

# Your year to volunteer



**Share your talents and skills and keep your community strong, just like Lyn Venning has done for decades!**



For a quarter of a century, Lyn Venning has been a warm and familiar presence at Wirraminna Care, where she brings joy, connection, and purpose to residents through her remarkable dedication.

Lyn leads the monthly sing-along sessions, playing piano and witnessing firsthand the powerful impact music has on older people. She believes deeply in music therapy, describing it as a way to unlock memories and lift spirits.

Her volunteering doesn't stop at music. Lyn chats with residents, plays board games, assists with commemorative services, and helps run events like the Strawberry Fete and Travel Talks.

She also organises "Scone Time," a monthly gathering designed to bring isolated community members together. With guest speakers ranging from police officers to snake catchers, she ensures there's always something engaging on offer.

Lyn's commitment to community runs deep. Before volunteering, she worked at Wirraminna Care for 19 years and spent four decades

on the Williamstown Action Group Committee. She and her husband were even named Citizens of the Year for their contributions, including helping build the original aged care facility.

What Lyn loves most is the wisdom and stories shared by residents. She embraces the philosophy that "residents don't live in our workplace - we work in their home," and she strives to make every interaction meaningful.

Residents benefit from friendship, stimulation, and the chance to try new things. Lyn feels valued by both the organisation and the families she supports.

Her message to anyone considering volunteering in aged care is simple: "Go for it. Your strengths can bring purpose to your life and brighten someone else's day."

**Is it Your Year to Volunteer in Aged Care? Become part of Wirraminna Care.**

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