



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **A unique community-driven process for funding local projects but help needed**

Every year, United Way Glenelg provides a unique opportunity for community members from all walks of life to help assess grant applications by volunteering for the Allocations Panel.

United Way Glenelg works with an Allocations Panel to ensure that the money raised from their Workplace Giving campaign, along with individual donations and donations from companies are invested in projects aimed at supporting local people facing challenges in their everyday lives.

Nicole Carr, Executive Officer United Way Glenelg said there is a small-time commitment required in which the panel members review the grant applications and listen to virtual in-person presentations by those community organisations, including a Q&A session, which allows our volunteer panel members a full understanding of the community organisation request.

“We are seeking volunteers that are representative of our community. This means we are looking for a diverse group of participants, from young people to seniors, to business people, to educators, to community service providers, to government employees, to stay at home mums, to engaged community volunteers.”

“While no particular experience is needed, it should be noted that the process does require panel members to read applications, including financial information. Volunteers will also be asked to indicate any relationships they have with community service organisations.”

“Allocation Panel members participate in the final deliberation process, as well as making recommendations on any special conditions required of the community partner to receive funding. These recommendations are forwarded to the United Way Glenelg Board of Directors for final approval,” concluded Mrs Carr

United Way Glenelg is looking for three volunteer donors to make up the Volunteer panel for Wednesday 7 October 2020 9.00 am to 1.00pm via zoom.

You will be guided by Nicole Carr, Executive Officer from United Way Glenelg. Morning tea and lunch will be home delivered.

If you are interested in being involved please contact Nicole Carr on 0410 513 305 or [mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au](mailto:mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au)

*PHOTO: 2019 Volunteer Panel Members; Anna Impey -Portland Aluminium, Tanya Lockhart - Glenelg Shire Council, Rob Tozer and Andrea Bolte - Glenelg Shire Council for providing their time back to the community.*

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