

Sport Volunteer Coalition – Commencement of Year Two

The Sport Volunteer Coalition has had a productive start to 2023. The Coalition has met twice and featured for the first time at Volunteering Australia's National Volunteering Conference.

At its first meeting for 2023, the Coalition reflected on the achievements of 2022 including the launch of the Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan, a highly successful National Volunteer Week campaign, and the delivery of the ASC's first Sport Volunteer of the Year award. Members also noted the growing focus on improving the volunteering experience both across the sport sector, and the broader volunteering ecosystem. The Coalition received a briefing from the ASC on the outcomes of a scan of volunteering support resources across the sport sector, and acknowledged the need to support sporting organisations to access high quality volunteer support resources.

At its second meeting at the end of March, the Coalition:

- Received an update from the ASC on the progress of the National Sport Participation Strategy and noted the potential of the Coalition to support the strategy's development.
- Reflected on our presence at the National Volunteering Conference and extended its gratitude to Volunteering Australia for the opportunity to present a focus on sport volunteering. The Coalition also welcomed the release of the National Strategy for Volunteering (2023 – 2033).
- Noted and discussed the progress of deliverables in the Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan including a 'one stop shop' for best practice volunteering resources, and a future National Sport Volunteer Register.
- Acknowledged the resignation of Jamie Parsons from the Sport Volunteer Coalition and thanked him for his contribution to Coalition.

Preparations are underway for the Coalition's support of National Volunteer Week (15 – 21 May) in collaboration with the ASC, with a focus on celebrating sport volunteers as change makers within their communities.

The Coalition will continue to meet bi-monthly in 2023 and will release its first Annual Report on implementation of the Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan in July 2023.

Sport Volunteer Coalition Members

- Dr Lindsey Reece – Australian Sports Commission (Chair)
- Sarah Wilson – Volunteering Australia
- David Brett – NSW Office of Sport
- Jessica Cook – Department of Tourism, Innovation, and Sport, QLD
- Adam Weir – Surf Life Saving Australia
- Lisa Hasker – Vicsport
- Megan Carr – Golf Australia
- Scott Tutton – Cricket Australia
- Molina Asthana – Multicultural Women in Sport
- Garry West-Bail – Australian Sporting Alliance for People with Disability

