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## Have you ever considered volunteering? Now is a great time to get started!

The City of Victor Harbor is welcoming expressions of interest from community members of all ages who would like to volunteer for the Council.

Programs that are currently accepting expressions of interest for volunteering include: Caring Neighbourhood Program, Coral Street Art Space, Fleurieu Families, Southern Communities Transport Scheme and Visitor Services.

Volunteer commitments can range from a few hours per month to several hours per week, depending on the specific role requirements. All ages are welcome, and you don't necessarily need any particular skills or qualifications to apply.

City of Victor Harbor Chief Executive Officer, Victoria MacKirdy, said volunteers are an important part of the Council workforce, and younger people are encouraged to apply.

"Council's volunteers contribute to a range of projects, programs and initiatives that help to make Victor Harbor even better," said Ms MacKirdy.

"As Council's programs and services grow, we are always happy to welcome new volunteers that can help us achieve great things for the community."

"Volunteer roles can vary significantly. We have drivers, gardeners, office assistants, cleaners, and just about everything in between!"

"If you're young, volunteering can be a great way to gain experience for your resume."

Jake Baalmann is one of Council's youngest volunteers, working with the Southern Communities Transport Scheme and Caring Neighbourhood Program.

"I find it very rewarding and I enjoy helping people in the community," Jake said.

"To anyone considering volunteering, I would say go for it. It's a great thing to do."

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins, said some of the Council's volunteers have been offering their time and expertise for decades.

"Our volunteers are absolutely incredible. I'm always astounded at their generosity. They come from all walks of life, but one thing they have in common is that they love supporting our local community," said Mayor Jenkins.

"If you have some spare time on your hands, and you're looking for a way to stay social and connected, volunteering could be a great option for you."

To express your interest in becoming a volunteer, email localgov@victor.sa.gov.au. Council staff will work with you to find a volunteer role that is the perfect fit based on your availability, skills and interests.

For more information about volunteering, please visit **www.victor.sa.gov.au/volunteer** or contact the City of Victor Harbor directly on (08) 8551 0500.