

VolunteeringACT Communique

September 2025

VolunteeringACT and representatives from across ACT Government directorates successfully held the first annual ACT government Volunteering Roundtable in late August 2025.

ACT government executive level leaders joined volunteer managers from across sectors to discuss progress to date and the way forward for the [ACT Volunteering Strategy 2024 - 2034](#).

Jean Giese, CEO VolunteeringACT and Jancye Winter, Senior Director, Strategic Policy Division, Health and Community Services Directorate, provided participants with an update of actions that have commenced as part of the first Action Plan.

Three volunteer organisations led the session on *Volunteer Management in Practice – Issues and solutions*. Presentations were delivered by three very different organisation: one was a very large and well-established organisation, the second a very small, very new organisation with the final organisation being medium sized and well established.

Roundtable participants noted that despite being very different organisations, their challenges were similar; the differences were in the organisations' capacity and ability to address them. However, each of the three organisations were willing to find solutions to tricky issues.

The final session of the Roundtable involved four breakout groups addressing specific sections of the [ACT Volunteering Strategy Action Plan 2024 - 2027](#). We chose the actions to be a mix of something led by Government, something that is within VolunteeringACT's remit and joint actions for us both to progress. The four action areas were:

Action 2: Develop advice and guidelines specifically on Voluntary Community Leave and promote via whole of government communications (ACT Government).

Action 7: Expand collaboration with the ACT's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities to learn from their volunteering practices (VolunteeringACT).

Action 14. Investigate ways to connect more volunteering data to other relevant ACT data collections including the ACT Wellbeing Framework (ACT Government & VolunteeringACT).

Action 24: Establish an ACT Government Volunteering Networking Group for ACTPS staff working in ACT Government Volunteer Programs (ACT Government & VolunteeringACT).

In line with the *ACT Volunteering Strategy 2024 – 2034*, a progress report on the First Action Plan will be released by the end of 2025.