

Volunteer Opportunities at SPDL

We are always looking for more volunteers – we're sure there is a role here for YOU!

DayLinks Drivers: cars and mini-buses – minimum of a half day commitment, usually weekly. Vehicles and training provided. Mostly weekdays of short trips in and around the City of Port Phillip, but some weekend excursions go further afield.

PetLinks: Dog-walking, dog and cat grooming, transporting animals to the vet: weekends, mornings and evenings as well as weekdays

GardenMates: Gardening assistance to clients who are unable to maintain their garden: no heavy work or mowing involved: weekdays and weekends

WalkMates: Take a stroll with someone and keep fit as you help another member of the community.

InfoLink: Market Stall (Fridays) and SPDL Reception: Market Stall – help to set up and pull down and to maintain supply of community information; Reception – answer phone, take bookings, liaise with drivers and clients: office open 8am – 5pm weekdays: hours to suit

Committee of Management: SPDL Committee of Management is a small friendly team that provides governance and direction to the organisation through the Executive Officer. Meetings monthly early evening for 1-2 hours, plus some weekend commitment (once or twice per year). Some other duties depending on role (e.g. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)

More information about SPDL, our programs and volunteer roles is available on our website: <http://www.spdl.org.au>.

If you are interested in any of these roles please call us on 9646 6362, or email Mary (our Coordinator of Volunteers): maryk@spdl.org.au.



National Volunteer Week Function

Thanks to the Port Melbourne Bowling Club for allowing us to use their premises for our annual National Volunteer Week "Thank You" function for our Volunteers.

The food was great and an enjoyable time was had by all.



Taxing times?

SPDL Inc is ATO endorsed as an Income Tax Exempt Charity and Deductible Gift Recipient for donations of \$2 and over.

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From the Chairperson

Well, winter is upon us, and it is time for our annual planning day, where the Committee and staff prepare for the coming 12 months. We are hoping to be able to consider some expansion of services (funding permitting) and to joining our clients and volunteers for a fun time at our 21st Anniversary celebrations in October (more news of that in the next newsletter).

We are pleased to report that the Victorian Government (through the Department of Human Services Home and Community Care program) has advised that our service agreement and our funding will be rolled over for 3 years. One of the big items on the agenda for the Committee for the next 12 months however will be fundraising: while the funding from the Government covers our staffing and volunteer costs, the need to raise money to replace our vehicles and to keep them on the road never goes away.

Another important issue is the recruitment of new members to the Committee of Management. Several long serving members are wanting to retire, so we need to encourage others to join the Committee and to help keep SPDL vital and refreshed. Please consider joining the Committee if you think it is relevant and appropriate for you.

Our last Sunday lunch was an enjoyable day: our next one is planned for the end of July. Until next time, kind regards,
Catherine

H1N1 (Swine) Influenza and Seasonal Influenza

Irrespective of the appearance of H1N1 (Swine) 'flu, it is that time of year again as we approach mid-winter: the height of 'flu season in Melbourne. Older people and people with other health issues need to be particularly careful and we are providing some extra precautions to ensure there is less chance of our clients, volunteers and staff becoming sick with the 'flu.

If you have a cough or cold your driver may ask you to wear a mask while you are in the car or bus: please do so.

If you have a flu like illness (fever and cough and fatigue), cancel any travel plans with DayLinks, or if you are a volunteer, let us know that you will not be coming in:

Call your GP (if you can't travel unassisted, ask for a house visit).

If you are required to quarantine yourself (for three days) and you need help at home or food shopping and you are eligible, please contact the City of Port Phillip Assist number **9209 6777**

Please call your local hospital **ONLY if you are seriously unwell** with flu like symptoms (the Alfred Hospital's new phone number is **9076 2000**).

If you are unsure:

Call the Influenza Hotline on **180 2007** or

Call Nurse-on-Call on **1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

South Port Day Links Inc acknowledges the funding it receives from the Australian & Victorian Governments under the HACC program, the City of Port Phillip and our other generous sponsors and donors – see them on our website at www.spdl.org.au

Volunteers at SPDL

Hello to all our volunteers and supporters. Hope you are working your way through winter in a healthy state and keeping warm! We have recently celebrated National Volunteer Week in May which was a lot of fun. We filled the office with balloons, streamers and Volunteer Australia celebration posters and had a 'thank you' evening for our volunteers at the Port Melbourne Bowling club. Thank you again to the Port Melbourne Bowling club for its support of SPDL. The food was lovely and the competition with the quiz was hotly contested!!

