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A very happy
volunteer tragic

The logo for Awards WA features the text "Awards WA" in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font. The letter "w" is highlighted in red. A thick red curved line arches over the text, starting from the top of the "w" and extending to the right, ending above the "WA".

Awards WA

We believe that all young people have the potential through self determination to become active and inclusive citizens.

Established in 1962, our dedicated team work with 130 educational institutions and community organisations to support over 3,500 young people in WA to empower them with a world ready attitude.

Young people learn a skill, become more physically active, **volunteer** in their community, and undertake an adventure.

Our structure (non-formal education) frameworks provide opportunities for young people to develop essential life skills highly valued by schools, universities and employers, and support healthy social and emotional wellbeing.



A recent study by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) found that if a child is involved in volunteering before the age of 13, the odds of having poor mental health are reduced by around 28%.

As well, children who demonstrate 'prosocial' behaviours, such as caring for others or doing acts of kindness, were 11% less likely to experience mental ill-health.

Do all young
people want
to be super
heros?



Present Day



Youth Volunteering Key Statistics

August 2023

Volunteer groups tap into 'elixir of youth' in WA after rebranding on social media

ABC Radio Perth / By Kate Leaver
Posted Wed 16 Feb 2022 at 9:37am



Volunteering WA enlisted the support of two youth organisations to raise the profile of volunteer opportunities. (Supplied: Volunteering WA)

Findings



- Over the past 6 years, 150,000 volunteers have been lost in WA
- Decline in formal volunteering (Ages 18-24)

36.5% (2019) to 25% (2022)

"We found that our target demographic saw traditional volunteering as a pious and selfless exercise"

A Cause for Concern?

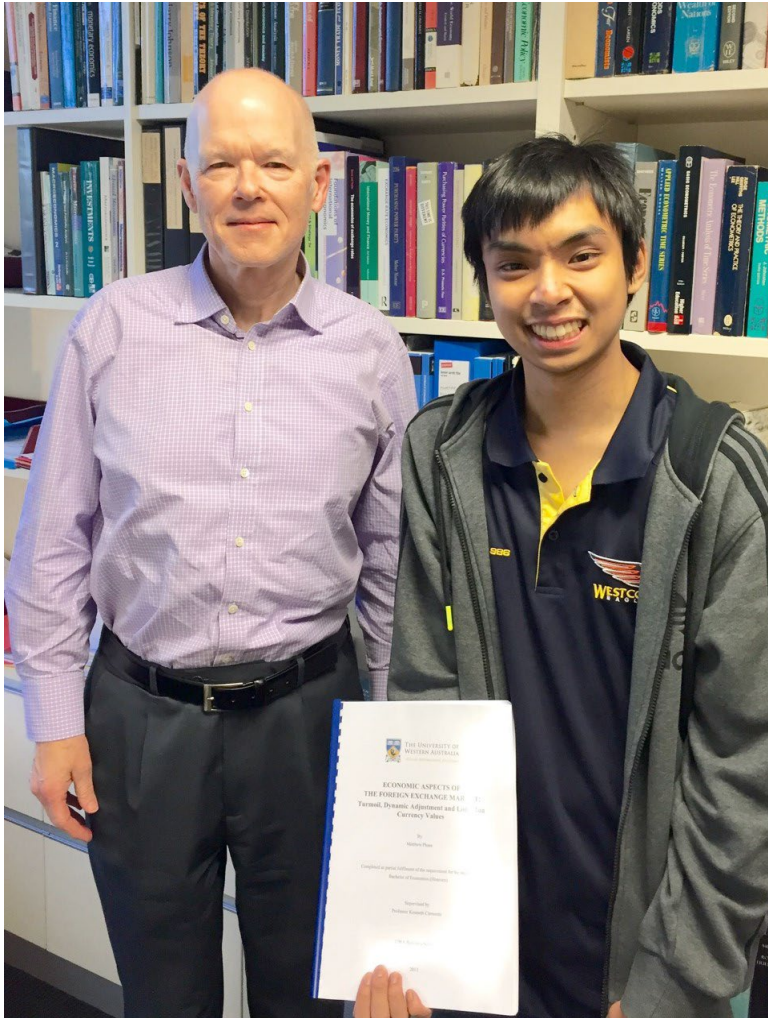
ZONE 8 (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC ISLANDS) 10 YEARS





The Future of Volunteering?

Half Glass Full



Myth Busters

- Selfish to be Selfless
- Agile
- Fish where the fishes are



Belonging and Purpose

Reasons for being a volunteer, 2020

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Personal satisfaction/To do something worthwhile</i>	66.2
<i>Help others/Community</i>	74.2
<i>Personal/Family Involvement</i>	37.0
<i>Social contact</i>	33.7
<i>To be active</i>	30.8
<i>Use skills/Experience</i>	36.6
<i>To learn new skills/Gain work experience</i>	18.9
<i>Religious beliefs</i>	20.3
<i>Just happened</i>	9.0
<i>Felt obliged</i>	9.5
<i>Other</i>	1.4



<i>How first became involved</i>	<i>Proportion of persons</i>
<i>Knew someone involved/was asked</i>	43.7
<i>Self-involvement in organisation</i>	37.0
<i>Saw advertisement/found out about it myself</i>	9.3

Source: Key Volunteering Statistics (2022), Volunteering Australia



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