

Volunteer Rationale

The Nillumbik Community Health Service (NCHS) recognises the diverse, unique and essential component of service delivery that comes from the volunteer program. Volunteering is a fundamental and essential element of society. Volunteer programs provide the opportunity for individuals to offer their support to their local community. NCHS acknowledges that there are significant personal and communal rewards achievable through volunteering; NCHS strives to promote the value of volunteering and actively supports volunteer participation.

The NCHS's commitment to providing a quality volunteer program is driven by the desire to extend the provision of quality services to the community. Volunteers complement the work of paid staff, extending their capacity and bring new perspective and energy to the organisation. Volunteers will not be used by NCHS to replace paid workers but will assist with resource expansion of the services offered by NCHS.

NCHS aims to provide volunteer services in accordance with the Service's Mission Statement to support the physical, psychological and social well being of the people within Nillumbik shire.

Principles of Volunteering

- Volunteering benefits the community and the volunteer
- Volunteer work is unpaid
- Volunteering is always a matter of choice
- Volunteering respects the rights, dignity and culture of others
- Volunteering promotes human rights and equality
- Volunteering is a legitimate way in which individuals 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 performed in the not for profit sector only
- Volunteering is not a substitute for paid work

Why become a volunteer?

- Meet new people
- Participate in local community
- Learn new skills
- Have fun
- To be involved
- Self satisfaction
- To do something that is needed
- Use as a stepping stone to paid work
- Try something different
- Use your experience to assist others
- To stay active
- Join a dedicated workforce

Activities where volunteers are involved

- Allied health
- Planned Activity Group
- Acquired Brain Injury Group
- Ralff Program
- Arthritis Land Exercises
- Arthritis Water Exercises
- Strong People Stay Young
- Emergency Relief
- Legal Service
- Administration
- Drivers
- Self help groups
- Better Health Programs

What will happen after you start volunteering?

Every volunteer is given orientation and training prior to commencement. Further training will take place as the volunteer work commences. You will have access to a service supervisor and/or the program coordinator at all times whilst volunteering.

Volunteers also have an opportunity to have input to program planning and service development

How to become a volunteer

Simply by coming into our service or contacting by phone, fax or email. The Volunteer Co-ordinator will organise a meeting with you to discuss all volunteer queries you have.

Volunteering within the Service can be in a stand alone volunteer position or in a volunteer group assisting each other within a program. If volunteering is new to you then this can be a fun way to be introduced into volunteering.

All volunteers will be subject to a police check before starting their volunteer role.

Contact

Contact Service Coordination at NCHS on 9431 1333 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Volunteer Program