



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Now more than ever: a nation says thanks for the hand

Volunteering Gold Coast is one of several organisations on the Gold Coast who is invited to attend a web broadcast on May 11 at 9:30am at the Westpac Boardroom in Southport conducted by the Hon Minister Karen Struthers, MP Minister for Community Services and Housing, and the Hon Minister Neil Roberts, MP Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, and will be run in conjunction with Westpac and Volunteering Queensland.

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, the Ministers have scheduled this time to thank community organisations and volunteers on the Gold Coast for their commitment, dedication and willingness to improving the Gold Coast community.

This year's theme is *now, more than ever* which highlights the importance and need for volunteers within societies across the nation, now, more than ever.

Volunteering Gold Coast Volunteer Services Officer Leticia Vargas believes that the web broadcast is a great way to show Australia's support and recognition for volunteers across the nation.

"This is just a very small token of our appreciation for the wonderful and imperative work that our amazing volunteers do in the community which helps build the Gold Coast into the fantastic community it is," said Ms. Vargas.

National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia. It is celebrated for one week annually and falls in the second week of May.

This week will be celebrated across Australia to draw attention to the immense contribution of over 5 million people who collectively donate over 700 million hours to the community.

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**The media are invited to attend.**

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