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A NEW YEAR'S VOLUNTEERING RESOLUTION

With Christmas over for another year, it is time to celebrate the start of a new year and for many, it's a perfect time for new beginnings.

Every year, people make a New Year's resolution – to get fit, to change jobs, to do more for others - and we tend to agree – helping others is a great way to ring in a new year and there is no better time to start volunteering.

Evelyn O'Loughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering SA&NT says that one of her resolutions is to top the one million mark for the number of South Australians volunteering.

“At present, four out of 10 South Australians volunteer which is fantastic, we have the highest number among the States and were two points above the national average.

Volunteering raises the social capital, which in turn, increases the State's economic growth.

“And we need to keep it growing! Ms O'Loughlin said.

Currently it generates around \$5 billion annually to the economy and helps people stay happier and healthier and can even be a pathway to a new career.

There are so many positions available in so many sectors – from the arts and environment to sport and community services.

We have a free referral service where people can come in and meet in person or talk over the phone, with our professional interview team who help match your skills, passion and time available with the hundreds of positions available.

Volunteer positions are easy to find either on our website or on the free WeDo app.

So, whether you currently volunteer, have previously been a volunteer or if you're a first-timer, let's make 2018 count by making South Australia the volunteer state!

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