



VolunteeringACT
an inclusive Canberra



Program

2025 VOLUNTEERING AWARDS, CANBERRA REGION



**International
Volunteer Day**



Welcome!

VolunteeringACT is the peak body for volunteering and provides community information services in the Canberra Region.

We also deliver programs for people experiencing disadvantage and isolation, people with disabilities, and people needing support for mental wellness.

Our vision is of an inclusive Canberra that values volunteering and connection as central to wellbeing and a thriving community.

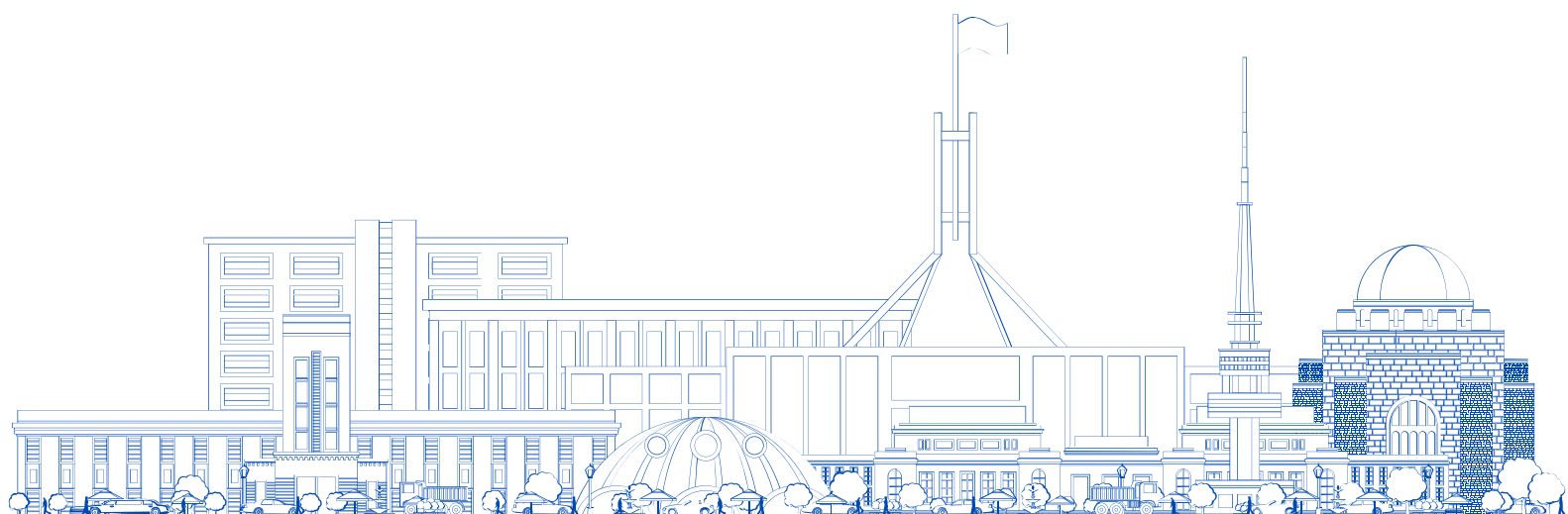
Acknowledgement

VolunteeringACT acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the Canberra Region and recognises any other peoples or families with connection to this Country. We acknowledge and respect their vital ongoing contribution to the community and are committed to reconciliation. We will continue to walk alongside First Nations Peoples and embrace the traditions, stories, and wisdoms of the oldest continuing cultures in the world.

This document was created on Ngunnawal Country.

VolunteeringACT acknowledges volunteers of all ages, abilities, genders, and sexualities, and from all cultures. Their skills, expertise, and time are critical to delivering services and programs, and making Canberra a better place to live.

We also acknowledge the contribution of volunteer involving organisations that contribute to the health and happiness of our community.



About the awards

The Volunteering Awards, Canberra Region is an annual celebration for volunteers in the ACT and surrounds, established in 1991. This premier event makes stories of spirit, kindness, innovation, inclusion, and resilience visible to our whole community.

The awards are held in recognition of International Volunteer Day, celebrated on 5 December annually.

The 2025 Volunteering Awards, Canberra Region will be on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at the National Library of Australia.

Sponsors and partners

We are grateful to all for their generous support of our flagship event. Their support helps us celebrate and recognise the outstanding contributions of our volunteers and volunteering teams in the Canberra Region.



