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| Celebrating volunteers and committee achievements |
| Good Governance Fact Sheet No. 5  for Committees of Management  of Crown land reserves in Victoria |

Victoria’s 1,000+ committees of management of Crown land reserves rely on the goodwill and expertise of a wide range of volunteers. It’s important for DELWP, and the Victorian community more broadly, to celebrate volunteers and committee achievements

* 1. **A big thank you to all committee of management members**

A big thanks to everybody involved in committees of management.

Whether it’s your first time on a committee, or you’ve been a member for many years, DELWP greatly values your skills, experience, knowledge, and the time you devote to being a committee member.

## Recognising and celebrating volunteers

Whether in conjunction with [National Volunteers Week](https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/national-volunteer-week) or other activities, DELWP staff are keen to explore opportunities to recognise and celebrate people who volunteer to manage Crown land reserves, including members of committees of management and other volunteers involved in reserve operations.

For more information about volunteer recognition and celebration activities, contact your regional DELWP team or check the [DELWP committees of management website](https://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/boards-and-governance/committees-of-management).

## Sharing your stories about the public and community value of Crown land reserves

In theAccountability and good governance as a public entity Fact Sheet, the public value of Crown land reserves is noted as part of discussing community expectations of committees of management.

It is worth taking the time to reflect on:

* What do you, your committee, and your community love most about the Crown land reserve(s) your committee manages?
* Do you have some stories about the reserve that would help “non-locals” understand the work of your committee?

You might like to consider submitting your story to DELWP for publication on the [DELWP Committees of management website](https://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/boards-and-governance/committees-of-management) or in the media. Sharing positive stories about Crown land reserves helps educate the broader community about the value of the work done by committees of management.

## Photos of the reserve?

* Do you have any good photos (recent or historical) of your reserve? DELWP is keen to build a photo library that helps people understand and appreciate Crown land reserves.
* You might also like to consider taking some new photos and making them available to share with other committees through the DELWP website.