

We trust that this information will help you to remain actively involved in many projects and future Advancing Whyalla activities.

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## Community Groups respond well to Volunteer Workshop presented by Volunteering SA

Two free workshops aimed at recruiting and maintaining volunteers was presented to community groups of Whyalla and surrounding regions. A diverse



range of organisations were represented at the workshops such as; CFS from Pt Augusta, Respite Care, Lifeline, DPI, Domiciliary Care, Scouts, Air Sea Rescue, St John Volunteers, Whyalla Aged Care, Whyalla Palliative Care, Uniting Church, Red Cross, Advancing Whyalla and more. In total, there were 30 people attending either workshop, that were held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2001 by Kathryn Cunningham from Volunteering SA. The feedback from participants was very positive, most felt the information was very



useful and a number of ideas were generated.

The presenter Kathryn Cunningham explained the support role of Volunteering SA to community groups in South Australia and encourages any organisation having difficulty with volunteering support to contact them.

A Newsletter compiled by Volunteering SA highlights existing workshops and current information about managing a volunteer workforce. These newsletters are available to organisations who request them.



If you would like more information about the volunteers workshop or Volunteering SA, you are welcome to contact Kathryn Cunningham on: (08) 8265-4486 or write to her at PO Box 1254, Port Lincoln SA 5606.

### ADVANCING WHYALLA OFFICE

The Coordinator will be taking holidays between 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive). During this time the Advancing Whyalla office will be unattended. However, an answering machine will record all incoming calls, or please contact one of the other Committee members.



**Customer Service  
Workshops for local  
businesses and their  
employees.**

Advancing Whyalla are currently planning a customer service workshop for the business community.

At present we are discussing with local businesses what they feel are crucial elements to be covered in the workshop as well as areas that will benefit the business community the most.

If you would like to have your thoughts and comments included in this planning process, please contact the Coordinator. All ideas welcome.

If you or employees of your business are interested in attending this workshop, please contact the Coordinator to express an interest.

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEER  
(IYV)  
VOLUNTEER STORYBOOK**

The 'Volunteer Storybook' is a collection of real life stories from volunteers in the Australian community featured on the IYV website (<http://www.iyv2001.gov.au/>).

The storybook offers the chance to read about real Australians volunteering across Australia and overseas. It shows us the diversity of volunteering in Australia, the life and interest of the volunteer and a glimpse of the organisation the volunteer contributes to.

Would you like to contribute YOUR story?  
Do you know a volunteer who has an interesting story to tell?

Advancing Whyalla is coordinating stories from our community to be entered into the Storybook. Stories can be up to 300 words in length and preferably accompanied by a photograph which can be returned on request.

The stories need to contain information about the volunteers like;

- Who they are and the organisation
- What they have done
- Why they do it
- What they and the community achieve through their efforts.

All stories need to be submitted to Advancing Whyalla by:



**Financial Management Workshop  
For  
Clubs and Organisations**

**Saturday 24th March 2001**

**10am – 4pm  
Whyalla TAFE Seminar Room**

This workshop is aimed at Clubs, Groups and Organisations looking to learn more about issues such as budgeting, petty-cash records, bookkeeping and GST.

Participants are required to pay an entry fee of \$25 to assist with the cost of the presenter. Participants will however receive a resource book to the value of \$30.

The workshop is actually a part of a self-paced module available from TAFE and participants will have the opportunity to carry on and complete this self paced module (TAFE fees are already paid for by attend this workshop).

***To confirm you attendance please contact Keren Patrick, Advancing Whyalla Coordinator on (08) 8645 5999.***



**THANK YOU  
FIONA**



It is with regret the Advancing Whyalla committee advises members that we will be losing an integral member of our committee.

Fiona Gardiner (who is a Council representative on the Committee & a Pride group member) will be leaving Whyalla at the end of March to further her career in Adelaide. Although we are happy for Fiona and wish her well for the future, we realise her contribution and commitment to the organisation has been of exceptional value.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fiona for her hard work and dedication she has committed to Advancing Whyalla. Her ability to network and provide support has been exceptional and we wish her the very best for the future.



**Ambassador Kit Almost Complete**



The Pride group have been working very hard to complete the Ambassador Kit program. After a Pride group working bee to construct the Ambassador information Kits and the completion of a training package to induct potential Ambassadors. The Pride group are almost ready to officially launch the Ambassadors Kit program.

As you can see by the current photos members have enjoyed being involved in this project and without their support the Ambassador information kits would not have been produced in such a large number.

Currently the Pride group are planning to provide Advancing Whyalla pin badges to all those who complete the Ambassador Kit training program at a cost of \$2. It is anticipated these pin badges will be available in April.

The Pride group will present the Ambassador Kit and training program at a Council meeting in the near future, making elected members the first official Ambassadors of Whyalla.



**Upcoming Date to Remember**



**COMMUNITY MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday 16th May 2001**

**TIME: 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**VENUE: To be confirmed**

- Official Launch of the Ambassadors Kit & Program
- Presentation of Volunteers Certificates
- Update from each sub-group.

Drinks and a light supper will be provided after meeting.  
All members and potential members welcome.

**RSVP:**  
**To Keren Patrick**  
**By Wednesday 9th May 2001**



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Your thoughts,  
comments, and ideas are  
welcome at any time.

Henry Ford once made  
comment while making a  
team to build his cars

"Getting together is the  
Beginning.

Keeping together is the  
Process.

Working together is the  
success"

## Upcoming Dates To Remember Continued

### You are invited to participate in an Aerial Photograph

containing as many volunteers as possible from the Whyalla  
community. The photo will be taken at:



Jubilee Park  
on  
Sunday 13th May 2001  
(Mother's Day)  
At



11am

*This activity is in recognition of the contribution volunteers make in the Whyalla community,  
as part of celebrations during the International Year of Volunteers and National Volunteers  
Week.*

*This has been an initiative of the Advancing Whyalla Human Services Group.*

## We Need Your Help!!

Do You have a flair  
for graphic designs  
and producing  
leaflets?

### Then we need you!!

The Renewable  
Industries group have  
recently produced an  
information leaflet that  
will be distributed to the  
community on ways to  
save energy and  
reduce costs around  
the home.

The group have  
compiled all the  
information that will be  
published in the leaflet  
but they need someone  
who is artistically

talented to help them  
p r e s e n t t h e  
information, add some  
graphics and help them  
design a professional  
leaflet.

If you would like to  
assist the Renewable  
Industries Group  
please contact either  
the Coordinator at the  
Advancing Whyalla  
office or Trevor Toomer  
on 86453206.

### **Aerial photograph of Whyalla's Volunteers**

As well as being a part  
of the Aerial

photograph, we need  
Advancing Whyalla  
members to help out  
on the day.

We are looking for  
people willing to be  
traffic wardens or  
helpers to assist  
people into the  
formation that will be  
marked out on the  
lawn.

The formation will be:

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If you would like to help  
out please contact the  
coordinator and  
express your interest.