



Volunteering Canterbury
Newsletter
July 2011

Annual General Meeting - Please join us on Wednesday 27 July at 2.30pm, at the Christchurch Bowling Club, 237 Worcester Street (plenty of parking available). City Missioner Michael Gorman will speak about the impact of the ongoing earthquakes on the community, especially the vulnerable. The agenda for the AGM is:

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous A.G.M.
- Annual Report
 - Chairperson
 - Manager
- Audited Accounts for year ended 31 March 2011
- Appointment of Auditor
- Annual Subscriptions
- Election of Trust Board

Please RSVP to VolCan by e-mail or phone (03 366 2442).

We would love to receive nominations for new Board members (by 20 July). Is there someone in your organisation who would be interested? Contact us if you'd like more details.

Volunteer Awareness Week - Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this week, especially those who hosted volunteer 'treats' and those who supported our 'Press' feature. The sessions with Martin J Cowling were much appreciated. Attendees found that he provided inspiration and re-motivation. Martin was intrigued that many of the workshop evaluations expressed gratitude for our having provided a safe venue –something he'd not struck before.

Community Organisations Grants Scheme - Applications are now open and will close on Wednesday 27 July. For information go to www.cdgo.govt.nz

BP Vouchers for Volunteers - Applications for these are now open and close 15 July. To find out more go to www.bp.co.nz

Thanks to the Canterbury Earthquake Community Response Fund (MSD) for funding towards re-establishing our office and holding the workshop and seminar with Martin J Cowling.

Events –

Not-for-profit Managers' Peer Support Group

Friday 15 July 8.30-9.30am

Topic: 'Prioritising post-quake' facilitated by Julie Harker

Venue: Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind, 96 Bristol Street

RSVP to Sue Yorke, manager@supergrans.org.nz

Volunteer Co-ordinators' Network

Thursday 21 July, 12.30 - 2.00pm

'Simple pleasures that sustain us' nb this session will start at 12.30pm sharp.

Venue is Avon Loop Community Cottage, 28 Hurley Street. RSVP to VolCan is essential as soup and bread will be provided.

VC's Social Hour

Thursday 28 July, 9-10am

Volunteer Co-ordinators meet informally for coffee at 277 Barbadoes Street.

RSVP to VolCan.

Board Member Training

Thursday 28 July, early afternoon

Free workshop run by Community Law Canterbury, in Addington. For details e-mail susan@canlaw.org.nz

Learning to Lead Volunteers

Thursday 18 August, 10am-12noon

This two hour workshop will introduce you to essential strategies you need to effectively manage volunteers. Contact us for a registration form. Venue is Avon Loop Community Cottage, 28 Hurley Street, Central city.

We apologise for the brevity and plain text of this Newsletter. We hope soon to be able to return to a fuller hardcopy version.