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## **WA universities join forces to celebrate National Student Volunteer Week 2021**



70 student volunteers will come together this Saturday to kick off **National Student Volunteer Week (9-15 August)**, with Western Australia's only annual Inter-Uni Beach Conservation Challenge. Students from UWA Guild Volunteering, Curtin Volunteers!, The University of Notre Dame Australia, and Murdoch Volunteering Hub will converge at Leighton Beach to:

- Clean up micro plastics.
- Plant coastal plants and restore the dunes.
- Learn about our delicate coastal life from experts Perth NRM.

Under the expert guidance of Perth NRM, the inter-university team of 70 student volunteers will remove common pervasive weeds from the dunes, clear up litter and marine debris and plant local species, creating a once again pristine environment in this beautiful coastal area.

**National Student Volunteer Week (NSVW) runs from 9 – 15 August, providing an opportunity to acknowledge the impact that student volunteers make through volunteering.**

Education providers, volunteer organisations and students all over Australia will be celebrating #NSVW21 through a variety of events, activities and campaigns that celebrate student volunteers and connect young people with opportunities to get involved in volunteering.

**Other activities throughout the week, include:**

**August 9** – virtual card making for Relay for Life.

**August 10** – NSVW Volunteering Festival at UWA Guild Centre, with a range of stalls and micro-volunteering activities including: pack safe sex packs for WA AIDS Council; make doggy treats for Dogs Refuge Home WA; craft for Relay For Life UWA; origami with Amnesty International UWA.

**August 13** – AUSMAP Micro Plastic Survey & Debris Clean at Matilda Bay.

Volunteering WA CEO Tina Williams said she was pleased to see how much emphasis and importance Western Australian tertiary institutions place on volunteering on celebrating NSVW.

“Volunteering provides a unique opportunity for students to make a difference in causes they are passionate about, as well as developing their skills which can often lead to a pathway to employment. It’s also a wonderful way for students to meet one another and feel connected within their community, Williams said.

To find out more, visit <https://nationalstudentvolunteerweek.org.au/>

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## **Volunteering WA**

Volunteering WA is WA's peak body for volunteering, connecting thousands of volunteers to community organisations across the State. Volunteering WA's vision is for every Western Australian to enjoy a valued volunteering experience that enriches WA, through leading, advancing and celebrating volunteering.

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## **National Student Volunteer Week | 9 – 15 August 2021**

National Student Volunteer Week gives students the opportunity to lead others in connecting to their community and offering kindness.

Students are provided with the chance to explore the personal and professional benefits of volunteering, which include valuable work experience, enhanced feelings of self-worth, refinement of values, increased understanding of people, local and global issues, and reduced social isolation. NSVW also recognises the significant skills, ideas, enthusiasm, creativity, and time that young people contribute through volunteering.

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