

Volunteer role description



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the Traditional Owners
of this land, their ancestors
and Elders, past and present.

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Volunteer Friend and Visitor - Community Visitors Scheme Northern Tasmania – Various Areas

Department	Social Inclusion
Availability	Flexible days
Location	Northern Tasmania – Various Areas
Category	Working in our Services and Programs

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

In this role you will help an elderly person overcome loneliness and improve their wellbeing through making social visits to their home on a regular basis.

Role responsibilities

- Visit the participant at least once per fortnight
- Undertake activities that are appropriate to the participant. This may include listening to music together, playing cards or board games, reminiscing or simply having a chat
- Report any incidents in relation to the participant's health, welfare or wellbeing, to Red Cross staff
- Maintain confidentiality of information obtained during a visit unless this information must be disclosed to Red Cross to assist the participant
- Maintain accurate records of visits to participant on allocated visit record sheets
- Notify Red Cross in advance if unable to make arranged visit to the participant

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Have a genuine interest in making a difference to the lives of elderly people from a broad range of culturally diverse participants
- Show empathy for the mature aged socially isolated clients
- At ease working independently and visiting people in their own homes
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively

Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every three years (Red Cross will arrange this)
- Due to COVID19 there have been changes to the requirements with visiting in aged care homes. You will now be required to have an annual influenza vaccination as required by the federal government for people entering age care facilities. If you are not able to have this, you will need to choose another area of volunteering as the vaccination is mandatory for going into an aged care home.
- If you have been a citizen or permanent resident of a country/countries other than Australia, since turning 16, you will need to complete a Statutory Declaration.

Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
- Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required
- Attend Scheduled Volunteer meetings, a minimum of two per year

General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Ethical Framework and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality
