

BASS Care operates a number of services:

- ◆ Two aged care facilities – Faversham House and Hamer Court Hostel
- ◆ Seventy eight Independent Living Units in four different locations across Canterbury and Surrey Hills
- ◆ Two large kitchens at Conochie Hall & Faversham House, Canterbury, providing over 236,000 meals each year, including the majority of Meals on Wheels services throughout the area and to community dining facilities in Canterbury, North Balwyn and Balwyn.
- ◆ Maranoa House Dementia Day Centre in Canterbury
- ◆ A senior citizens club in North Balwyn
- ◆ The Marwal Centre in North Balwyn
- ◆ A variety of social support services and day activity programs
- ◆ Conochie Hall, available to the community for hire and catering

Staff & Volunteers...

Volunteers are an integral part of the organisation, working side by side with paid staff to ensure a quality service to the frail, aged and disabled in the community. There are over 180 permanent and casual staff employed by BASS Care, ably supported in their work by more than 300 volunteers.



BASS Care (Boroondara Aged Services Society) is a proudly independent not for profit organisation providing a range of services to the local community since 1956.

The Society is one of the largest providers of social support services within the City of Boroondara. BASS Care's services are accessible by all, irrespective of their financial, religious or cultural status.

Our services assist clients to maintain independence and achieve a greater quality of life.



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Volunteering at BASS Care

An opportunity to participate



The Volunteer spirit *An integral part of BASS Care*

The volunteer spirit formed the core of the development of Boroondara Aged Services Society.

BASS Care began with a Christmas party in 1956 organised by a committee of local people. These dedicated people from a range of local churches perceived that there were many elderly folk in their community who needed fellowship, support and, in some cases, sustenance and housing. The realisation of their vision was only possible due to the work of hundreds of people, who cheerfully gave their time and effort. The success of the organisation today is a permanent memorial to their dedication.

Today, at BASS Care, volunteers still form an integral part of the organisation - over



300 dedicated volunteers work side by side with paid staff to ensure a quality service to more than 1300 clients.

Volunteering Opportunities for people with a wide range of backgrounds

Our Volunteers are involved in many activities including:

- ◆ delivering Meals on Wheels;
- ◆ serving lunch and offering friendship every day in our community Dining Rooms;
- ◆ providing companionship to our residential clients;
- ◆ accompanying clients on our organised day trips;
- ◆ providing transport;
- ◆ assisting with shopping and banking;
- ◆ participating in Arts, Crafts and Music programs;
- ◆ assisting staff at our specialised dementia day care centre, Maranoa House;
- ◆ helping at our Faversham House kiosk;

The list is endless and new ideas are always welcome.



Why Volunteer?

Many volunteers find their participation in these areas enriching and rewarding. There is an opportunity to share skills and develop new ones, whilst helping members of the community.

Volunteering for BASS Care provides opportunities to:

- ◆ Meet new people and make new friends
- ◆ Learn more about your local community and the needs of people living in Boroondara
- ◆ Enjoy great rewards by participating in your community
- ◆ Make a real difference

Like to join us?

If you have some spare time and would like to join our wonderful group of dedicated volunteers please contact our **coordinator of volunteers** at:

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