

National Volunteer Week Grant *Supported by Lotterywest* **Group Event/Activity Suggestions**

Volunteering WA is thrilled to provide National Volunteer Week 2022 Grants, supported by Lotterywest.

The Grants provide an opportunity for volunteer involving organisations in metropolitan, regional and remote WA to participate in the annual national celebration of Australia's extraordinary volunteers.

Applications that reflect partnerships between local organisations to run an event or display will receive priority so why not get together with other local groups. We have provided some suggestions below for you to think about.

Group Activity Suggestions

1. Leading up to National Volunteer Week invite local volunteer groups to provide photographs and information about their work to be used in a National Volunteer Week display. Approach a Shopping Centre, Library or another appropriate community venue for space to set up the display during National Volunteer Week and organise for volunteers to be available to distribute information and discuss volunteering opportunities in your community.
2. Appoint Volunteering Ambassadors from different voluntary groups and produce a small booklet or poster promoting the organisation and work of each ambassador. Approach schools, youth and community groups to organise for the ambassadors to present a National Volunteer Week address about their work and distribute or display the booklet or poster.
3. *Hold a morning or afternoon tea and invite volunteers from different groups to come along to celebrate volunteering and network with like-minded people. Approach a local school, youth or community group and invite them to participate in the event by providing entertainment, serving refreshments or mixing with the volunteers.
4. *Approach volunteer groups in your local community to invite their volunteers to a BBQ, sundowner or a big breakfast to celebrate the work of their volunteers. Contact Rotary, Lions Clubs or a local voluntary group to assist in serving refreshments and approach local supermarkets or businesses to provide sausages or other snacks. Invite a guest speaker to present a National Volunteer Week address and present a NVW Certificate to each volunteer.
5. Approach volunteering groups and ask them to provide a photograph or logo for a National Volunteer Week banner. Contact a local school or youth group and ask them to design the banner using the pictures and logos to promote volunteering and its rewards. Locate an appropriate location and display the banner during National Volunteer Week.

Of course there are a lot more ways you can work together to produce an amazing activity. We look forward to reading your applications!

***COVID Safe**

If you are considering holding an in-person event, please have a contingency in case event restrictions are in place during May. It is likely there will be restrictions on large in-person gatherings so please consider alternatives, and avoid bringing volunteers and clients together if they are vulnerable and at higher-risk of severe COVID. Keep in mind the State Government's COVID-19 [guidelines](#) for holding events.