

Volunteer Update

Dear Inner West Neighbour Aid Volunteer Team,

What a year it has been so far! We were off to such a great and busy year, getting our and about enjoying the sunshine and the company of our expanding Neighbour Aid community. We even managed to squeeze in a volunteer group dinner!

We were and ARE getting ready to resume our intergenerational programs. Garden Aid with Rivendell School students and our Ashfield Mall shopping with Ashfield Boys High students both schools whom we have worked with over a number of years and were eagerly looking forward to seeing again after a hiatus in 2020.

We are also planning to resume our Community Visitors Scheme program. Our new Senior Social Support Worker Esther has been working hard with local residential age care facilities to resume when safe to do so..... So now we wait, we wait for the sunshine to burst through the clouds like we have done before. Until then I encourage you to stay home, stay well and stay connected. The Neighbour Aid team will keep you up-to-date with any changes. Keep an eye out for my emails!

Jacqui Elliott, Volunteer & Events Coordinator



National Volunteer Week 2021

Thank you to those volunteers who joined the Neighbour Aid team for dinner to celebrate National Volunteer Week at Ashfield RSL in May. A lovely night of laughs, and sharing of stories. We look forward to getting together for Christmas and end of year celebrations.

Welcome New Volunteers!

It may not be the start to volunteering as we had hoped! Some of you managed to a couple of outings or gardening sessions and others, well ... we hope you are still eager to "get going". We would like to know that we have a COVID safety plan in place when resuming face to face programs with procedures that ensure a strict compliance with social distancing, government health and safety guidelines. We hope you find your time with us an enjoyable experience and we look forward to giving you a positive and warm experience for many years to come. Welcome to the Inner West Neighbour Aid Volunteer Team.

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General Volunteer News

Vaccination Reporting

Thanks to those volunteers who have shared their flu and COVID-19 vaccination status with us. Inner West Neighbour Aid proactively supports best practice and reporting the vaccination status of our volunteers and staff is an important measure to provide greater health security for seniors in our community. Sharing your information and having the COVID-19 vaccination is currently voluntary. The federal government strongly encourages all aged care workers to get vaccinated. Please note that the flu vaccination is a requirement to those volunteers who participate in the Community Visitors Scheme program visiting residential facilities.

Volunteer Reimbursement Forms for 2021/22

Thanks to those who have responded and returned their forms for the 2021 financial year. And an extra thank you to those volunteers who elected to donate their reimbursements back to Inner West Neighbour Aid. Like any donation your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt at the end of the financial year.

Inner West Neighbour Aid recognises that volunteering may incur financial travel costs while undertaking voluntary work for Inner West Neighbour Aid. As part of our Volunteer Framework, section 4.4 On-going support, Recognition and Training policy we offer our volunteer reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses please contact Jacqui for more information.

Volunteer National Criminal History Checks

As part of our contractual obligations and duty of care, we require all staff, volunteers and contractors to have a current National Criminal History Check whilst volunteering and representing Inner West Neighbour Aid. As with any business reporting and auditing is a part of any business or organisation and I would like to assure our clients, clients families and volunteers that all our current staff, contractors and volunteers including our high school students have had a current "Police Check". Checks are conducted as required, every 3 years and volunteers will be requested and required to redo their check prior to the expiry of their outgoing check, in order to continue volunteering. Volunteers are also required to inform Inner West Neighbour Aid of circumstances that may effect their status. These discussions are a requirement and will be kept confidential.

Current Stay-At-Home Friendly Volunteering Opportunities

Staying connected with our Neighbour Aid community — If you would like to participate in telephone "visiting" and well being checks, please let me know or call the office to chat with our Social Support Coordinator Jackie Walters who will be able to make arrangements for a connection.

