
Media Release

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Thanks for the gift of your presence!

Throughout May, Resthaven Aged Care will be holding ‘Volunteer Thank You Luncheons’ to show its appreciation for its 400-strong team of dedicated volunteers.

This being Resthaven’s 75th Anniversary Year, the luncheons will have a ‘birthday party’ theme.

A highlight of the lunch at Resthaven Murray Bridge on Wednesday 12 May at 12.30pm will be the presentation of awards recognising five, ten or fifteen years voluntary service at Resthaven Murray Bridge, 53 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge. Nine volunteers will receive a recognition award at the Thank You luncheon.

Getting ready for the birthday celebrations is volunteer, Ann Puust, who is a volunteer bus driver and helps with leading group activities such as indoor bowls and card games. She also takes the shop trolley around the site for residents to purchase small items and actively helps with extra events on request.

Ann is very popular, and always ready to stop for a chat and a laugh.

Resthaven CEO, Richard Hearn, says “Volunteers have been at the heart of Resthaven Aged Care since the very beginning.

“We simply wouldn’t be where we are today without volunteer support.

“The Volunteer Thank You Luncheons are a way for us to demonstrate how much we truly value the difference volunteers make to the quality of life of the older people Resthaven supports through our residential and community services.”

New volunteer enquiries are welcome. Please contact Stacey Thompson, Resthaven Volunteer Resources Coordinator, on 8206 0102, or email sthompson@resthaven.asn.au.

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Photo captions:

- Ann brightens up resident Graham Abbott’s day.
- Stacey Thompson, Coordinator Volunteer Resources, chats with Ann at Resthaven Murray Bridge.