

# OzVPM Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the OzVPM monthly newsletter update for June 2010 - an email based newsletter keeping you informed of the latest news and developments at [www.ozvpm.com](http://www.ozvpm.com)



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Edition**

## Happy Birthday to us!

During June, OzVPM turns eight years old!

Its been fascinating to see what has changed in the world of volunteerism since 2002. There is now far more involvement in volunteering by the government and the corporate sector and the range of resources that are available to support volunteer managers has certainly grown and improved.

Sadly, during the corresponding period there are also many things which have not improved at all and for all the great efforts that many people have made, volunteer management still appears to be a profession in its infancy. While there are many reasons for this (which I won't get into here), I am constantly encouraged by those who believe so greatly in the impact which volunteers can make, and the difference which sound and robust volunteer management practices contribute to that process.

A big call out to the group of volunteer managers, who along with Volunteering New Zealand's support, are continuing to develop some great strategies about how the profession can be better recognised in that country. If you are a Kiwi and would like to be involved in this exciting new initiative, contact Sue at [shindig@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:shindig@slingshot.co.nz) or Claire at [cab.wncen@extra.co.nz](mailto:cab.wncen@extra.co.nz)

While National Volunteer Week is over in Australia for another year, our colleagues in New Zealand are gearing up for their national Volunteer Awareness Week later in June (20th–26th). Once both of these events are out of the way, it is time again to turn our attention to ways we might all celebrate International Volunteer managers Day on November 5.

Let me encourage you all to share your plans for this important event for 2010

Speaking of sharing stories, let me encourage you all to read this month's Hot Topic which has been contributed by guest writer Shane Fisher. Once you read Shane's challenge you'll see that this is a Hot Topic with a difference - and again I encourage you all to share your own experiences

Andy Fryar - Founder and Director ~ OzVPM



## ...SPREAD THE WORD

Please feel free to pass this newsletter along to others that you think might benefit from knowing a little more about OzVPM and the work we do. To subscribe to this monthly newsletter simply send a blank email to [subscribe@ozvpm.com](mailto:subscribe@ozvpm.com)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or if you believe we can assist you or your agency in any way.

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## WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE

Since launching the Volunteer<sup>2</sup> software across Australia and NZ last year, OzVPM has been thrilled with the success of the product

So we have now taken the step of creating a home page especially for our Oz and NZ clients

[www.volunteer2.com.au](http://www.volunteer2.com.au)

Visit us soon and learn more about our services

## Joining the OzVPM Newsgroup

Founded in 2002, the OzVPM newsgroup is the largest online VM forum in the Southern Hemisphere, boasting more than 500 members

To join, visit the groups homepage at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ozvpm/> and sign up for (or use an existing) Yahoo ID OR Simply send a blank email to [ozvpmsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ozvpmsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

*We look forward to having you join us*

## NEED A VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT DATABASE?

OzVPM is the official Australian and New Zealand distributor of the Volunteer<sup>2</sup> database system, and this month we have launched our very own localised website, which you can find at [www.volunteer2.com.au](http://www.volunteer2.com.au)



Volunteer<sup>2</sup> has three different products which we promote:

- Volunteer Impact - primarily for single sited programs
- Volunteer Umbrella – which links together multiple Impact accounts
- Community Hub – For use with Volunteer Centres

Obligation free demonstrations regarding the Volunteer<sup>2</sup> program can be arranged for all Australian and New Zealand agencies who are interested—from the comfort of your office chair!

If you are interested in learning more about Volunteer<sup>2</sup> or would like to arrange an obligation free demonstration, please contact Andy Fryar at [andy@ozvpm.com](mailto:andy@ozvpm.com).



## June / July Hot Topic

*"It all started  
when"*

This month we welcome another new guest Hot Topic author to OzVPM. Shane Fisher has been a recent contributor to the OzVPM newsgroup and we invited him to share some thoughts.

