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Kicking goals for volunteers and all their cheer

International Thank a Volunteer Day is being celebrated on 5 December – and the Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centre is calling on people to thank those who freely give their time.

One such person is Rocky Bay volunteer Iolo Williams, who accompanied Rocky Bay customer Jamie to every Fremantle Dockers home game at Optus Stadium in 2018.

Before heading to their first game of the season, Iolo and a Rocky Bay support worker accompanied Jamie on a tour of the stadium, going behind the scenes to view the changing rooms, coach's locker room and an array of sporting memorabilia.

“Jamie loved the tour and was so excited to get a glimpse ‘behind the scenes,’” Rocky Bay Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Styles said.

“In previous years, Jamie had always travelled independently via public transport to Subiaco Oval to watch the Dockers – and his support staff felt it would be a great idea for a companion to accompany him to the new venue.

“It was to not only help make Jamie's experience safer but also put him at ease with the new travel routine and big crowds while making the experience of watching the game more enjoyable.

“Iolo was keen to offer his time to help our customers get out into the community and he really was Jamie's perfect match.”

International Thank a Volunteer Day was established by the United Nations in 1985 to celebrate the power and potential of volunteering.

“It's an opportunity for volunteers and organisations to raise awareness and gain recognition for the contribution they make to their communities,” City of Nedlands Coordinator Volunteering Services Robyn Forrest said.

“The Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centre is located upstairs in the Nedlands Library and is regarded as a one-stop shop for volunteering advice, information and learning about different volunteer positions available.”

Leading into International Thank a Volunteer Day, a Step into Volunteering information session is being held on 4 December at Subiaco Library from 5.30pm-6.30pm.

“It's a chance to come along and learn more about the ins and outs of volunteering and the potential opportunities you can explore,” Robyn said.

Pop-up Volunteer Resource Centre sessions are also held 12pm-3pm each Monday at The Grove Library, 10.30am-1.30pm Wednesdays at Subiaco Library and 10am-1pm Fridays at the Claremont Library and Community Hub.

To register for the Step into Volunteering information session, make an appointment or get more information, call 9273 3640 or email volunteering@nedlands.wa.gov.au.

For volunteer enquiries at Rocky Bay, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Styles on 9383 5135 or visit www.rockybay.org.au/volunteer.



Rocky Bay customer Jamie, left, with volunteer Iolo Williams at Optus Stadium.

For further information, please contact communications@nedlands.wa.gov.au or 9273 3500.