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Program

6.30pm | Award ceremony commences

- Welcome
Jean Giese, CEO, VolunteeringACT
- Welcome to Country
Aunty Violet Sheridan, Ngunnawal Elder
- Governor General's message (video)
Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC

7:00 pm | Presentation of Awards

- Community Support Award
Presenter: BlueArc IT Solutions
- Young Volunteer of the Year Award
Presenter: Volunteering Australia
- Senior Volunteer of the Year Award
Presenter: Community Bank Canberra & Regions
- First Nations Volunteer of the Year Award
Presenter: Burbirra Group
- **Performance by First Nations singer songwriter, Monica Moore and band**
- Inclusion Award
Presenter: Moray & Agnew Lawyers
- Volunteer Leadership Award
Presenter: Synergy Law
- Volunteer Team of the Year Award
Presenter: Canberra Labor Club Group
- Canberra's Choice Award
Presenter: Newstime Media
- Volunteer of the Year Award
Presenter: Minister Suzanne Orr

8:00 pm | Closing remarks

- Robyn Hendry, Chair, VolunteeringACT

2025 nominees

- ACT Galleries, Museums and Heritage Volunteer Team
- ACT Neighbourhood Watch Executive and Support Team
- ACTSES Fit for Role Implementation Team
- Alex Eysers
- Alisha Tarrant
- Amanda Lillie
- Amy Minchin
- Amy Treloar
- Ana and Ajit Banerjee
- Ananya Banerjee
- Angharad Lodwick
- Annamiek van Steensel
- ANU Biology Society
- ARF Rescue Sub-Committee
- Avital Gottheiner
- Brenda Johnson
- Canberra and District NAIDOC Aboriginal Corporation - Board of Directors
- Canberra and Region Visitor Centre Volunteer Team
- Carol Jennings
- Catherine Garrington
- Cecilia Arsenovic
- Chris Miller
- Club Kalina - Community Home Australia
- Communities at Work Volunteer Team
- David Arnold
- Dereck Honneysett
- Di Johnstone
- Dianne Brookes
- Domestic Animal Services Volunteer Team
- Doris Kordes
- Fiona Jarvis
- Frankie Taylor
- Good Omen Goodeze Volunteer Team
- Jacob Brennan
- Jacob Pita
- Jalen Green
- Jan Elliott
- Jaye Grieshaber
- Jeffrey Ronald Bollard
- Jenni Blumenthal
- Jo Smith
- Julie Samuels
- Kathryn McQuarrie
- Kathryn Yulie
- Kent Brown
- Kids in Care ACT
- Kippax Conference
- Kirstin Brown
- Learning Club Tutors - The Smith Family
- Len Hatch
- Lisa Anderson
- Lorraine Gentle
- Luka Goreski
- Luka Musicki
- Marcellus Lieu
- Marie-Anne Robinson
- Marilyn Newham
- Mums Exercise Group Australia - Canberra Branch
- Najaa Sholche
- Naoko Winter
- National Capital Authority Volunteer Team
- Palliative Care ACT Volunteer Program
- Pam Zielke

2025 nominees

- ParkCare VisitorAssist Mentoring Team
- Paul Smith
- Paulina Piira
- Pauline Segeri
- Pedal Power ACT Advocacy Team
- Perinatal Wellbeing Centre Volunteer Team
- Pradeep Timalisina
- Raj Badhan & Ranjna Bhatti
- Ravi Krishnamurthy
- Robert (Bob) Wilson
- Ronald McDonald House Charities ACT & South East NSW Volunteers
- Refugee Experience Presentations in Schools Team - St Vincent de Paul Society
- Rosy Pate
- RSPCA ACT Volunteer and Foster Team
- Sandra Linsley
- Sarah Ferguson
- Satha Marimuthu
- Senior Court Support Volunteers - Victims Justice Volunteer Program
- Swinitha Nawana
- St John's Care Volunteer Team
- Tender Funerals Canberra Region Volunteer Team
- Trish Carling
- UnitingCare Kippax Board
- Urambi Hills ParkCare Group
- Volunteer Services Bus Drivers - Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra
- Vicki Jackson
- Wamboin Playgroup Committee
- Warm Trees Organising Committee - National Arboretum Canberra
- Wendy Bullock
- Women in ICT (WIC) Volunteer Team
- Woodlands and Wetlands Trust
- Yiyang Zhang

*All the best to all our
nominees for 2025!*



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