

"Raising the Bar Higher"

2011

Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management



May 25—27, 2011

**Mercure Wellington,
The Terrace
Wellington, New Zealand**

The Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management is not just a conference — it is as much about connecting and conversation as it is about advanced education and pushing the boundaries of volunteer leadership.

The 6th Retreat is being hosted in conjunction with Volunteering New Zealand's national conference and intends to build on the discussions raised at that key event

WHY NOT JOIN US?

The Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management is the brainchild of two of Australia's leading volunteerism experts, Andy Fryar & Martin J Cowling.

In 2005 they recognised a need to provide training for those leaders of volunteers who were wanting to have a dialogue beyond the basics of volunteer management practices.

Along with invited international and local faculty members, Martin and Andy have created an experience which is *not* a conference, but rather an opportunity for a strictly limited number of delegates to enter into peer dialogue and mutual problem solving on both a micro and macro scale.

Being held for the first time in New Zealand, the Retreat has now become a much anticipated annual event with results from the experience stretching far beyond the confines of the few days delegates are together.



THEME: "RAISING THE BAR HIGHER"

The 2011 Retreat will be run back-to-back with the Volunteering New Zealand national volunteering conference, which has a theme of "Raising the Bar".

At the 2011 Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management, we plan to pick up where the conference finishes - and really explore what raising the bar means for advanced level practitioners.

Through interactive workshops and peer support sessions, we will explore some of the current trends facing our profession and provide some useful, practical suggestions to take back to your workplace.

FACULTY MEMBERS

ARAVM 2011 will be guided by the following internationally recognised faculty members

Martin J Cowling CVA (Australia) is a leading global expert on people issues in the community sector, particularly around volunteerism. He is regarded as an entertaining and dynamic speaker and a skilled trainer who presents at events and trainings in Asia, Europe, Australia, NZ and North America. As well as co founding the Australasian Retreat, Martin has been faculty member of Advanced Volunteer Management programs in the USA and UK. Martin is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Volunteer Administration. More information about Martin can be



found at www.pfts.com.au or www.facebook.com/martinjcowling or twitter.com/martinjcowling

Susan J Ellis (USA) is one of the world's foremost experts on volunteerism. She founded Energize, a Philadelphia-based company in 1977 and since that time has assisted clients throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Latin America and Australia to create or strengthen their volunteer corps. Susan is the author or co-author of twelve books, including 'From the Top Down' and 'The Volunteer Recruitment Book'. Susan was a founding faculty member on the first ARAVM in 2005, and this will be her third Retreat. Susan's website can be found at www.energizeinc.com

Andy Fryar (Australia) is the Founder & Director of OzVPM, Australia's premiere volunteer management website and online community. He is a past President of Volunteering Australia and a co-author of 'Volunteer Management - an essential guide'. Andy has travelled extensively and in 2004 he became the first Australian to be invited to join the faculty of the prestigious 'Institute for Advanced Volunteer Management' in the UK. The OzVPM website can be accessed at www.ozvpm.com

2011 GUEST FACULTY MEMBERS

As a part of its commitment to encouraging leaders in the Australasian Volunteer Management sector, the Retreat each year invites identified emerging leaders in the field to join the Faculty as guest presenters. In acknowledgement that the Retreat is travelling to New Zealand for the first time, the retreat is thrilled to welcome two Kiwis to the Faculty. **Sue Kobar** has a wealth of experience as the Manager of Volunteers with Nurse Maude in New Zealand and through having worked at senior VM levels for two decades in Hawaii, while **Claire Teal** is one of the fastest emerging leaders in the field, an AAVA Board member and a leader of volunteers with Wellington CAB.



WONDERFUL WELLINGTON

Wellington is the capital city and third most populous urban area of New Zealand. The urban area is situated on the southwestern tip of the country's North Island, and lies between Cook Strait and the Rimutaka Range.

Wellington is New Zealand's political centre, housing Parliament, the head offices of all Government Ministries and Departments and the bulk of the foreign diplomatic missions that are based in NZ.

Wellington's compact city centre supports an arts scene, café culture and nightlife much larger than many cities of a similar size. Te Papa Tongarewa (the Museum of New Zealand), the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the Royal New Zealand Ballet, Museum of Wellington City & Sea and the biennial New Zealand International Arts Festival are all sited there.



