

Volunteer Story from Amanda Milton



My husband and I moved to Ballarat at the end of 2004, we wanted to buy a home but could not afford Melbourne. We purchased our first home in Sebastopol & now live in Mount Clear.

Royal South Street has always held a special place in my heart because I come from a music background, my younger brother Tim and sister Catherine both performed in the competition when they were in primary/secondary school. I have been involved in Royal South Street for 15 years as an usher. My most memorable moment was meeting a lady I had not seen for over 20 years! We worked together at AMP.

I am also a volunteer at Sovereign Hill, I have my costume, I play music there, I have had my photo taken 1000's of times & meet people from all around the globe.

This year I had the privilege of taking part as a volunteer for the T20 women's cricket world cup. Basically, I was one of 20 volunteers chosen out of 100's of applicants.

The series was held at the Junction Oval – so I caught the train from here to Melbourne. Tram from Bourke Street to St Kilda Tram stop 10min. Then a short walk to Junction Oval and $\frac{3}{4}$ lap around Junction oval to the office to start the day. During the matches, my role was to rove around the ground talking to people, making them feel welcome, using all of my skills from Sovereign Hill. I did find it tiring at times however I was able to sit down as often as I liked. I must add when the Indian Team supporters arrived, I had the photo with the mascot and then my co-worker who is Indian suggested we dance with them!! Heaps of fun!! No co-ordination from me!!

During the tournament I met some of the ladies from the original women's 50 over world cup cricket team including the captain Raylee Thompson that toured England in 1973, The 1973 Women's Cricket World Cup was the first tournament of its kind, held two years before the first limited overs World Cup for men in 1975. The competition was won by the hosts, England. [1] The competition was the brainchild of businessman Sir Jack Hayward, who contributed £40,000 towards its costs

I am looking forward to the Men's competition in 2021/2022 Geelong is where the round matches will be held, then the MCG for big matches for example Australia's matches. As volunteers we are involved with both venues.

I am also involved in my local church and the Ballarat Choral Society too.

Thanks Amanda, it is always nice to hear about what other organisations our volunteers, volunteer for. Our world would not work without our volunteers.