

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS

2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Department of Communities

The Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

3. I refer to the media statement titled 'National Volunteer Week underway for 2022' on Monday 16th May 2022, and the stated \$1.4 million in funding to the State's volunteering sector each year, and I ask:

- (a) How is this funding allocated;
- (b) What portion of this funding is federal funds;
- (c) What portion of these funds are grants; and
- (d) Where can I locate this funding in the budget papers?

Answer

- (a) Budget allocation for the 2022-23 financial year includes:
 - Volunteering Development Services (VDS) Program – \$800,000 to fund metropolitan and regional VDS providers across the State.
 - Sector Support Development and Advocacy Program –\$466,000 to Volunteering WA to contribute to the development and support of the volunteer sector.
 - Volunteering Platform and Technology Improvement Project - \$45,000 for Volunteering WA to upgrade an online platform to streamline the recruitment and management of volunteers, particularly during emergencies.
 - Volunteering Pathway to Job Readiness Project - \$150,000 to Volunteering WA to deliver the project.
 - Thank a Volunteer Day Grants - \$30,000 for eligible organisations to celebrate volunteers on 5 December 2022.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) \$265,000 of these funds will be delivered via a grant process in 2022-23:
 - Volunteering Platform and Technology Improvement Project
 - Volunteering WA Pathway to Job Readiness Project
 - Thank a Volunteer Day Grants
- (d) Budget allocations:
 - The Platform and Technology Improvement Project (election commitment) and the Thank a Volunteer Day Grants are included within the Detailed of Controlled Grants and Subsidies table on pages 539 and 540 of Budget Paper 2.

- All other volunteering initiatives are included within the Service 1 - Community Services total cost of service on pages 526 and 528 of Budget Paper 2.

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1. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Vol 2, Division 35, page 539, line item Volunteering WA Digital Platform, and I ask:

- (a) How much of this 'election commitment' is federally funded; and
- (b) What is the intended purpose of the platform?

Answer

- (a) There is no federal funding component for this election commitment.
- (b) The Volunteering WA Digital Platform will streamline the recruitment and management of volunteers in times of emergency, community recovery and other significant events that would benefit from efficient access to volunteers.

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4. I refer to the media statement titled 'National Volunteer Week underway for 2022', made on Monday 16th May 2022, stating the 'combined economic, social and cultural value that volunteering brings to WA has been calculated to more than \$39 billion', and I ask:

- (a) Is the figure stated calculated per annum; and
- (b) What accounting method or process is used to calculate social and cultural value?

Answer

- (a) The figure \$39 billion is not an annual calculation and is derived from Volunteering WA's publicly available report, *The Economic, Social and Cultural Value of Volunteering to Western Australia*.
- (b) Information on the calculation methodology can be found in Appendix 2 of the *The Economic, Social and Cultural Value of Volunteering to Western Australia* report

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The Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

2. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Vol 2, Division 35, page 540, line item Volunteering Grants, and I ask:

(a) What are these grants; and

(b) Please table all grants applied for and those approved in 2021-22?

Answer

- a) In recognition of International Volunteer Day, held on 5 December each year, the Department of Communities provides grants of up to \$1,000 to eligible organisations and Local Government Authorities to support 'Thank a Volunteer Day' events and activities to celebrate volunteers.

The grants help to deliver a range of events including award ceremonies, workshops, seminars, morning and afternoon teas and excursions.

- b) Information on approved grants for 2021-22 is attached.

