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Dear Ms Cook

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 5 February 2019, seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS, SAHT, SAHA or Ministerial Paper 18MHS/0726.

Two documents were located that fit within the scope of your request and I have determined to release these documents in full. Please find enclosed a copy of the documents released, and a document schedule containing a brief description of each document and determination in summary form.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may/will be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Fiona Braendler, Senior FOI Officer, on telephone 8413 9094 or by email at DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au. If you disagree with publication, you will need to advise the Senior FOI Officer within two weeks of the date of this determination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Schutz'.

Matthew Schutz
ACCREDITED FOI OFFICER

26 / 02 / 2019

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – DHS/19/02742

Freedom of information application from Nat Cook MP seeking access to copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical and electronic material) regarding DHS, SAHT, SAHA or Ministerial Paper 18MHS/0726.

No	Author	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	Susan Maiorana, Chief Policy Officer, Community Services	23/10/2018	Briefing – 18MHS/0726 - Invitation to Attend and Present at the Volunteering SA&NT Annual General Meeting on 25 October 2018	Released in full	No exempt material
2.			Attachment 1 to Document 1 – Draft speaking notes	Released in full	No exempt material


18MHS/0726



Government of South Australia
Department of Human Services

TO MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES
RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND AND PRESENT AT THE VOLUNTEERING SA&NT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 25 OCTOBER 2018

Decision/action required by: 25 / 10 / 2018
Reason: Event date

Recommendation	Response
1. That you note this briefing and draft speech notes in preparation for your attendance at the 2018 Volunteering SA&NT Annual General Meeting, 25 October 2018.	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
Comments:	 Hon Michelle Lensink MLC 23/10/2018

PURPOSE

The purpose of this briefing is to provide you with background information and speaking notes prior to your attendance at the Volunteering SA&NT Annual General Meeting breakfast on Thursday 25 October 2018.

KEY POINTS

- Ms Evelyn O'Loughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering SA&NT, has invited you to attend the Annual General Meeting breakfast event, to be held on Thursday 25 October 2018, from 7.00am to 9.00am at the Adelaide Pavilion on South Terrace.
- For any queries or to RSVP, please contact Ms O'Loughlin's Executive Assistant, Ms Deb Haworth. Email: deb.haworth@volunteering-sa-nt.org.au
- Draft speaking notes are provided (attachment 1).

RISKS/SENSITIVITIES nil

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DISCUSSION

Volunteering SA&NT

Volunteering SA&NT (VSA&NT) is a membership-based organisation that plays a key role in advancing the volunteer sector in South Australia. The organisation is active in the advocacy, promotion and research of volunteering in South Australia, and at a national level.

VSA&NT was formed by Joy Noble and Mavis Reynolds in 1982, as the Volunteer Centre of South Australia. Their mission is to promote and celebrate volunteering and play a key leadership role for volunteers and over 2,000 volunteer organisations.

The Chair of the VSA&NT Board, Ms Karen Buenger, has been on the Board since 2009 and previously served as President on the Australasian Association for Managers of Volunteers board. Karen has over 15 years of experience in different fields of volunteer management, and is committed to supporting volunteer managers. She currently works for Better Impact Australia, supporting organisations to better manage their volunteers. Karen has an Advanced Diploma in Volunteer Management and other management qualifications.

VSA&NT, as with other state bodies such as Volunteering Queensland and Volunteering Victoria, provides support to Volunteering Australia's national initiatives, including the review and promotion of the National Standards for Involving Volunteers in Not-For-Profit Organisations, the completion of a revised Definition of Volunteering, and the promotion of National Volunteer week in May each year.

The event

The event is the VSA&NT Annual General Meeting breakfast. The VSA&NT Board, staff, volunteers and member organisations, all of whom represent a broad cross-section of the volunteer sector, will attend the AGM. You are invited to give a short address, welcome guests and acknowledge the work happening in South Australia to progress volunteering in this state.

This year, the keynote speaker is Rachael Zaltron, General Manager of Backpacks 4 SA Kids. This organisation supports newborn babies, through to teenagers, who are placed into foster or emergency care. Backpacks are filled with useful items, in the hope of reducing some of the stress and anxiety of being taken from home, Rachael has a background in nursing and is passionate about this work and making a difference to those around her.

