



VOLUNTEER PLAN

A plan to celebrate, support and increase the number of sport and recreation volunteers across the Waikato region.

At Sport Waikato our vision is
“Everyone out there and active”.

We recognise this vision cannot happen without volunteers.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE SPORT HAPPEN

They are the heart of sport and recreation



73,500 WAIKATO PEOPLE VOLUNTEER¹

Volunteering makes people happy - there is dual benefit for participants and volunteers



CONTRIBUTING \$65.1 MILLION TO REGIONAL GDP¹

Sport is an important economic sector in the Waikato, providing employment and income, and highly valued services¹



4.3 MILLION HOURS¹

Contributed by volunteers in the Waikato per year

A committed strategy where volunteering will play a vital part in growing participation in sport, recreation and physical activity as part of Moving Waikato 2025².

**HOW WE
WELCOME,
CONNECT AND
CELEBRATE
VOLUNTEERS IN SPORT
REALLY MATTERS.**

WHAT WE WILL DO...

Our priorities	The game plan	We will know we are successful when...
PLAN Growing the value of volunteers	1. Establishing a sustainable volunteer plan approach with sport organisations, recreational providers and schools across the Waikato region	Sport organisations, recreational providers and schools understand the future demands for volunteers and adopt a proactive approach to planning. The sector is working together to value and grow the number of volunteers.
SUPPORT AND DEVELOP Supporting those organisations who work with volunteers	1. Providing information that simplifies the process of supporting volunteers - provision of easy to use planning tools and templates. 2. Sharing of knowledge - provision of workshops and networking sessions to support volunteering.	Organisations and volunteers have the skills needed to perform their roles and are successful in providing quality experiences for participants.
REWARD AND RETAIN Saying thanks	1. Recognising and celebrating volunteers at a regional and district level - via local functions and Sports Awards 2. Celebrating National Volunteer Week	Volunteers feel valued in their roles because we are proud of them and are acknowledged for their contribution.

¹ Economic value of sport - Waikato region (Sport New Zealand, 2015). Estimates of hours and dollars contributed to GDP are based on Sport New Zealand's Young People's Survey 2011, Sport New Zealand's 2013/14 Active NZ Survey and 2013 Census data. Note: these figures are not comparable with Economic value of Sport - Waikato region 2011 (Sport New Zealand, 2011) figures and Moving Waikato 2020 Insights (Sport Waikato, 2015), refer to source for rationale.

² Moving Waikato 2025 is a regional strategy to grow participation in sport, recreation and physical activity in the Waikato Region. For more information go to www.sportwaikato.org.nz/volunteers or contact Sport Waikato on 07 858 5388