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NEW VOLUNTEERING PLATFORM TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE IN CASTLE HILL

Organisations in need of support and people willing to help are being encouraged to sign up to a new online volunteering platform, designed to support vulnerable people in Castle Hill during COVID-19.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said volunteers are being empowered to provide welfare checks, deliver supplies and offer essential transport to vulnerable people through a new online platform linking community members with charities, NGOs and councils.

“The pandemic is placing a significant strain on volunteer-driven organisations who support vulnerable members in Castle Hill, and many require more people to help meet demand,” Mr Williams said.

“This platform allows you to register your details online and an organisation in your local area will get in touch and offer volunteering opportunities when they arise.”

The NSW Government has partnered with the [Centre for Volunteering](#) to develop the platform which is also operating in Victoria and Western Australia.

Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services Gareth Ward said the platform promotes informal voluntary opportunities that prioritise safety and wellbeing of participants during COVID-19.

“Volunteers are the backbone of our communities and in times of need it is inherent for Australians to rally around each other and do whatever is needed to support those struggling,” Mr Ward said.

“I encourage any organisation in need of assistance, and any person willing to give up their time to help someone else, to register online today.”

For more information and to register, visit emergency.volunteer.org.au.

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