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*Leading volunteering in South Australia
and the Northern Territory*

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VOLUNTEERING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA – A HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Volunteering is the time willingly given, for the common good, without financial gain.

Thirty-five years ago, this resolute meaning was the motivation behind two inspiring women who accomplished their dream of establishing a professional volunteering agency matching skills of volunteers to organisations needing volunteers.

Two Adelaide residents, Joy Noble AM and Mavis Reynolds OAM did just that, opening the Volunteer Centre of South Australia in 1982.

Twelve years later, it was renamed Volunteering SA Inc and with the inclusion of the Northern Territory in 2007, it became Volunteering SA&NT – as it is known today.

Volunteering SA&NT continue the vision of its founders, working with individuals, organisations, businesses and communities to lead, advance, grow, promote and celebrate volunteering.

From their first small city office in Franklin Street, potential volunteers would be interviewed in the corridor by either Joy or Mavis. This contrasts with our online and face-to-face referral service today, which matches over 13,000 people every year with suitable volunteering positions.

Evelyn O’Loughlin, CEO since 2008, said that over the years, she has been fortunate enough to hear firsthand some of those amazing pioneering stories of Joy and Mavis, both now 92 years old and still active in their communities, and wanted to make sure that they were captured for future generations.

“To ensure their legacy lives on, I am very proud to launch a commemorative 35 year anniversary video which captures the heartfelt memoirs of Joy and Mavis themselves.

“We were able to source some fantastic photographs through our collection of historical images and documents which feature in this lovely video”, said Ms O’Loughlin.

Today, four out of ten South Australians volunteer* which is the highest number of any Australian State, with an economic value around \$5 billion annually,

The Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Patron of Volunteering SA&NT, hosted the 35th anniversary reception on Wednesday 29 November 2017.

The history and commemorative video is available on Volunteering SA&NT’s website.

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