarks