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YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER AT THE 30th MUSTER & AUCTION

As Australia marks National Volunteer Week 2026, the Casterton Kelpie Association is celebrating the volunteers who help bring one of the region's most iconic events to life — and inviting more people to be part of the milestone 30th Australian Kelpie Muster and Australian Premier Working Dog Auction.

National Volunteer Week runs from 18–24 May 2026, with this year's theme, Your Year to Volunteer, encouraging Australians to give their time in ways that create connection, purpose and lasting community impact.

Casterton Kelpie Association President Karen Stephens said volunteers remain at the heart of the Muster's success.

"The Australian Kelpie Muster simply would not happen without volunteers," Mrs Stephens said.

"As we celebrate our 30th year, it is especially important to recognise the people, community groups and local organisations who have helped build this event into what it is today."

Held across the June Long Weekend, the Australian Kelpie Muster brings thousands of visitors to Casterton to celebrate the Australian working dog, rural heritage and community spirit.

"Whether you can give a few hours, help across the weekend, or support behind the scenes, every contribution matters," Mrs Stephens said.

"Volunteering is a great way to meet people, support your town and be part of a much-loved community tradition."

Volunteers help across many areas of the event, including crowd support, event set-up, street activities, visitor assistance and the Australian Premier Working Dog Auction.

The Casterton Kelpie Association is encouraging individuals, families, clubs, schools, businesses and community groups to get involved and help make the 30th year one to remember.

The original release highlighted the importance of volunteers, local volunteer-led organisations, and funds being reinvested back into community projects.

To volunteer or find out more:

Email: secretary@castertonkelpieassociation.com.au

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Photo Captions:

[Volunteers are the backbone of the Australian Kelpie Muster](#), helping manage crowds, support events and keep the busy June Long Weekend running smoothly. As the Casterton Kelpie Association marks the 30th year of the Muster, it celebrates the many local people and community groups who give their time to bring the event to life.

The Casterton Kelpie Association is a volunteer-led organisation dedicated to celebrating and preserving the legacy of the Australian Kelpie, proudly hosting the annual Australian Kelpie Muster and Australia's Premier Working Dog Auction in the breed's birthplace.

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