For delegates wishing to extend their stay, Wellington is a wonderful gateway to visit all other areas of New Zealand

DRAFT PROGRAM *(subject to change)*

The Retreat starts on WEDNESDAY MAY 25th with registration from 12.00noon and concludes on FRIDAY 27th MAY at 2.00pm

PROGRAM FEATURES

Keynote Sessions - Martin J Cowling, Andy Fryar & Susan Ellis will be conducting four key sessions designed to challenge and stimulate high-level exchange among Retreat participants.

Workshops - During the Retreat participants will have the opportunity to attend workshops by all of our Faculty on issues pertaining to current volunteering trends, the philosophy of volunteerism as well as practical workshops designed to build delegate skills, knowledge and to enable examination of personal career options.



Support Circles—Have been one of the most significant experiences that past delegates have taken from their involvement. Support Circles allow delegates to raise a specific professional issue having an impact on their individual work and meet with 4 colleagues throughout the Retreat to give and get peer support and advanced consultation.

Social Activities—Relax and enjoy the company of your fellow 'retreat attendants' with our welcome BBQ, retreat dinner and "mystery event" *(alcohol will be available for sale at these social events)*

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PRICING AND BOOKING DETAILS

Participants report that the investment in the Retreat represents very high value for money

“After 13 years in the field, this is the best training I have ever been to in my career as a Volunteer Manager”

The Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management includes:

- All meals from Wednesday lunchtime to Friday lunchtime (Includes relaxing welcome dinner on night one and special retreat dinner on night two)
- Thursday evening ‘mystery’ activity (*considered by 96% of attendees to be a highlight of the Retreat*)
- Conference Handbook, all materials and handouts
- Access to a faculty of five leaders in the management of volunteers
- Membership in the invitation-only Retreat graduate online community
- Quality time with peers from your field
- Guaranteed significant personal and professional growth
- Two nights accommodation (*for those staying on site*)

ALL OF THIS FOR THE ALL INCLUSIVE RATE:

Single Room with ensuite - \$NZ 999 + 15% (GST)

Shared Room with ensuite - \$NZ 899 + 15% (GST)

Rate Excluding Accommodation

There is accommodation for all at the hotel and participants are encouraged to stay on site. There is however a *Retreat Only* attendance fee available of \$NZ 749 + 15% (GST)



As they are allocated on a first come first served basis, please get in early for your accommodation choice



Cancellation Policy: Refund available until 4 weeks prior to the Retreat less \$50 admin fee. Cancellation of booking within 4 weeks of Retreat date—no refund will be made

VENUE: THE MERCURE TERRACE HOTEL (345 The Terrace, Wellington)

Mercure Wellington is located on the Terrace with panoramic views over the city and harbour. Cuba Street with its funky boutiques and shops are an easy walk from the hotel. Just a short taxi ride away is Wellington’s iconic attractions such as Te Papa Museum, Parliament, Cable Car and Westpac Stadium.

The hotel offers 111 guest rooms and 7 conference rooms. Facilities offered at Mercure Wellington include a restaurant, bar, 24 hour room service and a business centre. Other facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, gymnasium and sauna which are complimentary for all our guests. If you are looking for an ideal holiday destination with your family, Mercure Wellington is the perfect place for you to stay and explore the Wellington area.

HOW TO APPLY

As with previous Retreats, the 2011 event will be limited to just 52 participants who have a *minimum two years of 'hands on' experience managing volunteer programs.*

Delegates must agree to attend the Retreat in its entirety.

In order to make the selection process as equitable as possible and to ensure a good balance of both returnees and new participants, applications are now invited from those who wish to attend the 2011 Retreat. These will be vetted by an independent panel of your peers to ensure that the final make up of the Retreat is just right. In most cases, a decision will be made about your attendance within 72 hours of us receiving your application

Please, register using the Retreat Application Form which can be found on the Retreat website at www.vpmretreat.com.au



The inaugural retreat was the first event I attended where I truly felt I developed both professionally and personally. It brought together a diverse group who shared much knowledge and wisdom and had a faculty with a wealth of experience in our field. I wouldn't miss another!"



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