

GSNV June Update

Membership Fees

A reminder to all members that GSNV membership fees are due annually at the end of June, and your membership may have expired. Please save us the expense of sending you a reminder letter, and forward your membership fees now.

Membership fees are:

- \$22 Groups
(all members of your group are entitled to GSNV membership benefits)
- \$22 Family/Individual
- \$22 Professional/Service Provider
- \$11 Concession

Caroline is Leaving

As you all realise by now, Caroline Bowditch is leaving the GSNV at the end of June. We are currently in the process of finding a new Administration and Communication Officer, and we will announce the name of the new staff member in the next update. In the meantime, please come to Caroline's farewell karaoke party – your invitation is attached.



Peacock Inn Hotel
High Street, Northcote
Saturday 29 June, 2-5pm
RSVP (03) 8341-6315

Call-out for Auditors

Who does your group use for auditing your affairs? Some of our newer groups are seeking help with auditing, and this is where our network can be used to help each other out. We'd like to collate a list of auditors who might be prepared to help community groups with their requirements. If you can recommend your auditor, please let us know by email or phone.

Need More Money and Support?

Our Community provides practical support and resources to help all community groups find money, members and volunteers, as well as good quality prices and advice on insurance, banking, technology and office supplies. Visit www.ourcommunity.com.au or telephone (03) 9320-6800 for more information. The GSNV strongly recommends you use Our Community's fantastic resources.

Community Network Workshop

Infoxchange and Our Community will hold a joint workshop: "Funding, Developing and Implementing a Community Network Program - a Hands on Experience". It will be held as part of Electronic Networks - Building Community 5th Community Networking Conference: 3,4,5 July, 2002, Melbourne. Visit the workshop website <http://www.e-networkshop.infoxchange.net.au>. Visit the conference website at <http://www.ccnr.net/2002/>.

News Source: Community Building News

Volunteer Match

Pro Bono Australia and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia joined forces in February 2001 to run a pilot program. The online matching service, inspired by the success of the pilot, has been rolling out nationally since September 2001. In February 2002, the transfer of the Centenary of Federation Victoria's 100 Hours Program to www.volunteermatch.com.au took place. **POST YOUR OPPORTUNITIES NOW:** Skilled individuals from a range of professions across the country are registered to take part in the scheme that assists organisations like yours. At present it is entirely FREE to post your request for skilled volunteers online. Head to the website www.volunteermatch.com.au. You will be notified when an application(s) is received for the position. You can also manage the opportunity online should your needs change.

News Source: Pro Bono Australia

Charity Mail – Delivered At Last!

Australia Post's long-awaited Not for Profit postage concession deal called 'Charity Mail' has finally been delivered – at the same time that it announces the price of general postage is also about to go up! Pro Bono Australia revealed earlier Australia Post's plans to introduce a new Charity Mail service due originally in March but delays meant the details were not available until now. Australia Post will introduce the new pricing structure from July 1. Australia Post's National Spokesperson, Gary Highland says that previously there were content restrictions to discounts offered to PreSort charity mail, but now advertising and promotional material, greeting cards, newsletters, and even statements and invoices will be eligible. Charity Mail will apply only to charities that have "Endorsement as an Income Tax Exempt Charity" (ITEC) from the Australian Tax Office (for more information about ITEC status, contact Eilís in the GSNV office). Charity Mail rates will only apply to mailings of more than 300 barcoded PreSort small letters. To be eligible for discounts, ITEC-approved charities must register with Australia Post. Registration forms will be available at Australia Post outlets from mid-May. Charities must provide a copy of the letter from the Tax Office attesting to their ITEC endorsement with the form. Australia Post will be mailing an information pack on Charity Mail to organisations throughout Australia this month (May). The charity rates will vary from state to state and for mailing within each state. Charity Mail will now apply only to 'small' business size envelopes and organisations will not have to have the material pre-approved by AP.

Details of Charity Mail comes at the same time that Australia Post has applied to the ACCC for an increase in the basic postage stamp to 50 cents from January 2003.

News Source: Pro Bono Australia e-Newsletter

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Next GSNV Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on **Wednesday 19 June**, in Conference Room A on the 10th floor of the Royal Children's Hospital. All members are welcome to attend.

For more information on anything you've read here, please contact Eilís or Caroline in the GSNV office on (03) 8341-6315.