



Renmark Paringa Council

Media Statement

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National Volunteer Week 2022

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. In 2022 National Volunteer Week will be held from 16-22 May, with a special morning tea for Renmark Paringa Council volunteers to be held on Thursday 19 May.

The theme in 2022 is "Better Together." As outlined on the National Volunteers Week website - www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/ - the theme acknowledges "volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, Better Together".

Renmark Paringa Council recognises and acknowledges the contribution volunteers make in our community. This year community and sporting groups were encouraged to nominate in Council's 'National Volunteer Week Recognition Program'. The aim of this program is to acknowledge individuals that have made a significant contribution to their sporting and service clubs or community groups or given outstanding service over a number of years; and groups of volunteers who have been involved in an event or project at their club or group that had impact to the community.

We are pleased to announce and congratulate the following recipients who were nominated in the recognition program:

- *Karen Frahn for 11 years of volunteering for the Paringa Football and Netball Clubs including as secretary and sports trainer as well as being involved in the Riverland Independent League and assisting with many other duties.*
- *Mark Hazelwood for 13 years of voluntary service to the Friends of the P.S. Industry with all aspects of its operation including being a member of the management committee holding various roles.*
- *Allan Langley who has volunteered his time over the past 12 years with the Friends of the P.S. Industry, contributing hours towards maintenance and the committee.*
- *Sandra Daniel for 19 years of voluntary service to the Friends of the P.S. Industry where she has been a committee member, promotions officer, cook and more including a significant contribution in leading the Centenary Celebrations in 2009.*
- *Rob Knight who has volunteered his time for 22 years to the Friends of the*

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P.S. Industry and significantly contributed as a boiler attendant as well as being a member of the committee.

- *Beryl Junger for 32 years of voluntary service to the Friends of the P.S. Industry including significant contribution with restoring the paddle steamer to full steam working order in the late 1980's, newsletter editor, committee member, coordinating the operations crew roster and many more tasks.*
- *Denise Bihun has volunteered for 10 years with the Friends of the P.S. Industry, assisting as the roster coordinator, treasurer and attending to enquiries, bookings and other required duties.*
- *Tony (Charge) Richards for his significant contribution for over 10 years as a race day and duty boat volunteer including being actively involved in sweep boats, medical assistance, rescue boats, race course inspections and course set up.*
- *The Riverland Dinghy Club has been recognised for its 2021 Championship Series, an event run entirely by volunteers and small committee group of 12.*

A presentation and morning tea will be held from 10-11am on Thursday 19 May at the Renmark Club to celebrate National Volunteer Week 2022. Mayor Neil Martinson will present the recipients and Council volunteers with a certificate of recognition in appreciation of the voluntary work that they undertake.

We welcome volunteers from the Renmark Paringa Council area to attend this celebration and morning tea. Registrations are essential and can be made online via <https://rpcvolunteermorningtea.eventbrite.com.au> or phone Emma Warner at Council on 8580 3000.

For further information please contact Emma Warner, Community Development Officer at Council on 8580 3000.