

New Resource News

Wimmera Volunteers have a copy of the recent publication "**The Board Doctor**" on hand. In it, our own Debbie Coyle, Manager of Wimmera Volunteers, is quoted, among others, answering some difficult conundrums often faced by Boards and Committee's of Management.

The booklet is a useful resource to answer many of the issues and problems that arise for group management from time to time. Topics cover Recruitment, Ethics, People, Board-Staff Relations, Meetings, Governance and Structures.

You are welcome to come into Wimmera Volunteers, and have a look at the booklet. Copies are available for purchase at www.ourcommunity.com.au (search for 'The Board Doctor').

What does your group do?

One of my goals in the coming weeks is to connect with our registered groups of volunteers who need assistance with developing or updating their distinctive profile of who they are and what their vision and role in the community is. Developing your group profile will make it much easier for you to find volunteers with like interests. Please feel free to discuss this strategy with me, Michelle, your VMP Project worker at Wimmera Volunteers. 20 Firebrace St Horsham 03) 5382 5607

GRANTS – WHAT'S CURRENT?

- ABC Rural and ABC Sport, together with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, have a grant available for up to \$20,000.00 for Health promotion activities within a community. Check the website for more information at <http://www.abc.net.au/rural/features/mechange/>
- The ANZ Staff Foundation Grants (*page 13 of the Easy Grants November 08 Edition*) have funding opportunities in the community development sector for charitable groups (Deductible Gift Recipient) particularly for capacity building of community organizations in rural areas. See Michelle for more information.

Financial Literacy for Not-For-Profit Organisations

Thursday 19 March 2009

Time: 9:30am (for 10am start) - 3pm,

Cost: \$20 for Wimmera/Mallee participants
When registering via Wimmera Volunteers
Lunch provided.

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Please contact Michelle at vmp@wimmvol.com.au
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RSVP by 10th March 2009 to avoid disappointment

Location:

Wimmera Hub
39 Urquhart Street, Horsham (*Note change of address*)

This seminar will help you understand your organisations financial statements. Using straight forward techniques, you will learn how to interpret your income statement and your balance sheet. These skills will enable you to ask the right questions and provide you with information that will help in decision making. The Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) is offering a high level of professional wisdom but at a level that will be easy for everyone to understand and grasp.

An incredibly valuable workshop for those on Volunteer Committee's of Management, CEO's of Not-for-Profit Organisations, Co-ordinators, Secretaries, Treasurer's and Volunteer Managers, this workshop is an excellent opportunity for your group to develop the critical decision making skills that will make the difference to your community in these changing times.