We have also recently hosted a drivers meeting with some training from Amanda and Esther from Inner South Community Health speaking about manual handling. This was a very informative session for the drivers and we hope to have another session on similar topics in the future.

Welcome

We have had some wonderful responses with new volunteers recently and we would like to extend a very big welcome to Joan Bacon and Robyn James (InfoLink – reception), Susan Liddicut (PetLinks/reception), Vanessa Nobrega (PetLinks), Ross Leo (GardenMates), Long Dang, Kevin Charles and Andrew Uhrmacher and Garry Deutscher (DayLinks driving).

Volunteer Opportunities

Re-advertised: We are currently seeking a gardening fan to prepare simple information and host our monthly gardening chat group at the Liardet Centre. These meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the child care room on the ground floor of the Liardet Centre.

Volunteer Profile: Robyn James

Interests: Family, friends, film, camping

Passions: Current affairs, reading, travel

Where & how long have you been a volunteer? 8 years - Aged Care; 2 months at SPDL

What volunteering do you do at SPDL? Reception

What do you enjoy about volunteering with us? Sense of fun working in not-for-profit community organisation. Communicating with the elderly. Atmosphere of comradeship.

Is there anything you don't like about volunteering with us? No.



We know our vehicles seem crowded at times... But it could be worse!



Gardening Get-Togethers

Third Thursday of each month
1pm-3pm
Liardet Centre
Afternoon tea provided
Transport available
RSVP essential: 9646 6362



Recognition of Sponsorship and Donation Policy

PRINCIPLE:

SPDL believes that every organisation, business or individual person who donates money, goods or services to SPDL deserves to be acknowledged. Contributions, however, do not entitle the donor to influence any decision of SPDL.

POLICY:

SPDL will recognise all sponsors and donations of money and services. This acknowledgement should be in an appropriate manner, in keeping with the amount of sponsorship, money or services provided. Sponsorship of SPDL will not entitle any sponsor to influence any decision of the organisation. Further, SPDL will not enter any such agreement that may jeopardise the financial, legal, ethical or moral integrity of the organisation or adversely impact upon its standing and reputation in the community.

PROCEDURE:

DONATIONS OF MONEY OVER \$2:

Donations will be receipted in accordance with ATO ruling

A framed 'Certificate of Recognition' on distinctive/recognisable paper stating "in recognition of his(her/its) financial contribution to SPDL" will be awarded for:

- * Donations of \$100 or more - a Bronze Certificate
- * Donations of \$500 and over - a Silver Certificate
- * Donations of \$1000 and over - a Gold Certificate
- * Donations of \$5000 and over - a Platinum Certificate
- * Donations under \$100 will be issued a receipt only
- * DayLinks clients who make a donation for receiving transport will be given a receipt only if they request it.

DONATIONS OF GOODS OR SERVICES OR SPONSORSHIP

An estimate of the value of the goods, services or sponsorship shall be made by the Executive Officer and a framed 'Certificate of Recognition' on distinctive/recognisable paper stating "in recognition of his/her/its support and donation in kind to SPDL" will be awarded for:

- * Donations in kind of \$100 or more - a Bronze Certificate
- * Donations in kind of \$500 and over - a Silver Certificate
- * Donations in kind of \$1000 and over - a Gold Certificate
- * Donations in kind of \$5000 and over - a Platinum Certificate

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All donations of money, donations in kind or sponsorship from individuals, businesses and organisations will be acknowledged:

- * In the following SPDL newsletter when appropriate
- * In the SPDL Annual Report
- * On the SPDL website

For recipients of Gold and Platinum certificates, a paid advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper each year to coincide with the AGM



To promote and enable equality of access and opportunity for frail aged people, people with a disability, and those that care for them, so that they can maintain their independence and links to the local community.

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