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Office for Volunteers

Advancing the Community Together



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Session Overview

- Working Together - the path travelled
- Role of the Office for Volunteers
- Review & Revitalise ACT Partnership
- Opportunity for Feedback

SA Government's Vision

- Government's vision:
A thriving and caring community in South Australia where volunteering is recognised as integral to community well-being.
- Key Drivers
 - International Year for Volunteers
 - Recognition of the “Third” Sector
 - Community Building

Government's response

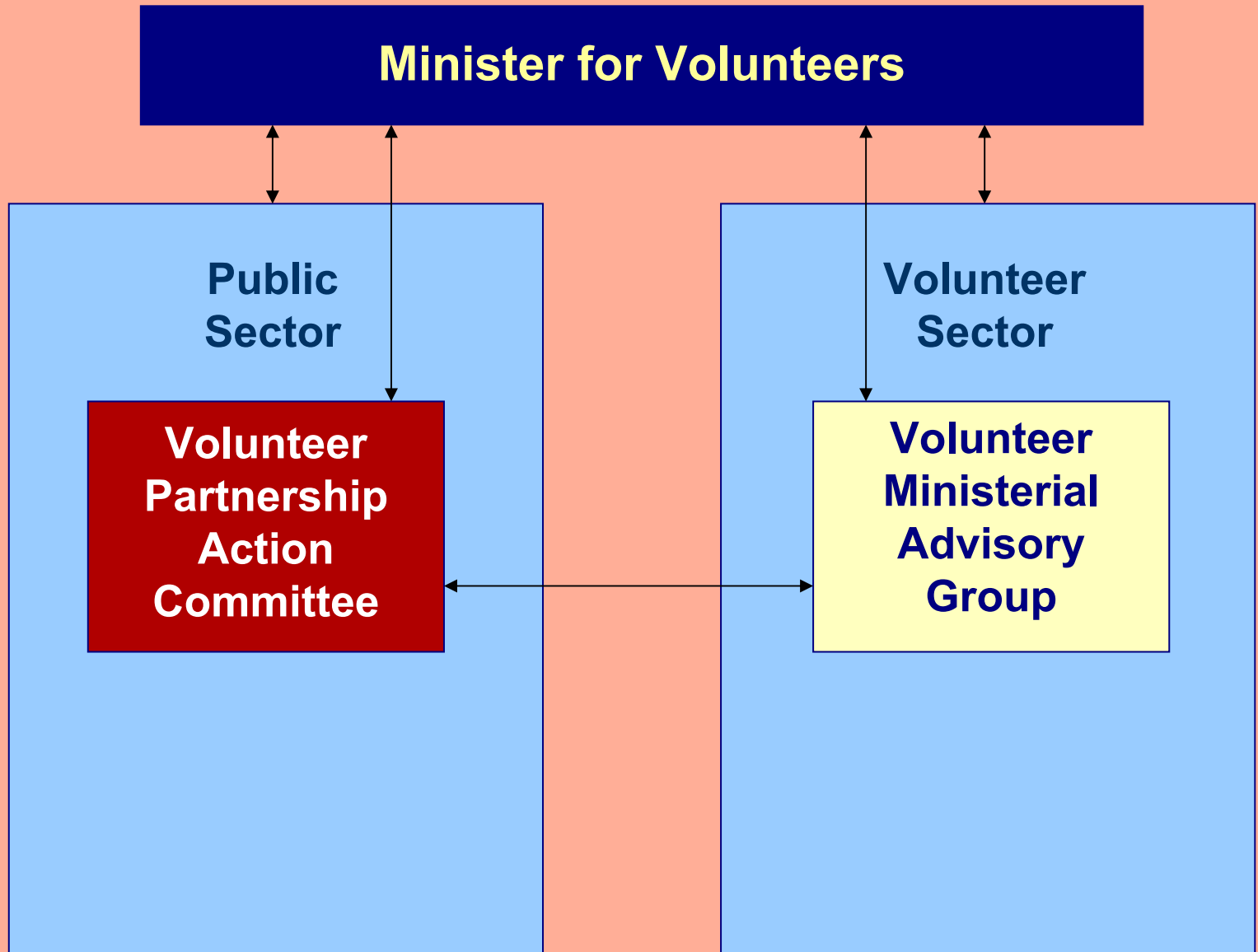
- Established the Office for Volunteers
- Minister for Volunteers
- Premier - the Minister for Volunteers
- In 2002 Premier requested the development of a “Compact” and a consultation process commenced
- In 2003 – *Advancing the Community Together Partnership* signed
- March 2004 released the *SA Strategic Plan*
 - Objective 5: Building Communities – Target 5.6
 - Level of Volunteering from 38% to 50% by 2010



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*A Partnership between the
Volunteer Sector and the
South Australian Government
May 2003*

ACT Partnership – Communication





Commitments to Action

- Accountability
- Communication
- Equity and Inclusiveness
- Policy and Legislation Development
- Recruitment and Retention
- Resources
- Risk Management
- Training

Volunteer Partnership Action Committee

VPAC Targets for 2005:

1. Public Sector - Communication
2. Grants Process Review Implementation
3. Public Sector Volunteering Initiative
4. Sector Resourcing
5. Training for Volunteer Organisations
6. Responding to VMAG issues