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Thank a Volunteer Day 2021 Grant Recipients

Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Region
Shire of Shark Bay	Thank a Volunteer Day Award Ceremony	The Shire of Shark Bay will invite all volunteers in the community to attend an award ceremony to publicly recognise and celebrate their contributions to society. The Shire President will present certificates to volunteers to thank them. All volunteers will be asked to register to ensure they receive an acknowledgement at the event and family members of the volunteers will be encouraged to attend the event to celebrate with the volunteers.	Gascoyne
Shire of Exmouth	Exmouth Thank a Volunteer Day	Shire of Exmouth will hold the Exmouth Thank a Volunteer day to bring together the volunteers from the Exmouth community and sporting groups for a free BBQ dinner and live entertainment, to celebrate and acknowledge the voluntary work they do.	Gascoyne
Shire of Ravensthorpe	Thank a Volunteer Event	Shire of Ravensthorpe will host Thank a Volunteer Event. This event will allow the Shire to bring together their volunteers and give an opportunity to acknowledge the important and pivotal part volunteers play in the Community. The sundowner event will bring the volunteers together in a relaxed and friendly event to be recognised and enjoy some food and drink together.	Goldfields/Esperance
Shire of Coolgardie	"Thank a Volunteer Award"	The Shire of Coolgardie will host their first "Thank a Volunteer Award" ceremony to acknowledge and showcase volunteers within their Shire. A sundowner will be planned with official speeches from the Shire President and the Kalgoorlie Boulder volunteer centre to speak on the importance of volunteers in regional towns. All volunteer groups, and individuals will be invited as a thank you for their service within the community. Nominations will also be taken prior to the official award ceremony and winners will be announced at the ceremony.	Goldfields/Esperance

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Albany & Regional Volunteer Service Inc.	Thank a Volunteer Day BBQ	Albany & Regional Volunteer Service Inc. will host a Thank a Volunteer Day BBQ to listen to two local music groups and "Gardening Tips" by Yann. They will work with local students who are volunteering to make a pizza oven at the site, which they hope to open on the day, showcasing what youth volunteers can create for the community.	Great Southern
Shire of Katanning	Twilight Picnic dinner	The Shire of Katanning will hold a Twilight Picnic dinner to thank all their volunteers in Katanning and ensure they feel valued and appreciated. Working with local vendors, they will create the perfect evening which will include music, a ceremony to acknowledge our volunteers, great food, and a delicious desert table. On the leadup to the event the Community Resource Centre will run a campaign to collect messages of thanks from the community.	Great Southern
Wellstead Community Resource Centre	Thank You Wellstead Volunteers	Wellstead Community Resource Centre will host a Thank you Wellstead Volunteers event. The event will be an inclusive community dinner to celebrate the role and importance of volunteers in the community.	Great Southern
Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre Inc.	Thank a Volunteer 2021	Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre Inc. will host a Morning tea at the Museum Café to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers to the communities, as a way to thank the volunteers.	Great Southern
Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation	Thanks, you mob!	Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation will host the Thanks, you mob! event. This event will acknowledge and award a number of people from within Mowanjum Community who have worked extensively as volunteers and have a dinner for all community members to celebrate.	Kimberley

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Shire of Coorow	Celebrating Thank a Volunteer Day 2022	The Shire of Coorow, together with the Coorow and Leeman & Green Head Community Resource Centres, will host Celebrating Thank a Volunteer Day 2022 and Summer Party Awards Ceremony in both Coorow and Leeman to recognise all the time and effort that volunteers contribute to these three towns within the Shire of Coorow. The Shire President or one of the Councillors and the Shire CEO will Present a certificate to the volunteers.	Mid West
Shire of Mundaring	Celebrating Community	The Shire of Mundaring will hold Celebrating Community to recognise the enormous value volunteers, local businesses and community champions add to the health and wellbeing of the community, and to acknowledge the support provided by their families. The event incorporates the presentation of awards in four categories: Inspirational Volunteer, Long Service, Rising Star and Access Mundaring (access and inclusion). This year, the award ceremony will take place as part of a larger community expo, incorporating stalls/activities run by volunteer groups, providing networking opportunities between groups and the wider community. Participating groups will also have an opportunity to raise awareness, and to recruit new members and volunteers.	North East Metropolitan
Live To Tell Your Story Inc	Thank a Volunteer Celebration	Live To Tell Your Story Inc. will hold Thank a Volunteer Celebration event. This celebration would include a BBQ and beverages prepared and served. The Bassendean Mayor, as well as MP Dave Kelly will be invited to address the volunteers, with a presentation of certificates.	North East Metropolitan

Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Region
Perth Region NRM (Inc)	End of Year Thank A Volunteer Day	Perth Region NRM (Inc) will host End of Year Thank A Volunteer Day, a celebratory event to acknowledge the region's extraordinary Landcare volunteers. Partnering with Perth NRM, City of Swan, the event is open to Landcare volunteers in Perth's Eastern Region represented by seven catchment groups and numerous Friends groups. The feature of the evening will be volunteers showcasing their love of nature as they present "their story". An opportunity for volunteers to shine in the glory of their achievements. A sundowner will provide food for the volunteers and provide a valuable networking opportunity for the volunteers across the region.	North East Metropolitan
Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre Inc.	Twilight Thank-a Volunteer BBQ	Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold a Twilight Thank-a Volunteer BBQ. The BBQ is to celebrate the volunteers, with many groups being on board. The Chairperson will give a speech to recognise and thank all volunteers in attendance.	South East Metropolitan
Coastal Waste Warriors Inc.	Mandurah Environmental Volunteers Celebration Event	Coastal Waste Warriors Inc will host the Mandurah Environmental Volunteers Celebration Event. This event will acknowledge the significant work undertaken by environmental volunteers in the Mandurah Local Government Area. The formal part of the program, MC'ed by a local dignitary, will showcase their work and contribution to Mandurah through a selection of videos of their activities, with the contribution of each volunteer organisation being individually acknowledged and their members thanked. This will be followed by an afternoon tea and static displays of each organisations work, facilitating a sharing of ideas and mutual support and encouragement. The media will be invited to the event to facilitate a more widespread acknowledgement of volunteer contributions.	Peel

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Shire of Boddington	Morning Tea and Awards	The Shire of Boddington will host a Morning Tea and Awards event. Combining a morning tea with an award ceremony, will enable a level of recognition that has not been undertaken previously. The award nomination process in the lead up, will not only recognise current volunteers but also encourage new volunteers to actively contribute to the community. A digital image display of the various volunteer groups will be live throughout the event. A light morning tea and live music will ensure an enjoyable atmosphere and allow all volunteers to be proud of, and recognised for, the difference they make.	Peel
Harvey Community Radio	Volunteering Together	Harvey Community Radio will hold the Volunteering Together event. The event will bring all community volunteers together in one place to celebrate and showcase their achievements. Each group will have an opportunity to deliver a short 10 to 15 minute presentation describing their volunteer contribution with an opportunity to recognise exceptional work by an individual or group. This will be recorded and developed into a podcast for community access. Shire of Harvey's representatives will be invited to formally thank volunteers. All groups will receive a certificate of appreciation which will be framed for display.	South West
Walpole Community Resource Centre Inc.	Thank a Volunteer Day and Blessing of the Fleet	Walpole Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold the Thank a Volunteer Day and Blessing of the Fleet. The event celebrates workers dedicating their time and energy to keeping the town afloat without a dollar in return. They will run an expo and provide a morning tea. As the summer holidays roll in, it's time to remind people of the importance of community volunteering and emergency services.	South West

Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Region
Manjimup Community Resource Centre Inc.	Volunteer Network Forum	Manjimup Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold the Volunteer Network Forum to celebrate the role of Manjimup and District volunteers. Along with providing a celebratory day and meal for community volunteers to enjoy, they will hold an engagement session to address a common problem causing concern and anxiety for all volunteer groups, which are predominantly seniors: who can we pass the volunteering baton onto? Opportunities to think and problem solving as a community are rare, so this is a precious window to exchange thoughts, ideas and find solutions.	South West
Brunswick Junction Community Resource Centre Inc.	Brunswick Thank a Volunteer Day	Brunswick Junction Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold the Brunswick Thank a Volunteer Day event to recognise and acknowledge their volunteers. The aim is to provide an evening of fun entertainment, refreshments, and socialising so the volunteers can sit back and relax, and to thank them for everything they do for the wider community.	South West
Shire of Capel	Thank a Volunteer Day Breakfast 2021	The Shire of Capel will hold a Thank a Volunteer Day Breakfast 2021, in recognition of the amazing work and effort provided to the local community by their groups of volunteers. Every community group and sporting club within the Shire of Capel will be asked to nominate two representatives from their organisation to attend the breakfast.	South West
Shire of Augusta-Margaret River	MAR Shire- 2021 Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration	Shire of Augusta-Margaret River will host the MAR Shire-2021 Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration event to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the diverse and vital roles volunteers play within the local community which includes; a Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony. Local community members will be able to submit nominations for review by an independent panel, all nominees and award recipients are acknowledged at the event and receive a certificate and gift.	South West

