



National Volunteer Week 2020

Next week is National Volunteer Week, a time when we celebrate the amazing contributions of volunteers around Australia.

ECU has an amazing community of volunteers that we can't wait to celebrate – we are always so impressed by the supportive and generous nature of the ECU students and their commitment to giving back to their community.

The theme of this year's National Volunteer Week is "Changing Communities. Changing Lives."

Now more than ever we are understanding the power that volunteers have to change lives.

Our ECU volunteers have given their times in recent weeks to help connect with International students who are living and studying away from home through ECU's [Virtual International Café](#), to send messages of support to elderly residents who are unable to see their families with the [Bethanie Group Senior Pen Pal](#) program, and provided words of encouragement to seriously ill children through [Warrior Mail](#)

These actions have gone a long way to helping people in our community feel connected at a time when they are physical isolated.



Join the ECU Alumni Connecting Through Letters Program



Become a part of the Alumni Connecting Through Letters Program and help give back to some of ECU's former staff members for their years of commitment to our university and it's students.

This is also a fantastic opportunity to create new networks in your field of study.

To Apply send us an [Expression of Interest](#) and we'll match you with one of ECU's former staff members and Alumni.

Once you have been individually matched you will receive further details and instructions from our team on how to get in touch!

Submit your [Expression of Interest](#) and get involved today to make a difference



How to get involved this month!

On Thursday, 21st May we are hosting a live Q&A panel with some industry experts, including Riley Dolman from one of favourite volunteer partners organisations Fair Game, Laurette Le-Cras from the Bethanie Care Group, ECU Careers Adviser Sara Moore, ECU volunteer Chrystina Acker and Volunteering WA's Traci Gamblin with our ECU Volunteer Coordinator and Vol Squad Leader, Lydia Gibson, moderating the panel.

They'll be discussing ways to get involved in your local community, how volunteering and employment go hand-in-hand, and much more.

We'll also open up the panel to audience questions following the Q&A.

Join the panel and [Register Now](#) to Celebrate National Volunteer Week with us!

ECU National Volunteer Week Q & A Panel



Wave your appreciation for Volunteers!



Volunteering WA and ECU invite you to put your hand up and thank all the volunteers at ECU and around Australia by waving a special smile of appreciation from your own home.

Upload your wave photo to social media and share using the hashtags #NVW2020, #waveforvolunteers, #ECUVolunteering and tag Volunteering Australia and Edith Cowan University.



Meet ECU's Vol Squad Staff

Danielle first began working with the Transitions team as a student casual while studying at ECU. She joined the team full time in 2019 and has now been working with the team for just over a year.

Last year Danielle got to join the amazing Vol Squad students at the Kings Park Volunteering Event assisting ECU volunteers as they shared a day of outdoor fun with local primary school students. Seeing the joy the Vol Squad brought to these littlies was a highlight of the year!

When she's not in the office you'll find Danielle working up a sweat at her local pilates studio or on a local hike (although lately she's spent a lot more time sweating over the oven making another loaf of banana bread!).

Happy Volunteering 😊



IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are already engaged in volunteering activities outside of the ECU volunteer program please ensure you are aware of your rights and responsibilities as a volunteer by visiting [Volunteering Australia website](https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/).