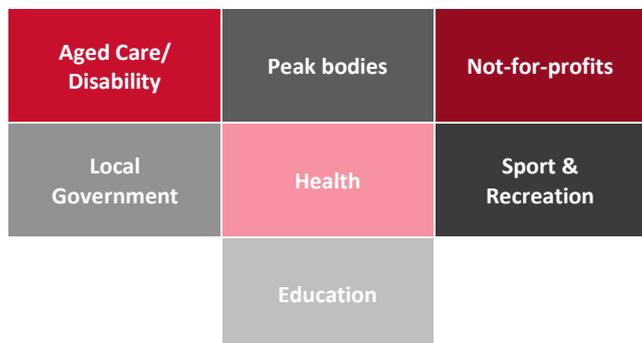
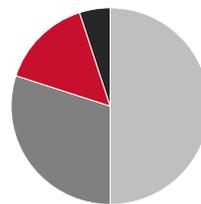


In 2021, Volunteering SA&NT (VSA&NT) asked members and stakeholders about the issues affecting the volunteering sector and the evolving impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members representing various sectors (over 90%)



Major challenges for volunteer programs

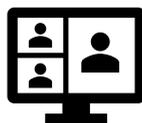


- Changes in the volunteering landscape impacting on service delivery
- Responding and adapting to constantly changing COVID-19 restrictions
- Managing mental health and wellbeing of the workforce
- Loss of revenue and funding

Many respondents stated that since the initial phase of COVID-19 they remained engaged with their volunteers, with many starting to return to their existing roles.



Volunteers had stepped down from their roles



Organisations provided COVID-19 health and wellbeing training and some mandatory SA Health training



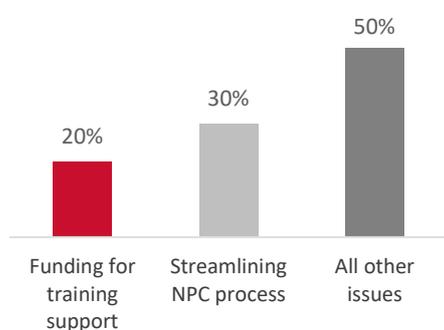
- Targeted campaigns to increase volunteer recruitment
- Volunteer recognition and retention
- Improve communication and engagement with volunteers

What's next for VSA&NT?

The results will inform a range of exciting initiatives that VSA&NT will deliver into the new year to support the sector and advance volunteering across South Australia. This includes:

- ✓ Addressing pressing issues such as building the profile of volunteers in the community and the value they can bring, streamlining the NPC process, and more funding opportunities for training and supporting volunteers.
- ✓ Information on current trends and new ideas for the sector.
- ✓ Forming partnerships to ensure the sector is well supported to continue to engage volunteers.
- ✓ Innovative networking and training opportunities.
- ✓ Increased promotion on VSA&NT services and programs.

Other issues you want us to advocate for



"Smoother and less cumbersome process for obtaining National Police Checks."

"Portability of national police check." "Having a card for police checks as other states do."

"It would be great to see a state-wide corporate volunteering scheme that helped organisations struggling to keep or recruit volunteers, particularly now in times of Covid-19, that non-profits can tap into."

"Increasing the profile of volunteers in the community and the value they can bring."

"Volunteers need access to free baseline training."

"Ongoing funding issues both state and federal to address gaps in the sector."

How can VSA&NT assist organisations to achieve their goals?



Networking, training and promotional opportunities



Support recruiting volunteers



Advocacy to government



Resources, guides and templates