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Dunsborough and Districts Progress Association Inc.	Dunsborough - Thank A Volunteer	Dunsborough and Districts Progress Association Inc. will be bringing the community and the many volunteers together, to acknowledge their enormous contribution to their community. The event will be marketed as a "Thank a Volunteer Day" event where they will outline the many people and organisations doing amazing work for the good of the community, for the environment and wildlife.	South West
Shire of Chittering	Thank a Volunteer Day BBQ	The Shire of Chittering will host the Chittering Thank A Volunteer Day BBQ event. There will be an afternoon of games and celebration for volunteers and their families. They will be inviting volunteers from all community organisations and asking them to recognise the achievements of up to 3 of their volunteers on the night as part of a presentation. They will also be placing a Thank you to their volunteers in the local paper in November as preparation for Thank a Volunteer Day in December. They hope to also identify and invite as many non-group-based volunteers as possible to the event.	Wheatbelt
Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre Inc.	Volunteer Breakfast	Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold the Volunteer Breakfast for numerous volunteer groups within the shire to thank them for their valuable work through the year. This will include a guided tour through the Wyalkatchem Agricultural Museum.	Wheatbelt
Merredin Community Resource Centre Inc	A Night at the Theatre	Merredin Community Resource Centre Inc. will host A Night at the Theatre where the volunteers can enjoy each other's company while being entertained at the Cummins Theatre, for a performance by Theatre 180 "Sydney II: lost and found". Antipasto plates and soft-drinks will be provided, along with a bus service to and from the theatre.	Wheatbelt

Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Region
Wickepin Community Resource Centre Inc.	Thank a Volunteer Day with Dinner & a Movie	Wickepin Community Resource Centre Inc. will host the Thank a Volunteer Day with Dinner & A Movie to thank their volunteers and celebrate the vital work that they do. The event will take place at the Wickepin Community Centre. This will give their volunteers a chance to come together in a relaxed setting to spend some time with other members of their community. They will have the opportunity to engage with the attendees on a one on-one basis when they collect their meal.	Wheatbelt
Westonia Community Resource Centre Inc.	A Night on the Green for Thank a Volunteer Day 2021	Westonia Community Resource Centre Inc. and Westonia Shire will publically acknowledge volunteers by hosting a barbecue and bowls evening to thank their volunteers for hours of donated time, making the community vibrant, engaged and an enjoyable place to live. Demographics of Westonia rely on the diverse array of skills and knowledge their volunteers have to offer. Volunteers will enjoy a night of relaxation and fun while receiving recognition for their valuable contributions made within the community throughout the year. To raise the profile of the event, their CEO will be the guest speaker for the evening, and will be providing an insight into how volunteer organisations work together in regional and remote communities.	Wheatbelt
Shire of Cuballing	Cuballing Thank a Volunteer Day 2021	The Shire of Cuballing will host a Thank a Volunteer Day BBQ for community volunteers. Certificate of appreciation will be awarded to all local community groups, individuals, and volunteer groups from Cuballing and surrounding towns.	Wheatbelt
Shire of Kondinin	Meet & Greet Day	The Shire of Kondinin will hold a Meet & Greet Day event. The event will seek nominations from community groups and individuals who have volunteered their time for the Kondinin and Hyden communities. The event will incorporate a meet and greet for all new residents. The event will be held in both Hyden and Kondinin, the two main towns in the Shire.	Wheatbelt