



Project Name : Draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030

Submission Summary

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Project Overview

The City of Port Lincoln invited community feedback on its Draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030 from Thursday, 24 July to 12pm on Friday, 15 August 2025.

Volunteers are vital to our community and play an important role in supporting Council services, programs and community life. This Plan aims to guide the future direction and sustainability of volunteering in Port Lincoln by:

- Strengthening Council's volunteer programs
- Identifying priority areas for action
- Responding to challenges and opportunities in the broader volunteer landscape within Council resourcing capacity

The draft Volunteer Management Plan has been informed by data, community input, and best practice strategies at state and national levels. Your feedback will help ensure it reflects local needs and aspirations.

We want to hear from volunteers, community volunteer organisations, stakeholders and residents.

The Draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030 is available to review in the Key Documents section on the right. Hardcopies were also available at the Council Office and Port Lincoln Library.

Draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030

Number of Submissions : 3

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Draft Volunteer Plan	Comments attached	Refer Attachment 1
2	Draft Volunteer Management Policy	I imagine a lot of time has been put into this plan, costing council a significant amount of money. Typical of many council plans, it contains a lot of irrelevant guff that pre-ceeds the action plan, which has very little real substance in this case. It fails to recognise one inescapable fact - that many people do not volunteer these day because of the complexity of the process (even though many organisations largely manage the process for prospective volunteers). I think the plan could have been far simpler and substantially less costly for council. In the end, we the ratepayers actually pay for all of this.	-
3	Submission - Draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030	Thank you for sending this to our organization. We are in agreement with the draft Volunteer Management Plan 2025-2030 and do not have anything to add or amend.	-

Comments on the Draft Volunteer Management Plan

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan.

I found it easy to read and despite having a focus on Council related activities believe that there is opportunity to incorporate support to all volunteers across the Council region.

It is critical that Volunteers value add to any organisation and not be seen as a hinderance. Port Lincoln as with most regional communities is dependent on volunteer activity and it is critical in the development and maintenance of social capital of the community.

Specific comments related to the Actions identified include

1.6 Partner with peak bodies and training providers to deliver training and capacity building initiatives for Council volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations undertaking projects in partnership with Council

Is this an opportunity to hold a range of free forums during the year based on specific topics for volunteering groups. Potential topics include, governance, reviewing your constitution, meeting ACNC and other reporting issues, WHS, Risk Management, promoting your volunteer body or group, use of social media to enhance your profile

1.8 Actively promote and share volunteering opportunities across our networks — for example, by distributing external volunteering opportunities to the Council's volunteer pool and through our external communication channels (also links to comments for 2.6)

I am unsure if there is an current community group listing or volunteer listing available through Council, the connector/ knowledge broker system is vital for those wanting to look at opportunities locally.

2.4 Explore ways to actively increase the visibility, benefits and impact of volunteering within the community (internal and external opportunities) . For example, implement a 'share your story' initiative in Council's community e-newsletter where volunteers from all local volunteering-involving organisations can share their volunteering experiences

Could a system be established for Share a story whereby the calendar of events ie Aging Week, NAIDOC, Footy finals, be the focus and that groups with Volunteers be asked to submit a story or article that could be used.

IN addition the proposed seniors forum in October could be an opportunity to have displays or information related to volunteer groups or community based groups to encourage members from our aging community to get involved. All these community groups are run by volunteers and it is a great way to meet like minded people by joining a group