



**BVRC**

Boroondara Volunteer  
Resource Centre



**Volunteering  
opportunities  
for young  
people**

**Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, connect with other people and make a difference in your community.**

There are heaps of opportunities for young people in Boroondara to contribute to a cause you care about.

Please reach out to any organisations directly using the contact details in this directory.



**‘Volunteering has been really good for my mental health and I feel more connected to the community.’**

**Alex Podger-Devine**  
Volunteer

**'Try new things and give it a go  
because if you do not give it a go,  
you will never know what it is like.'**



**Brenton Ponza**  
Volunteer, GoZone Gymnastics

# Volunteering opportunities

## Community services

### Ashburton Community Centre

Help run a range of events, including Ashburton Community Festival, Ashburton A-Fair and Ashburton Bookfest.

Age: 15+  
Location: Ashburton  
Phone: 9885 7952  
Email: [manager@ashburtoncc.org.au](mailto:manager@ashburtoncc.org.au)  
Website: [www.ashburtoncc.org.au](http://www.ashburtoncc.org.au)

### Boroondara Youth Voice

Join Youth Voice to share your ideas and help shape opportunities for young people in Boroondara.

Age: 12 to 17  
Location: Hawthorn  
Phone: 9278 4608  
Email: [youth@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@boroondara.vic.gov.au)

### Canterbury Toy Library

Help provide high-quality educational toys to families with young children in Boroondara.

Age: No minimum age. Volunteers under 15 years require parent or guardian supervision.  
Location: Canterbury  
Phone: 0477 517 553  
Email: [admin@canterburytoylibrary.com.au](mailto:admin@canterburytoylibrary.com.au)  
Website: [www.canterburytoylibrary.com.au/volunteer-duty](http://www.canterburytoylibrary.com.au/volunteer-duty)

### Craig Family Centre

Help deliver a range of programs and activities for the community.

Age: 14+  
Location: Ashburton  
Phone: 9885 7789  
Email: [communityprograms@craigfc.org.au](mailto:communityprograms@craigfc.org.au)  
Website: [www.craigfc.org.au](http://www.craigfc.org.au)

### HOPE Community Op Shop

Support operations of the op shop that raises money for local food banks and refugees in Australia.

Age: 16+  
Location: Balwyn  
Phone: 9816 7100  
Email: [info@sthils.com](mailto:info@sthils.com)

### Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Volunteer roles range from administration and general support to program support.

Age: 15+  
Location: Kew  
Phone: 9853 3126  
Email: [fiona.love@kewnlc.org.au](mailto:fiona.love@kewnlc.org.au)  
Website: [www.kewnlc.org.au](http://www.kewnlc.org.au)

### Kew Toy Library

Help to check and clean toys that have been loaned to local families.

Age: 15+  
Location: Kew  
Phone: 0492 949 738  
Website: [www.kewtoylibrary.org.au](http://www.kewtoylibrary.org.au)

### Rotary Club of Canterbury

Get involved packaging food for the 'For a Meal' program.

Age: 15+  
Location: Canterbury  
Phone: 0438 489 032  
Email: [rob.simpson@canterburyrotary.org](mailto:rob.simpson@canterburyrotary.org)  
Website: [www.canterburyrotary.org](http://www.canterburyrotary.org)

### Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Help run the Surrey Hills Music Festival event in February.

Age: 16+  
Location: Surrey Hills  
Phone: 9890 2467  
Email: [manager@surreyhillssnc.org.au](mailto:manager@surreyhillssnc.org.au)  
Website: [www.surreyhillssnc.org.au/volunteer](http://www.surreyhillssnc.org.au/volunteer)

## Environment & sustainability

### City of Boroondara Friends Groups

Participate in working bees, gardening and weeding activities in parks and open spaces.

Age: No minimum age. Parent or guardian supervision required for anyone under the age of 18.

Location: various

Website: [www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/local-environment-groups](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/local-environment-groups)

### FoodFilled

Help transport leftover food from local supermarkets and cafes to a charity in need.

Age: 16+ with a Driver's Licence or Learners Permit. Vehicle and driving supervisor required.

