

Your year to volunteer



Do you love to drive? Turn it into a way to support your community. Kathryn Marschall has.

For the past five and a half years, Kathryn Marschall has been one of the dedicated volunteer drivers supporting Barossa & Light Community Transport.

Although she has held other volunteer roles, this one feels like the perfect fit, largely because she simply loves to drive.

Kathryn began looking to volunteer after realising she was spending too much time on her own.

"I like my own company, but I need to get out regularly for my mental health," she says.

A visit to the Volunteer Board at the Council office introduced her to the community transport program, which provides essential car transport for older residents needing to attend medical appointments or social activities outside the Barossa.

The service also offers a regular shopping bus and social outings, funded by the Commonwealth Government.

All volunteer drivers complete a free accreditation process every five

years to ensure passenger safety. For Kathryn, the role offers more than time behind the wheel. She enjoys meeting new people, hearing their stories, and exploring new places while waiting for passengers, often discovering a café with "good coffee and cake."

Kathryn feels valued by both passengers and Council, with volunteers recognised at annual events and throughout the year.

She sees firsthand how vital the service is.

"They wouldn't be able to get to their appointments if it wasn't for this service. It helps them stay living at home."

At 69, Kathryn is the youngest of 47 volunteer drivers. Her message to anyone considering joining is simple,

"Just do it. You can choose your days and hours, it costs you nothing, and the passengers really appreciate you."

**Make it your year to volunteer.
Contact the Community Transport team on 8563 8411**