BUDGET

Are there financial implications

No

Division	Community Services Directorate	
Chief Innovation Officer	Chris Karvountzis	<i>[Signature]</i> 23/10/18 signature
A/Director	Paul Tsoundarou	<i>[Signature]</i> 25/10/18 signature
Deputy Chief Executive	Lois Boswell	<i>[Signature]</i> 25/10/18 signature

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft speaking notes

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SPEECH NOTES



**Government
of South Australia**

Annual General Meeting Volunteering SA&NT

Acknowledgements:

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese
Ms Nat Cook MP, Chairperson, Shadow Minister for Volunteers
Ms Karen Buenger, Chairperson, Volunteering SA&NT
Ms Evelyn O'Loughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering SA&NT

- I would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with the country. I also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.
- VIPs attending: The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese; Ms Nat Cook MP, Chairperson, Shadow Minister for Volunteers; Ms Karen Buenger, Chairperson, Volunteering SA&NT; Ms Evelyn O'Loughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering SA&NT.
- Thank you for inviting me to join you this morning and to address your 2018 Annual General Meeting. It is a privilege and a pleasure to be here with you all!
- As the Minister for Human Services, I would firstly like to acknowledge the founders of this organisation ... Joy Noble and Mavis Reynolds who, in 1982, opened the Volunteer Centre of South Australia.
- Without their vision, dedication and hard work, I imagine volunteering in South Australia would not be as prolific nor as well recognised, valued or organised as it is today.

- I would especially like to acknowledge the work done by Volunteering SA&NT to advance volunteering in the South Australian community, as well as influencing public policy at a national level.
- Volunteering SA&NT, as with other state bodies such as Volunteering Queensland and Volunteering Victoria, supports Volunteering Australia's national initiatives and policy advocacy.
- This includes reviewing volunteer guidelines and promoting National Volunteer week in May each year.
- I am aware that Volunteering SA&NT has had many highlights over the past 12 months, including celebrating the organisation's 35th anniversary. What a wonderful achievement!
- According to Harrison Research, the 2016 Volunteering in South^[ML(1)] Australia Survey Report shows that an estimated 68% of South Australians volunteer...what an extraordinary contribution!
- In terms of numbers, this equates to 920,000 people between the ages of 15-84 years, who contribute an estimated 1.76 million volunteer hours per week.

- I am particularly encouraged to learn that 21% of young people aged between 15-24 engage in formal volunteering.
- This is a significant increase from the 2014 survey that registered 14% in this age group.
- The Government of South Australia is committed to recognising the incredibly important contribution that volunteers make to the community, and to making it easier for people to volunteer.
- To this end, from 1 November 2018, all Department of Human Services screenings for volunteers, including volunteering with children and vulnerable people, will be free.
- Not only will this remove a potential barrier to volunteering, but it will contribute to making the community safer for everyone.
- As the Minister for Human Services, I am also pleased to confirm the Government's continued support for the Volunteering Strategy for South Australia beyond 2020.

- As members would be aware, this strategy is a world first partnership and a unique collaboration between State Government, the Local Government Association, Business SA and, of course, Volunteering SA&NT.
- The Volunteering Strategy aims to: build the capacity of volunteer involving organisations, promote the benefits of volunteering, raise the profile of volunteering, and lead the practice of high quality standards through continuous improvement and advocacy.
- I am particularly excited to hear about the '*Curriculum of Giving*' pilot program, that aims to embed volunteering practices in all school curriculums.
- Led by the Department of Education, this work began and continues with involvement from the Volunteering Strategy, and is highly regarded.
- The potential to expand this work into schools across South Australia is significant. Imagine the impact of all students volunteering!

- Over the past 12 months, Volunteer Services (or the Office for Volunteers as it was known for many years), has continued to fund the WeDo Volunteering smartphone app, and has allocated approximately \$1m in grant funding to support volunteering in South Australia.
- This has helped Volunteering SA&NT with administrative costs and to support the corporate volunteering program.
- One-off grants are provided to volunteer-involving organisations through Grants SA, which is open for a number of funding rounds throughout the year.
- Youth volunteering is also a focus for the Government, and the Department funds programs that support both volunteering and young people including: the Youth Scholarship program; the UniSA Sustainable Online Community Engagement program; and the Community Voices program, run in collaboration with Flinders University.
- The Government manages a number of initiatives that recognise the contribution of volunteers in South Australia, including:
 - the South Australian Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

- The Premier's Certificate for Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service; and
 - Hosting the Volunteers Day celebration event in June each year, which incorporates the presentation of the South Australian Volunteer Awards.
- There are many opportunities ahead for all of us, particularly as trends and people's volunteering habits are changing.
 - We need to better understand and nurture young people's motivation for volunteering – including those in regional areas.
 - It is vital that we communicate and build better messages that resonate with young people, particularly around life experience and personal and professional development benefits.
 - If we can also foster organisational cultures that promote new incentives for volunteering, new modes of engagement between stakeholders, and workplaces that promote and embrace diversity, I believe that our community sector will be well prepared for the future.
 - Once again, thank you for inviting me here this morning.

- I wish you all the best and hope you have an enjoyable breakfast networking with like-minded individuals and friends.

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