

Calling on new volunteers

TransCare provides a range of services to assist older and disadvantaged residents in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shires. These services are designed to ensure that these community members are able to continue living comfortably in their own homes for as long as possible. TransCare commenced life as a transport service but has expanded to provide domestic assistance, shopping assistance, personal care, home maintenance assistance, meals on wheels and other support services. A number of these services rely heavily on the assistance of volunteers.

TransCare is now calling for new volunteer team members to assist with delivery of our community assistance programs and all it takes is an hour or two of your time each month.

If you like that feeling you get when you've helped someone, or that you're truly valued and appreciated then becoming a volunteer may be for you. Samm Turri, Care Coordinator at TransCare, said she was astounded by the feeling of camaraderie and goodwill she experienced from working closely with the TransCare volunteer team.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our volunteers since taking on the position of Care Coordinator.

"They help us deliver our programs to hundreds of clients across the Upper Hunter and Muswellbrook Shires each week.

"Without them we couldn't help the number of people that require assistance," Mrs Turri said.

"While transport assistance is a major part of TransCare's services, volunteers really do much more. There are lots of opportunities to get involved including driving clients to medical appointments, helping with odd jobs or delivering meals on wheels.

"I think volunteering helps you feel closer to the community and feel good about yourself.

"Our clients genuinely appreciate what volunteers do for them... from changing a light bulb to picking up the shopping," Mrs Turri said.

But there are also plenty of social benefits.

"Once a month we hold volunteer meetings in Murrurundi, Muswellbrook and Scone which is always over lunch or morning tea.

"And of course, we always have a big Christmas party to say thanks to all our volunteers and helpers.

Mrs Turri said not only were the volunteers a great support to the community, but also to each other.

"When one of our volunteer's cars broke down last week, another volunteer immediately stepped in and picked up her client who had a medical appointment and another volunteer drove the car-less volunteer to our monthly meeting.

"It's acts of kindness like this that I think make the whole experience worthwhile," Mrs Turri said.

If you'd like to talk about ways you could help out, give Samm a call on 6545 3113.

Remember, any time you can spare makes a real difference.



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Welcome to the new world of care

Volunteers

we need your help

If you would like to become a Volunteer please contact
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