

# Volunteer Vacancies



**Tanunda Lutheran Home** is looking for volunteers to assist the Floral Group. This is a great opportunity to be creative and promote a joyous visual environment for residents.



**Barossa Enterprises Community Garden** is for people with a disability or who are disadvantaged. Can you spare a couple of hours once a fortnight to help? Gardening and mentoring roles available.



**Uniting Communities** is looking for volunteers to pay social visits to the elderly in their homes. Good conversation and listening skills, and empathy for older people are required.



**Fusion Australia** in Kapunda is looking for volunteers with office skills and a heart for community development to become involved with schools work, festivals and general youth work.



**Kapunda Health Service** - are you willing to volunteer your time in the community or at the Kapunda Campus? Whatever your interests or skills, we have something for you!



**Chat'n Chow** is a friendly social lunch gathering held in Tanunda. Volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation, serving and to socialise with lunch guests. Weekly from 10.30am to 2.00pm.



**Community Helpers Furniture Warehouse** is looking for men & women who are able to relate well with each other and the community, to assist in a friendly retail environment in Nuriootpa.



**Abbeyfield Little Shop of Treasures** require friendly and helpful volunteers, to help with general shop duties, especially during weekends. No experience required as full training will be given.



**Uniting Communities in Kapunda** - Would you like to help people and further your office skills? Volunteers are required to work on reception desk, pack food hampers, laminate & photo-copy.



**Barossa Health Service** would love to hear from people interested in gaining experience in a medical records/administration environment. Hours to suit volunteers needs. Training will be given.



**Altona CSR Landcare Reserve** - Enjoy the company of like minded volunteers while assisting in the preservation of the bushland and the flora and fauna of this unique area.



**Tanunda Lutheran Home** is looking for volunteers to assist in the Café. This is a great opportunity to make friends and gain hospitality experience within a supportive team environment.



**Barossa Village** is looking for volunteers to assist with the 'Pianola Musical Memories' activity. Residents love to sing along to the old favourites among the selection of pianola rolls.



**South Para Nursery** - Volunteers are needed to collect seeds from local plants at a time that suits you. A list of seeds will be given. Attend a free workshop and receive practical training.



**Uniting Communities** is looking for volunteers with good conversation and listening skills, and empathy for older people, to make a 15 minute phone call once a week to an elderly person.



**Carers Link Coffee, Cake & Fun Program.** Volunteers are required to serve coffee & cake while chatting to and helping organise activities for community members experiencing memory loss.



**Nuriootpa Seniors Citizens Friendship Club Op Shop** require friendly, helpful volunteer shop assistants to work within a happy team. Hours negotiable and training will be given.



**Carers Link YC2 Program** supports carers aged 12 to 25. Mentors are required to help with support surrounding education, training, employment pathways and high school to workplace transition.



**Girl Guide Leader** - Want to develop leadership skills? Enjoy fun activities indoors & outdoors? Become a girl guide leader today and help shape the leaders of tomorrow!

For information on any of these positions or if you would like to see your vacancy advertised here, contact Volunteering Barossa & Light on 8563 8495 email [volunteering@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@barossa.sa.gov.au) [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au) (listed under Council Services)

This is just a small sample of positions available, get in touch for a full list



**Kapunda Museum** needs enthusiastic volunteer guides. Requirements include greeting visitors, good customer service skills, general 'front of house' duties and basic knowledge of local history.

# Volunteering Barossa & Light



Issue 10



## Dear Reader

Welcome to the 10th issue of Volunteering Barossa and Light. The new year brings with it an amazing opportunity to start getting involved and volunteer in our local communities. One of the many advantages of living in the Barossa and Light Region is that there is such a diverse range of organisations you can volunteer for. From community transport and sporting clubs to clerical and environmental work - just to name a few. If your New Years resolution was to start volunteering and you want

some more information on how to do so, then please come in and see us, or visit our website to see some of the wonderful volunteer vacancies available throughout the region.

If your organisation is looking for volunteers we would love to hear from you. We are able to promote your organisation's volunteer vacancy as well as provide advice on all aspects of volunteering, including volunteer policy, grant applications & training. Happy volunteering!

Alex Johnson,  
Coordinator Volunteering Barossa and Light.

## The Mayors on Volunteering

When talking to Mayor Brian Hurn of the Barossa Council about the importance of volunteering, Mayor Hurn noted that volunteerism is an integral part of our local communities. Volunteers care about their community and the residents in it, willingly giving up endless amounts of time, effort and sometimes financial contribution in order to make our townships, community and world a better place. Mayor Hurn also commented on the large variety of sporting grounds, parks, town halls, etc, that volunteers look after. If it wasn't for their outstanding efforts and strong community spirit, our council rates would increase drastically, or we may have to forgo other council services. Mayor Hurn noted that in order to best support our volunteers, Council needs to recognise, support and encourage volunteers whenever the opportunity arises.



Mayor Bill O'Brien of the Light Regional Council too has high praises for and recognises the importance of volunteers in our region. Mayor O'Brien said that "Volunteers are the back bone of most successful communities;

volunteering creates social inclusion among our communities. Some of the best infrastructure in our local townships have been built by our selfless volunteers, eg: the Kapunda Lions Club playground".

When asked about how councils can best support their volunteers, Mayor O'Brien mentioned the importance of councils being aware of the different volunteer groups in their region. There also needs to be a good understanding and strong communication between council and community organisations.

Mayor O'Brien has been involved with service clubs for the past 40 or so years; he hasn't lived in any community where he hasn't put in many hours willingly, building friendships that last a life time.

Mayor Hurn has thoroughly enjoyed volunteering for many organisations, including sporting clubs, a variety of different committees, and the CFS for the past 45 years.



