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## Celebrating National Volunteer Week: Get Your Boots Dirty and Join the Casterton Kelpie Association!

As National Volunteer Week (May 19-25, 2025) approaches, the Casterton Kelpie Association is taking the opportunity to celebrate the vital contributions of volunteers and encourage more people to get involved in the upcoming Australian Kelpie Muster and Australia's Premier Working Dog Auction. The event, a cherished icon of Australian culture, relies heavily on the generosity of volunteers to continue its success year after year.

"We're calling on individuals, families, and community groups across the region to roll up their sleeves and volunteer for the Australian Kelpie Muster and Australia's Premier Working Dog Auction," said Karen Stephens, President of the Casterton Kelpie Association.

"Whether you have a few hours to spare or can dedicate more time, every minute counts. Volunteers are the heart and soul of this iconic event, and their support helps us keep the tradition alive," Stephens Said.

Volunteers come from all walks of life, with last year's efforts showcasing the true spirit of community connection. The Australian Kelpie Muster brings together people from across Australia and fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose.

"The work of local volunteer-led organisations is essential to running the Australian Kelpie Muster and Australia's Premier Working Dog Auction. These groups generously donate their time, helping us run the event smoothly and ensuring its success," Stephens added.

"Furthermore, funds raised through the event are reinvested back into the community to support projects that benefit everyone, furthering the positive impact of volunteering."

Volunteering at the Australian Kelpie Muster offers a chance to be a part of something truly special. Volunteers have the opportunity to work alongside passionate people, gain valuable experience, and make lasting memories while celebrating the Australian working dog in all its glory.

### How to Get Involved:

The **Volunteer Induction Night** will take place on **Wednesday, 28 May 2025**. If you're interested in donating your time, the Casterton Kelpie Association encourages you to contact them today to sign up for the briefing to be hosted at the Australian Kelpie Centre from 6pm.

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Let's continue to connect communities, celebrate the Kelpie, and make this year's Muster even bigger and better. It's time to get your boots dirty – and make a difference!

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### About the Casterton Kelpie Association:

The Casterton Kelpie Association is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the Australian Kelpie, a remarkable working dog that plays an essential role in the Australian agricultural industry. Through events like the Australian Kelpie Muster and Australia's Premier Working Dog Auction, the Association promotes the working dog culture, community involvement, and the continued success of the Kelpie breed.

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**Caption:** Volunteers help manage the crowd during the Australian Kelpie Muster, a vibrant celebration of working dogs and rural heritage in Casterton, Victoria.

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