

# Vote for Volunteers

Which parties support volunteering in the ACT?



<p><b>Appointment of a Minister for Volunteering</b></p>	<p><b>P</b> The ACT Greens “believe that the responsibility for volunteering best sits in the Community Services Directorate, and thus the minister responsible for community services should also be responsible for volunteering.</p> <p>The ACT Greens “propose that a Ministerial Advisory Council on Volunteering be established.”</p>	<p><b>X</b> ACT Labor notes “the Minister for Community Services and Facilities is responsible for volunteering, and has taken this role and leadership on volunteering seriously throughout the term.”</p> <p>ACT Labor has said “a re-elected ACT Labor Government will continue to engage with you and to prioritise its relationship with Volunteering ACT.”</p>	<p><b>P</b> The Canberra Liberals “support in principle a Minister for Volunteering. We are committed to working with the sector, and the Minister will review arrangements in government to ensure that advice provided by community leaders and experts are considered appropriately in Cabinet.”</p> <p>“The Minister may decide to establish and fund a Ministerial Advisory Council on Volunteering as part of their portfolio.”</p>
<p><b>Investment in a Volunteer Ready Program</b></p>	<p><b>✓</b> The ACT Greens have committed to fully funding the Volunteer Ready Program at an annual cost of \$100,000.</p>	<p><b>P</b> ACT Labor states that it “has created a range of avenues for community groups to apply for funding, and to receive that funding in a way that is transparent and meets the community’s expectations.”</p> <p>ACT Labor has said “if re-elected, ACT Labor will continue its range of funding sources and grant programs and will engage with Volunteering ACT to maximise opportunities to fund new initiatives like the Volunteer Ready program.”</p>	<p><b>✓</b> The Canberra Liberals have committed to fully funding the Volunteer Ready Program, providing \$100,000 per annum to VolunteeringACT.</p>
<p><b>Research on the State of Volunteering in the ACT</b></p>	<p><b>X</b> The ACT Greens “believe that the data of volunteering trends in our community should be captured and support further research into the state of volunteering in the ACT, particularly taking into account the impacts of COVID.”</p>	<p><b>P</b> ACT Labor has said they “will work with VolunteeringACT to develop research programs about volunteering, using the resources of the public service and through grants programs.”</p>	<p><b>P</b> The Canberra Liberals “support in principle research being done on Volunteering in the ACT and will work with the community sector to ensure that recommendations of the research are implemented.”</p> <p>The Canberra Liberals have said “the Minister will consider funding arrangements in government.”</p>



VolunteeringACT released its 2020 ACT Election Priorities and sought the commitment of the major parties to these priorities. This scorecard demonstrates the commitment VolunteeringACT has received from the major parties ahead of the ACT Election in October. VolunteeringACT is encouraging electors to talk to their local candidates about their party’s commitment to volunteering before casting their vote this election.



Call has been met



Call has partially been met



Call will not be met