

MEDIA RELEASE

Minister Batchelor to launch goodcompany Exchange

As part of National Volunteer Week, Victorian Minister for Community Development Peter Batchelor will join leading Australian corporates, charities and volunteers at Federation Square to launch Exchange – goodcompany’s latest forum for linking professionals with charities in need.

Exchange follows a launch held recently on the steps of the ASX – where goodcompany was joined by some of Australia’s leading corporates to help launch a call to more companies to give staff paid time away from work to assist in the community sector.

The event also celebrates this year’s National Volunteer Week theme – Volunteers Change Our World – with a host of special guest speakers, including Minister Batchelor, who will formally launch the event.

Other VIP speakers will share vital information about the not-profit sector, inspirational stories and provide matching opportunities for professionals to dedicate time and skills to charity organisations.

Goodcompany General Manager Belinda Morrissey said the campaign and Exchange events aimed to recognise the real value of giving in a professional capacity.

“There is a real value in volunteering a professional skill to charities who may otherwise struggle to afford to hire in that skill,” she said.

“The exchange that takes place enables charities to give more of their time and resources to the important on-the-ground work they do. This, in turn has real impact on the lives of people touched by that charity. And there is also the value of the experience to our volunteers.

“More and more corporations and individuals are recognising this value. And as Australia’s leading professional volunteer organisation, we are helping to drive that message.”

Goodcompany was joined at the ASX by Vodafone chief Russell Hewitt, Macquarie Group chief information officer Nigel Smyth, Foxtel executive director of content Patrick Delany, Yahoo7 chief Rohan Lund, Fox interactive media chief Rebekah Horne and Ten Digital chief Damian Smith.

An Exchange event with VIPs and special guests is also planned in Sydney.

Where

Thursday 15 May, 6.00pm

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Beer Deluxe, Federation Square

Anyone interested in attending should visit www.goodcompany.com.au

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About goodcompany

goodcompany is a young and dynamic non-for-profit organisation based in Melbourne and Sydney. The organisation facilitates the collaboration between the community and corporate sectors through successful skilled volunteering outcomes and offers a proven skilled volunteering model. It work with over 600 charities, nearly 6000 registered volunteers in Melbourne and Sydney and have achieved over 1,000 outcomes worth over \$7 million of professional services to the community.

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