

Welcome to the latest issue of In Touch, the newsletter that keeps People Who Care's employees, volunteers, supporters and clients up-to-date with all that is happening in the organisation.

Meet Paddy Monaghan

Paddy Monaghan has been volunteering for People Who Care as a driver, transporting, accompanying and assisting our elderly clients for 21 years!

When Paddy retired early at the age of 50 and moved from Geraldton to Perth he wanted to contribute to the community and keep himself busy. Paddy opted to volunteer with elderly clients as he felt that there was a lack of emphasis in the sector and wanted do his part to ensure seniors had access to services that many 'younger people' take for granted.

Paddy can tell you exactly who his first client was on the morning of the 8th February 1995, he can also tell you who the client was that saw him take his 2000th trip for People Who Care and that it took him 13 years to make those 2000 trips!! People Who Care has grown much bigger than when Paddy first



started in 1995. Lucky for People Who Care Paddy was recruited as a volunteer.

When asked if he had a 'favourite' client he boldly exclaimed "All of them!!". Now Paddy sees his volunteering as an opportunity to assist those less fortunate healthwise than himself. At 78 years of age he still has a spring in his step, a quick wit and is always willing to assist our clients.

Congratulations Paddy and THANK YOU so much for your time, patience and all your efforts!!

Relaxing the key to a great camp experience!

Recently our Mirambeena and Marmun Yorga Elders Gathering Group clients attended our annual Respite Camp in Busselton which was part funded by the Centrelink Call Centre. The clients enjoyed five days of sightseeing, shopping and relaxing in Cowaramup, Margaret River, Dunsborough and Busselton. They were able to take a number of relaxing walks along the beach and even do a spot of fishing. During the camp we ran a number of group activities but what the clients loved most of all was relaxing with a cup of tea and having a good old yarn!

Rikita Ryder
ATSI Support Worker



2015 National Volunteer Week Celebrations

The 2015 National Volunteer Week Celebrations went off with a bang with this year's theme being 'Give Happy Live Happy'.

Over the course of the Week (11-17th May 2015), People Who Care played host to over 100 volunteers and provided luncheons at the Guildford and Mandurah offices to celebrate volunteer week.

These luncheons allowed us to say special thanks to all volunteers that were celebrating milestones within the organisation. This year saw us celebrating 5 years, 10 years, 20 years and 30 years Length of Service Awards. We also launched new awards for Ambassadors of Voluntary Service within the organisation.

To all those that were able to attend we hope you enjoyed the music, laughter, great food and the shoulder massages that were on offer.

From everyone at People Who Care and the people we support we wish to thank you. You truly all are 'people who care about people'.

We could not do what we do without you.

Sam Hrubos

Volunteer Services Manager



Awards

Brian Atkins

30 years Length of Service Award

Paddy Monaghan

20 years Length of Service Award

Sam Clemeno

10 years Length of Service Award

Eileen Murphy

10 years Length of Service and Service Excellence Award

5 Year Length Service Recipients

Irene Bruce-Smith

Margaret Noonan

Alan Evans

Kathy Thomas

Clare Evans

Lorraine Hermon

Lynette Gibb

Allen Keith Jones

Jane Hislop

Pamela (Pam) Jones

David Johnson

Margaret Pearmine

Brian Kay

John William Tait

Grace Kay

Robert Wells

Mary Larder

Glenys Yotopoulos

Paul Larder

Ambassador Awards - Mandurah

Anne Bacon

Resilience and Reliability Award

Janice Lynn Butterly

Patience and Perseverance Award

Rosemary Gray

Gift of shared knowledge Award

Peter Sandars

Personality Award

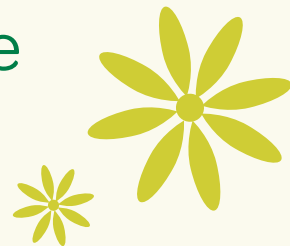
Phillip Stubbs

Multi-Tasking & Innovation Award

Gifts and Awards



Do you receive a Home Care Package?



If yes, this is for you...

As a Home Care Package recipient, you are eligible to access our Community Visitors Scheme at no cost. If you are feeling isolated and do not benefit from regular contact with family or friends, the Community Visitors Scheme can support you with an opportunity for social interaction, friendship and companionship through regular volunteer visits.

We can arrange a volunteer visitor to come to your home and spend time with you on a regular basis.

Visits can be spent enjoying a cuppa, working on a hobby or even going on an outing together.



Would you like a volunteer visitor? If you know someone who would enjoy a volunteer companion, please call 9379 1944 and speak to our Community Visitor Scheme Coordinators, Navodi or Emma.

**Please note: Home and Community Care (HACC) recipients are not eligible for this service.*

***In home services are only available in South West region only.*



Community Visitors Scheme
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What's across my desk?

The work on our strategic plan is almost completed and the plan is at the printers as I write. We look forward to distributing a copy for all to see at our gala dinner and will hold an information session to share the next stage of our three year journey with our volunteers, staff and community partners.

The information sessions on the new organisational structure were well attended and I thank those of you who were able to attend. For those who were working or unavailable, we will be implementing the new structure from 1st July 2015. A letter will be sent to all our volunteers to let you know the name of your new Service Manager. Service Managers will ensure each volunteer or staff member will be invited to all team meetings in your location to ensure you are provided with an opportunity to provide feedback, raise concerns or hear the latest communications.

I will not dwell too long on the Volunteer Week events here as I do not want to steal any thunder from our Volunteer Services who will be providing an article about the weeks celebrations, other than to say that the standard of arrangements was a benchmark for the future and the food provided was of a very high quality. I would like to thank both Samantha and Annette for their efforts in pulling off a fabulous week.

Just to let you know we are also planning a Gala Dinner this year to thank and recognise our volunteers. The dinner will be held on the same night as the AGM so as not to double up the number of nights out. The AGM will be held earlier in the evening for members who wish to attend followed by the Gala Dinner. We will keep you posted when a venue and a date can be confirmed.

News just to hand is that the growth funding application rounds for Home and Community Care have been released, so I will be busy throughout the next couple of months submitting applications to expand our services to more frail aged and disabled West Australians.

I hope this year we may be as fortunate as last year and look forward to giving you good news.

Ali White
Chief Executive Officer

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- more information on how to make a bequest**
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