



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

CELEBRATING THE HEART OF JNF AUSTRALIA

As we mark National Volunteers Week, JNF Australia proudly extends our deepest gratitude to the extraordinary individuals who give so generously of their time, energy and hearts. From collecting Blue Boxes to making calls on Green Sunday, our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organisation and an inspiration to all who have the privilege to work alongside them. In Jewish tradition, volunteering is not just an act of kindness, it's a sacred duty. The concept of Tikkun Olam, meaning "repairing the world," teaches us that each of us has a role to play in making the world a better place.

There's never been a better time to get involved with JNF.

Whether through small, consistent deeds or large-scale efforts, our JNF Australia volunteers embody this timeless value with passion and dedication.

Every year, Blue Boxes are distributed and collected from homes around the country. This small but mighty act continues a

century-long tradition that connects generations of supporters to Israel. It is made possible entirely by volunteers. These are everyday community members who step up, rain or shine, to ensure that the Blue Box lives on.

Paul Lowinger, or Mr Blue Box as he is fondly known, has been collecting Blue Boxes in Sydney for more than 60 years.

In Victoria, Ashley Brygel has been nominated for the Victoria Blue Box Worker of the Year award. During each campaign, Ashley collects from households around the area.

"I have been a collector of Blue Boxes since 1984. We all have our favourite charities and I am particularly passionate about the Jewish National Fund," he says.

In Western Australia, Blue Box worker of the year in 2024 was Martin Glick, who has been a Blue Box Volunteer since 2002 when he agreed to take over a Blue Box list from a retiring volunteer. Always cheerful and co-operative, Martin continues his family legacy of community service – both of his parents having been Blue Box volunteers before him.

Another powerful expression of community spirit is seen during JNF Australia's annual Green Sunday

campaign, which brings together volunteers of all ages – from high school students just discovering the joy of giving back, to long-time JNForever members whose lifetime of service continues to inspire. They come together, united in purpose, to raise vital funds for JNF projects that strengthen Israel's land and its people.

"It's so rewarding and encouraging to see people of all ages from our community come together to volunteer," says JNF national president Steven Salamon.

"In particular, there's something special about Green Sunday. It's one day where we all roll up our sleeves, work side by side and feel like we're part of something much bigger. "We thank each and every one of our volunteers for their unwavering commitment. Your efforts not only sustain our work – they uplift the spirit of the entire Jewish community in Australia and beyond."

If you've ever thought about giving your time to a meaningful cause, there's never been a better time to get involved with JNF. Join us in making a difference.

To find out how you can volunteer with JNF Australia, call 1300 563 563.



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