

WHO ARE WE?

Co.As.It. is a charitable organisation that has provided aged, disability, and community care services since 1978.

At Co.As.It., we treat our clients as extended family members, an ethos that is part of our culture, our heritage, and our development. Caring for people isn't a job - it's our mission in life and we excel at it.



If you would like to know more about the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme, would like to apply to become a volunteer visitor, or request a volunteer visitor, please contact our office.

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AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME (ACVVS)



Aged Care
Volunteer
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Older Australians, especially CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse individuals) who do not have regular contact with friends or relatives, or are isolated from their culture or heritage, can be referred by an aged care service provider to a volunteer visiting network member in the local area.

AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME

The ACVVS is a national program under the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Funding is given to approved community organisations to recruit, train and support volunteer visitors to provide friendship and companionship to older people.

Visits are available to anyone who receives government-subsidised residential aged care or Home Care Packages and who are socially isolated.

Volunteer visiting is a free service that aims to:

- Help develop social connections.
- Focus on the needs of older people from particular linguistic, cultural, and complex vulnerability backgrounds who may be at greater risk of social isolation.

HOW TO ASK FOR A VISITOR?

- Older people can refer themselves.
- The scheme also accepts referrals from family members, aged care service providers, friends, and the official ACVVS website.



BECOME AN AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITOR

Becoming an aged care volunteer visitor can be a rewarding and life-changing experience.

Regular visits from volunteers can help to improve the quality of life and help older people feel less isolated.

Volunteers visit at least 20 times per year.

The visits can be:

- One-on-one visits to people receiving Home Care Packages
- One-on-one or group visits to people living in residential aged care homes

Volunteers usually visit for an hour once a fortnight, at a time that suits both the volunteer and the person receiving aged care services.

To be a volunteer visitor, you must be 18 years or over and undergo a National Police Check.

Police checks are valid for 3 years and must be renewed for continuing volunteers.

Co.As.It. is a charitable organization that has provided aged and community care services since 1978. It caters to the needs of CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) people and the broader community.