



JILL HALL MP
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CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS ON THE COAST

Federal Member for Shortland Jill Hall MP today met with dedicated volunteers to celebrate their work and also launch a new online service.

Ms Hall spent time with volunteers at the San Remo Neighbourhood Centre in the lead up to **National Volunteers Week**. She also presented them with Certificates of Appreciation for their tireless work.

“The volunteers here work in a range of roles including educational support for young people, financial counselling, emergency food services, administration work and other activities,” said Ms Hall.

“They do a fabulous job for the local area and deserve wide recognition for their time and dedication.”

“Volunteers across the region are the backbone of our community and the Shortland electorate does have a generous number of people who are willing to volunteer their time and lend a helping hand.

“I applaud all our local volunteers and thank them for the great work they do in some many different fields.”

Ms Hall also took the opportunity to launch a new online service for volunteers in readiness for National Volunteers Week.

“I have linked up with the *Do Something* charity to help promote volunteering in our community and celebrate National Volunteers Week.

“The new online service is called ‘*Do Something Near You*’ and is designed to help local volunteers find local organisations who will benefit from their support.

“This is an exciting website which is focused on local areas. People can tap in a postcode, choose a field of interest, and view a range of local groups where they can volunteer their time. The site covers all areas of the Central Coast.

“The website makes it easier for people to volunteer locally. This could be for a Lions Club, SES, Meals on Wheels, op shop, environment group or other organisation.

“Other groups which are not on the new website can also apply to get listed through the *Do Something* charity.

“I encourage everyone to tap into the website and find somewhere to volunteer their time.”

The new website can be found at <http://www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/jill-hall>

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