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## Save the Date

Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre is holding FREE training sessions in which any not for profit organisations and volunteers can attend.

### Training Opportunities

**18 February** - Writing Grant Applications

**7 March** - Be An Effective Volunteer

**26 March** - Risk Management - An introduction

**8 April** - Introduction To Good Governance

All training sessions will be held in Gawler

For further information, or to register please contact Gawler Volunteer Resource Centre.

Phone: 8522 9207

Email: [volunteering@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@gawler.sa.gov.au)



For more information about Volunteering Barossa & Light and to see all of our local volunteer vacancies scan the QR code!

## Wheatfields Volunteers

Have you ever noticed how volunteers are modest and reluctant to talk about their achievements or the impact they have?

This was reinforced at our latest visit to Wheatfields in Freeling. Kerri-Anne Yates (Assistant Lifestyle Coordinator) had high praise for volunteer Alan Linke, who has given over thirty years of service volunteering for the aged care facility. "Alan is much loved by both staff and residents" Kerri-Anne said. When asked about his commitment, Alan shyly played down his work and quickly praised the work of others. Alan began volunteering at Wheatfields by visiting relatives; after time this extended to visiting and chatting with other residents. Alan then began assisting with daytrips for residents. The next step in Alan's volunteering contributions was to take charge of running the indoor bowls sessions. Still managing to find time, Alan then added bingo calling to his list of volunteer skills. Alan says his volunteering gives him someone to chat to, "I love to talk!" He also added, "If I can make someone happy, it makes me happy too." Alan is another 'quiet achiever' whose praises we need to sing loud and clear.



While at Wheatfields we were pleased to find a young man who is actively involved and volunteers within his local community. Matthew Sandstrom has spent time during the summer holidays volunteering at the aged care facility. Matthew has been assisting Alan facilitating the indoor bowls and bingo. He is an accomplished pianist, and spends time each week entertaining the residents. Matthew also volunteers at Freeling Primary School. He says that he enjoys making contact with a variety of people in the community and insuring others are enjoying themselves and having a good time.

To Alan, Matthew and all volunteers, **THANK YOU!**



## Free Websites & Promotional Materials for Community Groups

The Office for Volunteers and UniSA School of Communications currently have a program running with the aim of producing a range of FREE communication and promotional material for not for profit community groups.

Through the program, UniSA students work with community groups to help them build their own website, produce a range of different promotional material (including DVD's, e-newsletters and brochures) and provide assistance with marketing their organisation and services.

Does this sound like a useful service for you? Applications for projects for first semester are open now. For further information and to register, visit [www.communitywebs.org](http://www.communitywebs.org) or contact the program coordinator by phone 8302 4683 or email [alice.dodd@unisa.edu.au](mailto:alice.dodd@unisa.edu.au).

## Volunteers Week

13 – 19 May 2013

Volunteering Barossa and Light is aware of the vital role volunteers play in our community, and wishes to recognise and celebrate

their efforts. In conjunction with National Volunteers Week (13-19 May 2013). Volunteering Barossa and Light is proud to present the first Volunteering Barossa and Light Volunteer of the Year Award. This award aims to distinguish the outstanding contribution of one individual within our communities, and thank them for all their efforts. Any person performing voluntary duties or providing a leadership role on a voluntary basis within the Barossa



and Light Region may be nominated by any individual, community organisation, professional body or similar group for

the Volunteering Barossa and Light Volunteer of the Years Award. All nominations are welcome. For further information, and to request a copy of a 'how to nominate' and 'nomination form' please email [volunteering@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@barossa.sa.gov.au) or come in and see us at the back of the Nuriootpa Library. Nominations are now open and will close on the 1st April 2013. A ceremony will be held during volunteers week to thank and recognise the efforts of all nominated.

## Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

1. When you stay at home you get too many telemarketing calls.
2. Your family could use a break from you.
3. You might need help yourself one day.
4. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
5. Soap operas all sound alike.
6. If you don't go out each day, you get old.
7. Why let your boss have all the fun in life?
8. The car needs a workout.
9. Your mum would be proud of you.

## New VRC Coordinator

It's all official! The team at Volunteering Barossa and Light officially farewelled Jo Parker Phillips in October 2012. Jo has been appointed Co-ordinator for the Community Transport and Home Assist Program within The Barossa Council, so she will continue to be heavily involved with volunteers. Thanks Jo from the volunteer sector for your contribution during the past three years and we wish you well in your new challenge.

In October, the team welcomed Alex Johnson to the role of Volunteer Resource Centre Co-ordinator. Alex is originally from Papamoa, located in the North Island of New Zealand.

Relations in Kapunda drew Alex to our region and led her to study a



Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management at UniSA. A strong commitment to developing community spirit and the importance of volunteers in communities, attracted Alex to this position. Away from work, Alex lists going to the beach, Rugby ("the real game, not League") and travel, as major interests.

When asked what her main aims for Volunteering Barossa and Light are for 2013 Alex said, "To promote ourselves, set up a Volunteer of the Year Award, engage more volunteer organisations (particularly sporting groups) and provide relevant and accessible resources for local not-for-profit organisations".

## The Cottage

The Cottage is a Christian Book and Gift Shop located in Nuriootpa. The cottage is run by manager Ruth Murton, alongside a diverse group of volunteers. The cottage has a friendly and inviting atmosphere and gives volunteers the opportunity to socialise, meet new people and create friendships. One of the long standing volunteers at the Cottage is Doris Reuter. Doris started volunteering at the Cottage when it first opened. Doris has had a range of different jobs since she started volunteering at the cottage, including working front of shop, in stock purchase and then on the management committee. We would like to thank Doris for all her hard work.



**Congratulation to Hon Tony Piccolo MP Newly appointed Minister for Volunteers.**