Location: various

Phone: 0483 950 090

Email: [info@foodfilled.org](mailto:info@foodfilled.org)

Website: [www.foodfilled.org/volunteer](http://www.foodfilled.org/volunteer)

### Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery

Support planting and gardening activities at the cemetery.

Age: 16+

Location: Kew

Email: [kewcem@gmail.com](mailto:kewcem@gmail.com)

### RSPCA

Help with animal handling at a local shelter.

Age: 16+

Location: Burwood

Phone: 9224 2283

Email: [volunteer@rspcavic.org.au](mailto:volunteer@rspcavic.org.au)

Website: [www.rspcavic.org](http://www.rspcavic.org)

## Healthcare

### headspace

Join the Youth Advisory Group to raise awareness about mental health and encourage young people to seek help early.

Age: 16+

Location: Hawthorn and Malvern

Phone: 9006 6500

Email: [headspace.enquiries@accesshc.org.au](mailto:headspace.enquiries@accesshc.org.au)

### LifeBlood

Support blood donors at a local blood donation centre by chatting and providing snacks.

Age: 16+

Location: Camberwell

Email: [daprea@redcrossblood.org.au](mailto:daprea@redcrossblood.org.au)

Website: [www.lifeblood.com.au/donors/other-ways-to-help/volunteer](http://www.lifeblood.com.au/donors/other-ways-to-help/volunteer)



## Seniors & aged care

### **Baptcare**

Provide companionship to older people living in aged care.

Age: 14+  
Location: Camberwell  
Phone: 03 9831 7222  
Email: [info@baptcare.org.au](mailto:info@baptcare.org.au)  
Website: [www.baptcare.org.au](http://www.baptcare.org.au)

### **VMCH**

Volunteer in the op shop or engage with residents in aged care.

Age: 15+  
Location: Balwyn  
Email: [volunteers@vmch.com.au](mailto:volunteers@vmch.com.au)  
Website: [www.vmch.com.au](http://www.vmch.com.au)

## Sport & recreation

### **Girl Guides Victoria, Boroondara District**

Junior leaders are needed to assist with running activities and supporting younger Girl Guides.

Age: 15+  
Location: Kew, Canterbury, Camberwell and Ashburton  
Email: [boroondara@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:boroondara@guidesvic.org.au)  
Website: [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au)

### **Scouts Victoria, Boroondara District**

Help young people gain skills for life through activities and adventures. Membership fees may apply.

Age: 16+  
Location: Camberwell  
Phone: 0438 511 334  
Email: [dc.boroondara@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:dc.boroondara@scoutsvictoria.com.au)  
Website: [www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/join-the-adventure/volunteer-in-scouts](http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/join-the-adventure/volunteer-in-scouts)

### **Special Olympics Melbourne Inner East**

Volunteer in a team, participate at one-off events, or help in a sports program.

Age: 13+  
Location: various  
Email: [melbourneinnereast.membership@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:melbourneinnereast.membership@specialolympics.com.au)  
Website: [www.specialolympics.com.au/find-a-sport-near-me/vic/melbourne-inner-east](http://www.specialolympics.com.au/find-a-sport-near-me/vic/melbourne-inner-east)

## Contact us

### Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre

We're here to help you find the perfect volunteering role.

Phone **9278 4550**

Email **[bvrc@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:bvrc@boroondara.vic.gov.au)**

Website **[www.bvrc.org.au](http://www.bvrc.org.au)**

Facebook **Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre**

LinkedIn **Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre**

Subscribe to our volunteering eNews for all the latest information and events.

To explore all volunteer opportunities on offer, visit **[volunteer.boroondara.vic.gov.au](http://volunteer.boroondara.vic.gov.au)**

For further support, large school groups or structured work experience enquiries, please contact our team at the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre.



### Boroondara Youth

Get in touch with us for more programs, services and events for young people who live, work or study in Boroondara.

Phone **9278 4608**

Email **[youth@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@boroondara.vic.gov.au)**

Website **[boroondara.vic.gov.au/youth](http://boroondara.vic.gov.au/youth)**

Facebook **Boroondara Youth**

Instagram **@boroondarayouth**