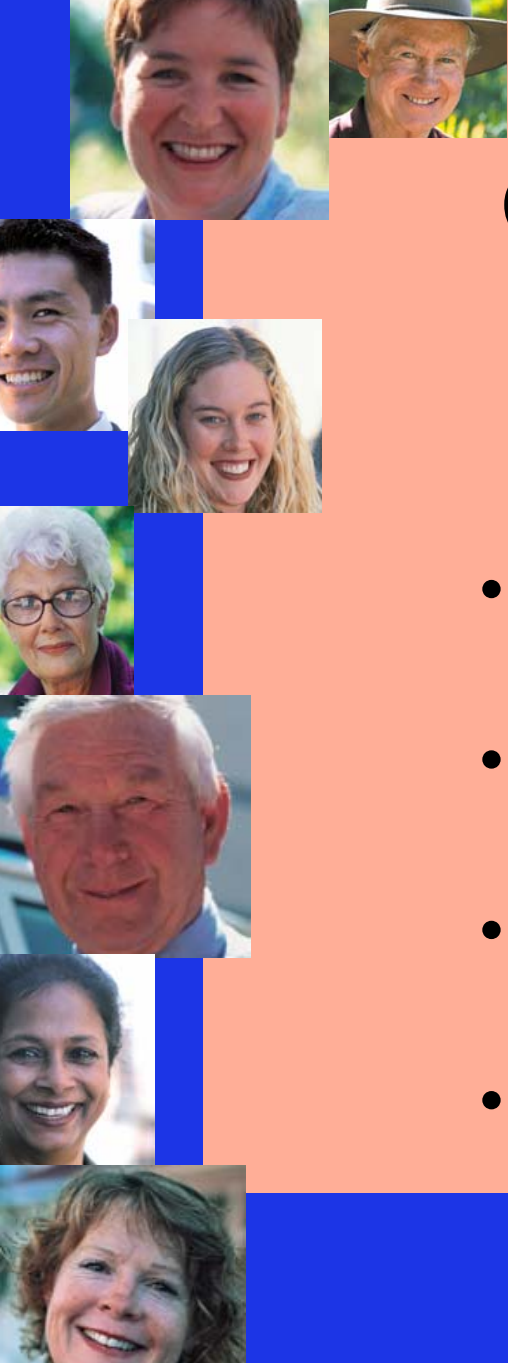
Has the Partnership made a difference?

- The direct voice into Government has caused things to happen much quicker
- Provided focus for the Office for Volunteers activities
- Government is now more aware of the sector and its needs



OFV Programs & Initiatives

- State of Volunteering - Newsletters
- www.savolunteer.info
- Volunteer Management Scholarships
- 100 Hours Project
- OFV Website www.ofv.sa.gov.au



OFV Programs & Initiatives (cont.)

- Volunteer Support Fund (\$150,000)
- Recognition Programs
- State-wide Promotional Initiative
- Community Website Program



Advancing the Community Together Review and Revitalise!

- Reviewing the Partnership
- SA Strategic Plan Target
 - Increase the volunteer participation rate from 38% to 50% by 2010
- Working Together in Partnership

Workshop Session

ACT Partnership Review 2005

- Opportunity to provide Feedback
- Feedback Form
- Formal Submission

Questions to consider:

1. Has the Partnership been effective so far?
2. What can be improved?
3. Are there any new issues to be addressed through the Partnership?
4. How can communication be improved?

What happens now

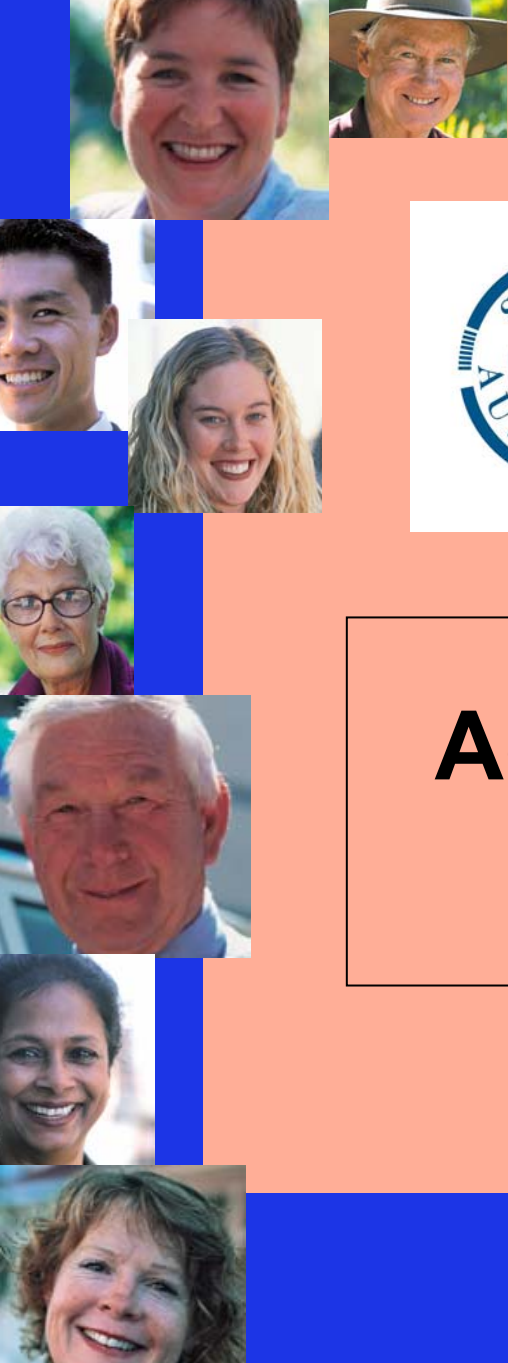
- Reports on Partnership received from VMAG and VPAC
- Workshops around the State and at Community Cabinets
- Community invited to “have your say” about where improvements need to be made
- Provide a submission or complete survey on the Partnership
- After consultations are completed the OFV will present a report on the ACT Partnership Review to Reference Group
- Final report will be provided to VMAG and then presented to the Premier

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