



VolunteeringACT priorities for action and investment for the ACT Government (2024–2028)

Priorities of VolunteeringACT

Invest \$13.9 million over the next four years to implement all challenges identified in the State of Volunteering in the ACT Report 2024.



Mobilising more volunteers so our community can continue to access the essential services they value and rely on.



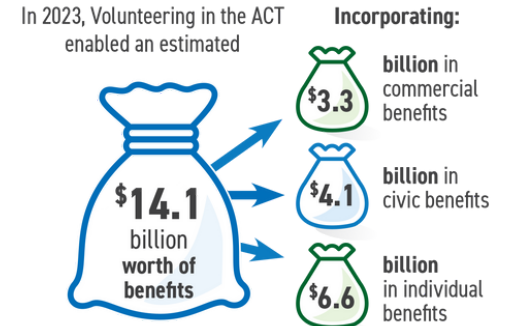
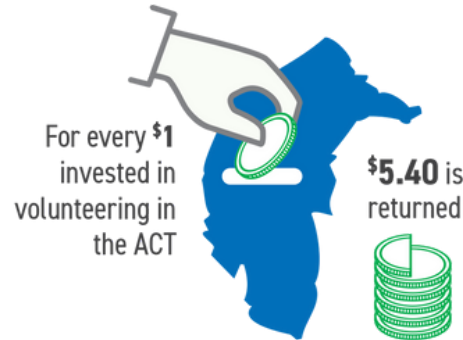
Ensure volunteering is safe, affordable and inclusive for all people who want to volunteer.



Cover the full costs of volunteering and volunteer management.

ACT value of volunteering to our community

When volunteering is thriving, our community becomes stronger, safer, more connected, more active and better equipped to care for one another, our environment and the animals in our city.



Why should the next ACT government invest in our priorities?

Volunteers ensure essential services continue in food assistance; financial aid; social & emotional wellbeing; community arts, sporting & festive events; environmental & animal protection; emergency responses; health-care & schools.

The **3 biggest changes** of the last 3 years
(as perceived by volunteer managers)



Number of volunteers has decreased



Number of hours people want to volunteer has decreased



Number of young people volunteering has decreased

- Community services and activities that Canberrans value rely on volunteers, but the organisations that provide these services and activities are unable to recruit and retain enough volunteers.
- 19% of current volunteers have stopped volunteering because of increased costs and 18% of non-volunteers had not been asked to volunteer or did not know how to find a volunteer role.
- We can overcome the barriers to volunteering with the right investment:
 - Fully cover the costs of training, equipment, uniforms and insurance.
 - Provide information and support to get involved.
 - Provide training, equipment, recognition and support.

Statistics are from the State of Volunteering in the ACT Report 2024



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Top 5 barriers to volunteering more (as reported by volunteers)

-  No time
-  Costs
-  Burnout (over volunteering)
-  Health reasons
-  Not interested in volunteering anymore

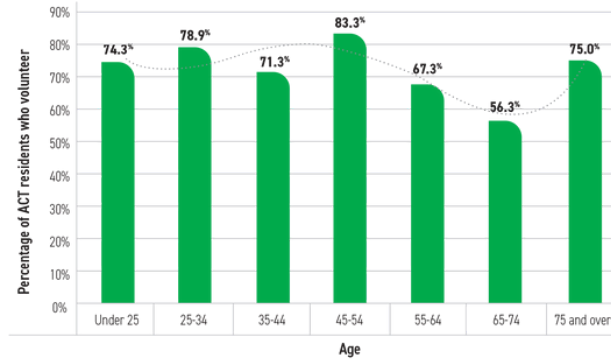


The cost of replacing volunteer labour is estimated to be **\$3.3 billion**



63.7 million
Total hours volunteered in the ACT

Volunteering participation in the ACT by age cohort



Top 3 issues in volunteering (as perceived by volunteer managers)

-  Organisational culture, inclusion and diversity
-  Volunteer health and safety
-  Volunteer retention

Support our #StrengthenACTVolunteering campaign to increase volunteers and ensure volunteer involving organisations can continue to support all of us.

When you see candidates at the shops, or attend election events and forums, **share our priorities** for investment and ask them to commit to funding these if they are elected

Sign up as a supporter of this campaign and share our messages.

Stay informed about which candidates have agreed to invest in strengthening volunteering if they are elected

Visit www.volunteeringact.org.au to support and know more about the campaign.

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