

Volunteer Update

It feels like yesterday we were celebrating some incredible milestones together.

A year ago, we reached 500 volunteers across Warrigal, contributed over 40,000 hours supporting older people, celebrated 20 volunteers recognised at the NSW and ACT Volunteer of the Year Awards, marked 10 years of the Bundanoon Café, and the Warrigal Care Auxiliary celebrated its 500th meeting.

But we didn't stop there. You kept showing up, giving your time, sharing your kindness and making a real difference in the lives of older people. Because of the welcoming and supportive community you've created, more people have wanted to become part of it too. Today, we have over 600 volunteers across Warrigal, and that is something every one of you should be incredibly proud of.

Our vision is a world where older people are **known, loved** and **connected**. It's something we talk about often, but you bring those words to life every day. Whether you're sitting down for a chat, driving the bus, helping in one of our cafés, supporting activities or lending a hand behind the scenes, you're helping older people feel connected, valued and cared for.

As we celebrated National Volunteer Week, we're reminded that millions of Australians who volunteer in their communities. I feel incredibly grateful that so many of those volunteers choose to share their time with Warrigal.

Thank you for everything you do. Thank you for your compassion, your generosity and the difference you make every single day. It is a privilege to work alongside you and see the impact you make in the lives of so many older people.

Michelle Chate
Volunteer Manager

Norm Rowland Awards

Each year, the Norm Rowland Volunteer Award recognises a volunteer whose contribution has made a lasting impact through their dedication, commitment and service. Named in honour of Warrigal's founder, who volunteered over 50 years, it is the highest recognition a Warrigal volunteer can receive. This year, 58 outstanding volunteers were nominated, with each nomination carefully assessed against criteria including impact, years of service, commitment, alignment with Warrigal's values and the difference they have made to the lives of older people.

Southern Awards

Nominees - Janice Grimson, Allison Scarth, Catherine Dickson, Izzy Venables, Ian Smith, Ashley Straude, Chris Nelson, Derek Bedson, Jacqueline Bedson, Delcia Von Brandenstein, David Dumbrell, Marilyn Newham.

Highly Commended - Ian Smith, Marilyn Newham

WINNER - Janice Grimson

Northern Awards

Nominees - Lily Harrington, Gail Cox, Fred Fleuren, Mary Johnson, Dinah Bosward, Karen Low, Bella Janssen Low, Patricia Read, Jane Butler ACVVS volunteer, Don Burgess, Mary De Haas, Don McAlister, Pauline Baxter, Sherryl Donaldson, Rex Halpin, Stephen Brogan, John Zalockar, Zora Illjevska, Dwayne Fogg, APR Cafe Volunteers - Anthony Arcuri, Carol Bailey, Dianne Gorman, Narelle Jones, Tammy Marskell, Noreen Packer, Claire Parkinson, Sue Taylor, Ann Tulley, Ukulele Group - Sue Porter, Des Bedford, Barbara Oxman, Catherine Scenna, Judy Stephens, Greg Tarden, Rob Stephens

Highly Commended - Fred Fleuren

WINNER - Pauline Baxter

Volunteer Week - Northern

We celebrated Volunteer Week for our Northern region at Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club with 130 people including our CEO, Jenni Hutchins, Chair of our Board, Sophie Ray, former Chair, Wyn Janssen, local MP, Carol Berry MP, and Deputy Mayor, Kellie Marsh. This lunch gave the opportunity to reflect, acknowledge and show gratitude to our Northern volunteers for their tireless efforts at Warrigal.

We recognised the following volunteers for their Years of Service milestones.

5 Years

Lyn Patrick, Judith Bingham, Stephen Bingham, Tia Moore, Robyn Rowland AO, Johanne Collis, Dianne Grogan, Greg Tardent, Sherryl Donaldson, Pat Nathaniel, Alan Smith, Annelise Morris, Chris Glawson, Lily Harrington, Gordon Blakey, Anita Delandro, Julie Burgess, Gordon Coleman, Lesley Kadwell, John Kadwell, Donna Ferrell, Dinah Bosward, Bill Leggo.

10 Years

Des Bedford, Thomas Hegedus, Truly Budjhendarti, Margaret Whiteley.

15 Years

Diane Smith, Nigel Parker, Anna Grech.

20 Years

Eliana Moro



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Volunteer Week - Southern

We celebrated Volunteer Week for our Southern region at Goulburn Workers Club with volunteers across the Southern region, Chair of the Board, Sophie Ray, local MP, Wendy Tuckerman, and Goulburn Mayor, Nina Dillon.

We recognised the following volunteers for their Years of Service milestones.

5 Years

Derek Bedson, Jacqueline Bedson, Joan Chapman, Jill Elliot, Rita Pearson, John Pearson, Jeremy Stibbard, Marion Peisley, Jan Elliott, Margaret Fitpatrick, Carole Nicola, Lorraine Barker, Pauline Cameron, Kim Doan, Agnes Miller, Adam Zarth.

10 Years

Erica Steer, Janet Benn, Wendy Johnston, Freda Bush, Barbara Dunn, Sue McDonald.

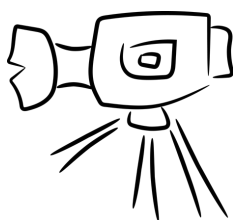


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Volunteer Week Video

To celebrate Volunteer Week we received photos of some of our volunteers across Warrigal. You can watch the video by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code below.



Garden to Goodness

In May, we officially launched the Garden to Goodness program at APR, bringing together residents, volunteers and staff to celebrate the beginning of a wonderful new initiative.

Led by a qualified gardener, with volunteers assisting, the program combines gardening, connection and wellbeing, giving residents the opportunity to get their hands in the soil, grow fresh produce and enjoy the many benefits that come from spending time outdoors.



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