



WORKPLACE GIVING

Handy Hints for Employers

More and more businesses are offering Workplace Giving to their employees. It is one of the simplest and most effective ways for your employees and your business to support RSPCA ACT.

Establishing a Workplace Giving program can be good for business as it demonstrates to your employees and customers that your business is community minded and committed to supporting the work of RSPCA.

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1. Decide which charities (ones with Deductible Gift Recipient status) you want to approach and invite them to participate in your Workplace Giving program.
2. Find out and record which of your employees would like to participate, how much they are willing to donate and to which charity they would like to donate.
3. At each pay cycle this deduction is made after calculating the employee's superannuation contributions but before deducting Pay as You Go tax. This way your employee gets the tax benefit straight away.

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RSPCA ACT Bank Details

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Curtin

Account Name: RSPCA ACT Inc.

BSB: 062 905

Account Number: 00132947

2. Find out and record which of your employees would like to participate, how much they are willing to donate and to which charity they would like to donate. To donate to RSPCA ACT employees can simply fill out the Workplace Giving Notification Form included in the Employees kit.

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Simply follow these steps:

- a) calculate gross earnings
- b) calculate total amount of donations
- c) subtract the total donation amount (b) from the gross earnings (a)
- d) use the amount calculated at (c) and find the 'earnings' figure of the relevant tax table
- e) determine the amount of tax to be withheld
- f) following this pay cycle, transfer total employee donations and any business 'matched' donations (in one transaction) to RSPCA ACT and provide remittance advice of the transfer
- g) RSPCA ACT can provide a tax deductible receipt to your business for any 'matched' donations.

Some other important things to note about Workplace Giving

- Personal information of employees who participate in Workplace Giving Programs is subject to privacy laws and cannot be released to participating charities without the express, written permission of each employee. This consent can be obtained by including a tick-box on your employee registration form.
- If your employee is happy to release this information (name, email, contact number) to RSPCA, these details can be supplied with your business remittance advice.
- RSPCA would like the opportunity to contact these employees at times throughout the year to ensure they are kept up to date with RSPCA news and to let them know how their donation is making a difference.

