

What does ACVVS provide?

The ACVVS (Aged Care Volunteer Visiting Scheme) offers support through volunteer visits, providing companionship and friendship to older individuals. This program helps reduce social isolation and enhances the quality of life for those in aged care residential settings or receiving home care.

Volunteers visit for one hour every fortnight, engaging in a range of activities, such as playing cards, taking short walks, knitting or crocheting, reading, listening to music, or having a coffee and a chat.

These visits bring valuable social connection and joy to those involved.

Who is eligible?

Residential Aged Care Facility: Individuals living in an aged care facility are eligible for volunteer visits. A Coordinator will assess suitability, and referrals can be made directly by family or staff members.

Community Home Visits: To be eligible, the individual must be a Support At Home recipient. Referrals can come from aged care service providers, family, friends, or self-referrals.

Becoming a Volunteer Makes a Big Difference

Volunteering with ACVVS is a rewarding way to make a positive impact. Our bilingual Coordinators match volunteers with individuals based on location and shared interests.

/// Guglielmo's visits put me in a great mood – he is not my volunteer, he's my friend.

– Armando, ACVVS client



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Why Choose Co.As.It. for Group Based Activities?

Co.As.It. is a leader in delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate care across Sydney. We understand the importance of community and culture, offering tailored programs that support individuals to remain connected with their heritage while receiving quality care.

Our Community Services team includes bilingual staff, social workers, psychologists, nurses, case managers, community care workers, and dedicated volunteers; all working together to provide exceptional services.

Co.As.It. offers a variety of programs designed to help people live independently at home and stay connected to their culture and community.

Social Support Group Program

Our Social Support Group Program offers multiple groups across Sydney, providing a space for Seniors to socialise and connect. These structured groups are designed for active, engaged individuals who can plan their own activities, with support for goal setting to promote wellness and reablement.

Trained bilingual and bicultural staff lead activities, ensuring that participants can continue living independently while maintaining a strong sense of belonging to their community.

Our services are available in metropolitan Sydney, including the Inner West, Northern Sydney, South-West Sydney, South-East Sydney and the Sutherland Shire.

Centre Based Respite Program

Our Centre-Based Respite Program offers much-needed relief for carers of frail elderly individuals or those living with dementia. These programs provide respite while ensuring participants receive the care they need. Centre Based Respite operates in South-West Sydney, South-East Sydney, and Western Sydney.

Participants can enjoy a variety of activities during their time at the Centre, including:

- Conversation
- Games
- Gentle Exercises
- Guest speakers/Information
- Outings
- Provision of meals
- Social activities
- Transport

Cost and eligibility

Participants are asked to contribute a fee for this service, which will be discussed during the assessment process.

To be eligible for the Social Support Group Program or Centre-Based Respite, individuals must first be assessed by a Regional Assessment Service (RAS) through the My Aged Care referral website: www.myagedcare.gov.au

Co.As.It. will assist you in accessing this **free** assessment.



Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS)

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) is a federally funded program designed to support socially isolated individuals by providing regular companionship through volunteer visits.

Volunteers visit residents in nursing homes and clients in their own homes (for Support At Home recipients), after being carefully matched by a Coordinator.

We work closely with our volunteers to ensure that both visitors and clients have the opportunity to build meaningful and lasting friendships.

