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## A BIG HELLO!

YAY for August! I can already feel it getting warmer (or is it wishful thinking). We're having our Movie night this month and it's not too late to join us. Drop me an email or give me a call to find out more information.

Again this month there are a few reminders within this Newsletter, please read through to keep yourself informed and up to date with any changes within our program. I do have another exciting announcement regarding our new Volunteer Management platform. This is a big transformation for our volunteer program. It will streamline your application process, allow you to complete your online inductions and view other volunteering opportunities in Sydney.

I will go into more detail regarding this exciting resource later in the Newsletter. Please keep in mind if you have any questions or concerns regarding our program, please give me a call. I would like us to all embrace and be excited about these this as a team and would love you all to be part of the journey.

In the meantime, hope you're having an awesome August, and can't wait to see your smiling faces soon.

Helani

## SPREAD THE WORD!



Do you know a friend or family member who would love to be part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show family? Please direct them to our volunteer website for more information. Applications for all volunteers open in October with interviews taking place in early February 2019.

## REMINDER



Hi Team! Just a reminder that we will only be accepting online application forms for the 2019 Show and beyond. If you are yet to set up an email address please do so as soon as possible so you are ready to submit your application when they open in October. If you need assistance with setting up an email address, ask a family member or a friend, or please give me a call and I can assist.

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## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



Please make sure that your Working with children check will be valid for the 2019 SRES. You can contact the Children's Guardian on 02 9286 7219 to check the status of your Working with Children check number or click [here](#) to renew it.

When you fill out your application form you're able to input your new number so we have it on record. I will be checking to make sure they are all in date. As this is a legal requirement, if you don't have a valid working with children check number, you won't be able to volunteer at the Show in 2019, and we wouldn't want that to happen.

## NEW VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

We are excited to announce the RAS is partnering with the NSW Centre of Volunteering and I Need Helpers (INH) in the development of the 'NSW Tourism Baseline Initiative'.

As participants of this pilot program, we have access to an amazing Volunteer Management System (VMS) and collaboration opportunities with other major events in Sydney.

For us, this means the way we apply for roles, manage our availability and complete inductions will change for the better. I have highlighted some of

the features of the (INH) system below:

- Ability to see all available shifts and choose which shifts suit you
- You're able to track your application progress at any time
- Instantly access Induction information and the volunteer information online
- The system accurately records your information so it's there for you to view for future years
- You only need to create an account once and then apply for the Easter Show event again next year with a few simple clicks
- You're able to see your records of involvement
- You're able to update your availability and contact information at any time
- All correspondence will be handled via the INH system (no more lost emails...YAY)

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- You also have access to other volunteering opportunities on this system. Meaning you can volunteer for another event and you won't need to create another profile
- You're now able to check in with your Team Leader at your venue instead of walking up to the Green Room (Great news for those that Catch the bus)

These are just some of the benefits this new Management System provides.

Applications will go live in October and I will send you a link so you can create your profile. I know there are a large number of our volunteers who have an INH profile already, and this will make it easier for you to fill in your application as you won't need to go through the set up process.

If you haven't set up a profile in INH you will need to do this in order to submit your application for the 2019 Show. I will be sending you a link with instructions on how to set up your profile in October when the applications are open.

As always I'll be here to help & support you through this transition in our program and you can call me if you need to ask questions about the new system or if you're having trouble navigating through it.

## OUT OF SHOW VOLUNTEER SHIRTS

I am sooooo excited to let you all know that we are introducing 'Out of Show' shirts for the team!

This was a suggestion made by quite a number of our volunteers through the post show survey. It's a great way to differentiate from the Show and to promote our RAS brand as well.

These shirts will be provided to those that are working events outside of the Show for the event. They will need to come back to us at the end of the event.

Images of our RAS branded shirts will be made available once the design is finalised, but we were so excited that we had to let you know straight away!

Thank you all so much for submitting your suggestions in our post show survey. We do read your comments and try to implement improvements to our program that would work, like this one and the caps.

Your enthusiasm and passion for our program, the Show and the RAS is amazing and we appreciate the feedback you provide ☺ GO TEAM!

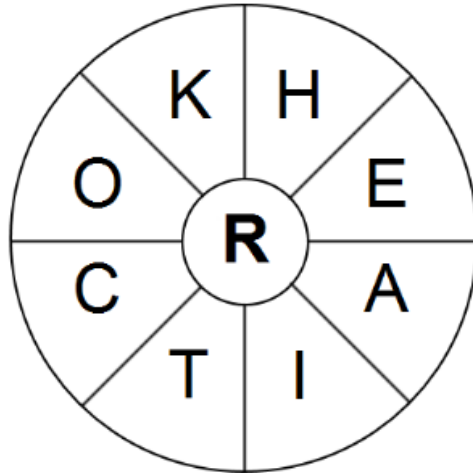


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# PUZZLEMANIA!

## Fruit and Vegetables Word Wheel

Fruit and vegetables are a key ingredient for a healthy diet. Fruit and vegetables not only contain lots of vitamins but are also a good source of fibre. Did you know that a cucumber is a fruit not a vegetable as it has seeds in the centre and that the only fruit to grow seeds on the outside is a strawberry?



This Fruit and Vegetables themed word wheel is made from a 9 letter Fruit and Vegetables themed word. Try and find that word, then make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter **R**.

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