



## **Red Frogs Volunteers in Events and Activities**

### ***Running a party or pub crawl? Need some help with your events and activities?***

Running club events and activities can be hard, particularly when running events such as pub crawls and other parties requiring volunteers to be the responsible person. Everyone wants to have a good time, but organisers are stuck worrying about the event and the welfare of guests instead of getting involved.

The Red Frogs program may be the answer you're looking for. The Red Frogs program provides volunteers who will monitor the welfare of your guests and assist where possible in ensuring they remain hydrated and get home safely. On top of that, Red Frogs can also provide clubs with a range of non-alcoholic events and activities, too!

FUSA consequently recommends clubs consider using Red Frogs for events and activities involving alcohol consumption to ensure the safety of your guests. Please note that FUSA has no affiliation with Red Frogs, and this recommendation is based on our positive experiences with working with this program only. If you know of alternative programs to Red Frogs, by all means let us know!

### ***Who or what are the Red Frogs?***

Red Frogs is a support program for young people from the ages of 15 – 25. Red Frogs make it their mission to provide a positive peer presence in alcohol-fuelled environments where young people gather, educate young people on safe partying behaviours, and promote and provide non-alcoholic and/or diversionary activities that engage young people in these environments.

### ***What do Red Frogs do?***

Red Frogs are best known for their free "Hydration Stations" (particularly at the Schoolies Festivals across Australia), which aim to create a drug and alcohol-free chill-out zone in parties and pub crawls. The Red Frogs volunteers typically provide water, red frogs (hence the name), and occasionally donuts and icy poles (depending on the event). They also assist by providing extra sets of eyes and ears at your event to ensure the welfare of guests.

Red Frogs also provide advice and assistance to student clubs for non-alcoholic events and activities. They can also run their popular Café Crawls for clubs and societies at a very low cost to guests (usually around \$5-\$10 per head).

### ***Nice! So what's the catch?***

The Red Frogs program is supported by sponsors, so they don't ask for much from those who use their services (except to cover costs in some circumstances such as the Red Frogs Café Crawls and trips).



It should be noted that the Red Frogs program is a Chaplaincy Network that is an initiative of the [Citipointe Church](#); a group of Christian Outreach Centres. The focus of this group is primarily on supporting youth, and consequently this affiliation is not obvious (similar to the way the Salvation Army operate) and from FUSA's experiences have never pushed an alternative agenda. However, if the club is fundamentally opposed to being supported by a Christian program (even if not explicitly so), the club may wish to use its own volunteers or seek alternative volunteer programs.

Please note that while Red Frogs will assist in monitoring the welfare of guests, they are NOT responsible for the event. It is the responsibility of the Event Organiser to ensure that risks are identified and addressed where required to ensure safety of the guests. Due to liability reasons, Red Frogs will also not provide First Aid to guests under any circumstances.

#### ***How do we book the Red Frogs team?***

To book the Red Frogs team, simply fill out the form (**note: with at least two weeks' notice**) located on the FUSA Manage Your Club page, located here: <http://fusa.edu.au/manage-your-club/>

The state representative will get in touch with you from there and go through the details. As the team is entirely volunteer based, please note that you may not get a response immediately!

#### ***How do I get more information?***

Easy! Simply head to the Red Frogs website at <http://au.redfrogs.com/>

#### **Queries?**

For queries specific to the Red Frogs, give them a call at 1300 557 123 or alternatively email them at [info@redfrogs.com](mailto:info@redfrogs.com)

For club-specific queries, speak to the Clubs Officer at FUSA via phone at (08) 8201 2953 or via email at [adam.rau@flinders.edu.au](mailto:adam.rau@flinders.edu.au)