

Introduction to Volunteering

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Who is a volunteer?

A volunteer can be any member of the community who would like to give freely of their time, talent and energy to others and to their communities through individual and collective action, without expectation of financial reward.

Formal volunteering is an activity which takes place through not for profit organisations such as TLH, local government or in conjunction with community projects. It is undertaken:

- ◇ to the benefit of the community and the volunteer;
- ◇ of the volunteer's own free will and without coercion;
- ◇ for no financial payment; and
- ◇ in designated volunteer positions only that compliment but do not replace the services provided by paid staff.

Volunteering supports the altruistic and social expression of the individual and can support worker rehabilitation, provide work experience to enhance



*"We make a living by what we do,
but we make a life by what we give."*

Winston Churchill

Principles of Volunteering

Tanunda Lutheran Home supports the nationally recognised 'Principles of Volunteering' as outlined below:

- ◇ Volunteering benefits the community and the volunteer
- ◇ Volunteer work is unpaid
- ◇ Volunteering is always a matter of choice
- ◇ Volunteering is not compulsorily undertaken to receive pensions or government allowances
- ◇ Volunteering is a legitimate way in which citizens can participate in the activities of their community
- ◇ Volunteering is a vehicle for individuals or groups to address human, environmental and social needs.
- ◇ Volunteering is an activity [primarily] performed in the not for profit sector, [and through local government...]
- ◇ Volunteering is not a substitute for paid work
- ◇ Volunteers do not replace paid workers nor constitute a threat to the job security of paid workers
- ◇ Volunteering respects the rights, dignity and culture of others.
- ◇ Volunteering promotes human rights and equality.

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Why Volunteer at TLH?

Volunteering at TLH supports the holistic care of residents within a Christian environment that respects the individuality and dignity of all people.

The physical care of residents is primarily the responsibility of trained care staff and the Tanunda Lutheran Home's lifestyle staff cares for the social needs of the residents. For the activity and individual programs to be of benefit to the residents and meet their varying needs the lifestyle department depends heavily on the support of volunteers.

As a volunteer you will enhance the quality of life of the residents through your wealth of knowledge and experiences and caring approach. Your energy, creativity and perspective can add a new dimension to established programs and be the inspiration of new activities.

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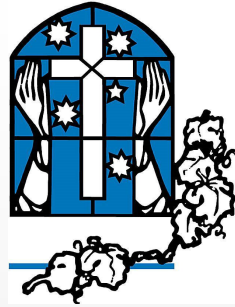
Tanunda Lutheran Home

The Tanunda Lutheran Home (TLH) has grown to be one of the largest aged care facilities in rural South Australia since its inception in 1952 and continues to operate as a not-for-profit incorporated body governed by a Board of Management.

The Home was founded on the vision, generosity and determination of the community to create a facility of unprecedented community value that would serve the aged and special needs client's within the community - this continues to be the underpinning ethos of an organisation that has positioned itself within the 21st century as an innovative provider of aged care within a paradigm of technological change and ageing in place ideology.

TLH offers a high standard of independent living accommodation and state of the art Residential Facility with separate palliative care suite and a dedicated secure dementia wing. This is complimented by a range of ancillary services which are accessible by both the wider community and residents within the complex i.e. physiotherapy, podiatry, gym etc. A Community Day Care Centre program is offered in association with Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), a joint commonwealth and state/territory program which provides funding and assistance for Australians in need.

The provision of these services is in keeping with the guiding vision and mission of TLH to provide the highest quality of care and services to the aged and 'special needs' citizens of our community, within a holistic framework that respects and recognises the physical, spiritual, psychological and social needs of the residents. and is inclusive of the marginalised and socially isolated.



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Volunteer Brochure

Volunteering is a great way to become involved in your community and Tanunda Lutheran Home offers a wide range of volunteering opportunities for you to become involved in.

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