

Volunteer Newsletter April 2018



A word from Brett, CEO

Hello and welcome to April edition of our Volunteer Newsletter,



Entries are now open for the 2018 Eisteddfod can you believe and there's already over 2500 of them, with just a lazy 4500 to go! I must admit this time of the year does make me a little bit nervous as strong entry numbers are crucial. As always, once the school holidays are over numbers will start to build again.

To promote entries we've created a new TV ad in conjunction with Ballarat based Ad Media. Thanks to Ballarat Grammar and the Mechanics Institute for their help in making it. It goes to air on the WIN TV network.

We've been working hard to secure sponsors for 2018 and so far things are going to plan with ACU back as our major debating partner, Schimmel return to support Pianoforte and UFS are once again backing our Calisthenics. In fact UFS have supported RSSS for 25 years this year!

Thanks to those who attended our dinner at The Golden City last week, the company and food was great! Fiona is planning further pre-season happenings so keep an eye on your email inbox.

Planning is ramping up for our move from Her Majesty's to Founders this year, so far all who've seen the venue agree that it will make a good home away from home. If you'd like a sneak peek special volunteer tours are planned in May and June.

Thanks in advance to the volunteers who have put their hand up for board positions this year, all will be revealed at the AGM this Thursday night. If you're coming make sure you say hello at the RACV Goldfields Resort. The RACV are another returning sponsor.

Finally, Indimax have been working hard to supply promotional video's for all disciplines recently.

Until next month.

Cheers,
Brett



CVI Timing Training

Anyone who is interested in timing for Calisthenics must attend training that is CVI credited. We will be running 2 sessions this year (only need to attend one and you are credited for 5 years), the dates are Thursday 31st May and Thursday 28th June at 5.30pm in our office.

Congratulations



To Mary-Rose McLaren (Board member and Discipline chair) who was awarded as a Ballarat's Greatest women Honoree.





A word from Fiona, Volunteer Coordinator

Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a good Easter and are enjoying the beautiful weather. I had a very quiet Easter Sunday. My boys were up very early (thanks to the change in daylight savings on the same day) and were very excited that “Easter bunny” came. I would have to say that chocolate is one of my favourite foods, so I’m in my element at the moment! One of my favourite quotes is “write a to-do list and on the top of it write must eat chocolate then something will be ticked off for the day” so I am getting lots ticked off my list at the moment 😊.

I can’t believe that its April already which means the countdown is on with the start of the competitions a little over 3 months away! It has been very busy behind the scenes at the office as we plan to move to Founders, we have had a number of tours for the calisthenics and dance schools and as Brett mentioned everyone is pleased with the venue. I will be having tours designed for you as a volunteer on Tuesday 29th May at 10.30am and Tuesday 12th June at 6.00pm, these tours will go through where everything will be set up go through each role and where they will be positioned You will have a chance to ask questions and to familiarise yourself with the venue. Some roles will change slightly to HMT and I have added in some new roles. All of this is being finalized and once the discipline chairs have a look I will let you all know what roles are needed. I will also have information on each venue so hopefully it is easier for you all when a patron asks a question you will be able to guide them in the right direction.

The link below is the tentative timetable with dates and venues. Please note that the dates may change pending on the number of entries. If you do have any questions at anytime please don’t hesitate to contact me fiona@royalsouthstreet.com.au or 5332 1054.

Volunteer Social Events

Since the last newsletter we have had 2 volunteer social events, the first event in March was held at the Geoffrey Blainey Research Centre, FedUni, where we enjoyed explanations from Clare Gervasoni on how historical data is kept and looked at a number of items that were RSSS related. Below is Les Holloway and Clare with a 1934 hand painted poster promoting bands.

Last week we caught up for dinner at Golden City with about 24 people attending. It was great to see everyone in a relaxed environment before the business of the Comps start.



I sent out a Calendar of events until July this year (copy is below as well). Our next event is the AGM this Thursday 19th at the RACV Goldfield Resort Creswick starting at 6.00pm, hope to see you there.

In May we are planning to have a behind the scenes tour of the Gold Museum (date to be confirmed) and it is National Volunteer Week 21st to 27th May where there will be a number of events happening finishing off with the Festival of Volunteering on the Saturday at Housey Housey.

I am also organising a group blood donation in May with more information will be provided in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested please send me a email for an expression of interest so I can have an idea of numbers.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Jill and Kel Hobby and Virginia Wise who joined as volunteers last month.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

I challenge all of you to invite one person to become a volunteer this year. That isn't hard! Induction sessions will start later this month and will be once a month until competitions, the dates are below. However if anyone has any questions you are more than welcome to contact me at any stage.

Induction Dates:

Tuesday 24th April

Tuesday 29th May

Tuesday 26th June

Tuesday 24th July

All inductions commence at 5.30pm, will run for 1 hour and will be held in the RSSS board room (Level 1 Eureka House, 11 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Calendar of events

May –

Volunteer Social event - Behind the scenes Tour of the Gold Museum (Date to be confirmed)

Blood Donation (Group booking), Australia Red Cross, La Trobe Street. (Details to be confirmed)

CVI training (Timing for Calisthenics) (Details to be confirmed)

21st – 27th - National Volunteer week

26th Festival of Volunteering - St. Patricks hall from 10am.

29th Volunteer tour of Founder Hall 10.30am

29th New Volunteer induction 5.30pm

June –

CVI training (Timing for Calisthenics) (Details to be confirmed)

Morning tea and Movie at Showbiz Cinemas (Date to be confirmed)

Availabilities will start to be sent out

12th Volunteer tour of Founder Hall 6.00pm

26th New Volunteer induction 5.30pm

July

Volunteer Launch (Date to be Confirmed but will be w/c 9th July)

Competitions start 20th July with the Herald Sun Aria heats.