What Shane has done is provided us with a Hot Topic with a difference - encouraging you all to think about how you got into the field and to share your own experiences

Read Shanes hot topic at  
<http://www.ozvpm.com/hottopics.php>  
and don't forget to respond with your own experiences



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*You can visit our bookstore at  
[www.ozvpmbookstore.com](http://www.ozvpmbookstore.com)*

TITLES AVAILABLE INCLUDE:



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2010 National Volunteering Conference**  
October 27—29, 2010, Melbourne

**21st World Volunteering Conference**  
January 24—27, 2011  
Resorts World Hotel, Sentosa Island, Singapore

**2011 Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management**  
New Zealand  
May 2011  
(exact venue and dates TBC)



**INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MANAGERS DAY 2010 is getting closer - what do you have planned?**

# OzVPM TRAINING SERVICES

OzVPM Founder Andy Fryar is available to conduct volunteer management training workshops around Australia.

We are currently taking bookings for the remainder of 2010 and also 2011 and we welcome all inquiries. We will be in New Zealand throughout July and August of this year and in the USA and New Zealand during May of 2011. Why not see if we can help give your conference an international touch.

Please contact Andy if he can be of assistance to your agency, network or conference committee.



## AROUND THE TRAPS

### VOLUNTEER AWARENESS WEEK BEING CELEBRATED IN NZ!



Volunteer Awareness Week is being celebrated this month, during the week of June 20 - 26. Kiwi readers can collect their VAWWeek promotional goods by contacting the Volunteering NZ Office. During the week, the Hon Tariana Turia (the NZ Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector) will launch the much anticipated report of the survey of Managers of Volunteer Services which has been undertaken by Victoria University's Thorndon Campus.

Watch this space for more info next month

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY

If you would like to keep up to date with developments to do with the National Volunteering Strategy, let me encourage you to join [www.volunteering2021.ning.com](http://www.volunteering2021.ning.com). The site has been established by Senator Ursula Stephens and it is a great vehicle to have your say on a range of issues

### BLOG ANYONE

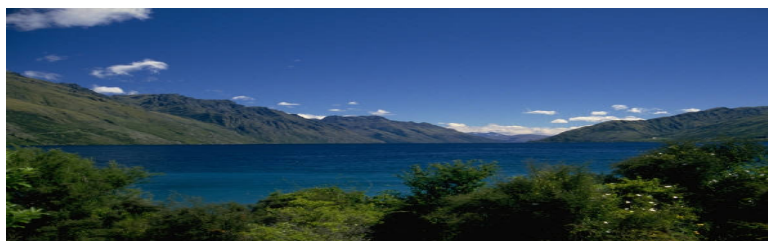
In case you have some spare time, there are plenty of volunteerism blogs popping up all the time now, and while we don't have a featured list on the OzVPM site (yet), our partners at Energize have a long list of them. You can find them all at <http://energizeinc.com/prof/blogs.html>

### ANDY FRYAR WORKSHOPS IN NEW ZEALAND

Volunteering New Zealand and Volunteers Centres right across the country will be hosting a series of workshops by OzVPM Director and Founder Andy Fryar during July and August

Dates and locations are as follows, and bookings can be made by contacting the local Volunteer Centre:

- July 19 - Auckland
- July 20 - Hamilton
- July 26 - Gisborne
- July 29 - Whanganui
- July 30 - Wellington
- August 3 - Nelson
- August 4 - Greymouth
- August 9 - Invercargill
- August 10 - Christchurch



Andy will also be conducting a **FREE demonstration** of the Volunteer2 database software while in Christchurch on Friday August 6. The session will be held in the Ballroom at Nurse Maude, 24 McDougall Ave, Merivale and you can book your place by contacting Sue Kobar at Nurse Maude on 03—375 4230 or [suek@nursemaude.org.nz](mailto:suek@nursemaude.org.nz). **Don't miss out on your**

**chance to view this great product first hand**