

# Volunteer Managers Day a Big Success!



Above: Enis Jusufspahic (HACCDO) and Frances Marjanovic (HR Assistant at ERR)

Below: Our presenters (Left to right) Vaishali Shah, Donna Purcell and Michelle Thomas



Last 6<sup>th</sup> of November VAST celebrated, for the first time, Volunteer Managers Day. The objective was to recognise the effort of Volunteer Co-ordinators by opening a space for networking and learning. Volunteer Co-ordinators had the chance to discuss three main topics regarding the diversity in the always changing volunteer workforce. The frequency of these sessions is being reviewed.



Presentations: Working with People with Disabilities, CALD Volunteers and Virtual Volunteers

I would like to give **special thanks to Vaishali Shah** (VAST Support Worker) for coordinating this very well organised event and would also like to encourage the participation of all HACC Volunteer Co-ordinators and other roles that are involved in policy and procedure development for working with volunteers.

**Shyrley Villamil**  
VAST Program Co-ordinator

## This is what participants thought of this session:

*"Virtual Volunteering was new information I didn't really think about. All sessions were really good"*

*"Full of information easy to understand and follow"*

*"Excellent-Good ideas!"*

*"Great! Some great tips to involve people with disabilities"*

## Welcome New VAST Support Worker - Tessa Bio

Hi my name is Tessa and I will be filling in for Vashali as the VAST program support worker, while she is on maternity leave.

My work background is mainly in Human Resources and Recruitment. I majored in HR and Industrial Relations at University as I have always had a keen interest in the human side of work. For the first few years of my professional career I worked in Human Resources teams for some large corporate firms.

However, after a short time I began to realise that I had more natural interest in working for not for profits and social based work.

Last year I returned to University to study Psychology part time. I find Psychology fascinating and will continue this study for many years ahead.

I started with the VAST program a few months ago and have thoroughly enjoyed the role so far. Working with Shyrley I hope to be able to continue to provide the same great service Vashali has delivered to the local HACC organisations.

I look forward to working with all our great volunteers and servicing the invaluable organisations these volunteers support.