

# Banksia Consulting Group

## **The Banksia Community**

*Making volunteering work for your  
organisations*

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# My Volunteering Story

I started volunteering early in life after our family had a house fire when I was 11 years old and the first people along amongst the first responders like ambulance and police was the Salvation Army whose only concern was our welfare and that was never forgotten in the years ahead, I went on various Red Shield Appeals to volunteer my time and raise money for such a worthy organisation.

Fast forward to my corporate career, I've volunteered for the Foodbank Drives, Clean up Australia, Jeans for Genes, Clontarf Foundation, Girls Academy and more recently over the last few years initiated Aged Care corporate volunteering with RFBI ( Royal Freemasons Benevolent Institution) through my previous employee WINC Australia.

Over the years corporate volunteering I met some amazing people, however for 3 years I visited RFBI Lake Haven and met some fantastic elderly people in that community, who lead amazing lives, some have met royalty others have almost made it to 100 years old and the men at Men's shed who did amazing thing with plaster casts for the children at the Children's hospitals still giving back even at 75, 89, 90 years respectfully.

I believe we all need to give back as part of your CSR ( Corporate Social Responsibility) especially corporate businesses and they now provide staff time off to attend as paid leave to volunteer for great initiatives like supporting Aged care and other amazing charities, High schools are now providing volunteers to do community service and our older community are still contributing via volunteering. I'll keep giving back.



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**PURPOSE** To build a sustainable volunteering program that supports our elderly community by leveraging people power and community projects to help our Aged Care homes to focus using trained resources towards improving quality of care.

**FOCUS** To help manage the volunteering programs for Aged Care homes and provide relevant training to enable volunteers to provide support, intergenerational connection, sharing of skills and wisdom and gain a sense of contribution.

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# Join the Banksia Community



**The Corporate Businesses** have a great opportunity to give back to the elderly community whether it be specific projects like establishing gardens, providing specific equipment or just providing your time to visit.



**The High Schoolers** get an opportunity to educate the elderly on Tech games, listen and ask questions about the elderly, provide company and support its all about intergenerational connection.



**Our Contributors** those in our community who may be able to spare more time to support our elderly community just by visiting and being there as a regular connection.



# The Benefits

**The Corporate Businesses** get the opportunity to give back and support Aged care homes and their residents and help transform Aged Care as part of your CSR.

**The High Schoolers** the benefits of an opportunity for young adults to connect with people who have travelled the chasm of life is something that mutually benefit our young and elderly community cannot be understated.

**The Contributors** the opportunity to give back to the people who gave so much and its more about paying it forward.



# The Benefits to Aged Care

**Volunteer Training** provide volunteering program that supports the protocols in Aged care, police & criminal checks and the understanding how to interact especially if encountering specific behaviours.



**Resource support** provide additional support so you can redeploy additional staff to other areas of the Aged care home to support quality of care to the elderly consumers.



**Supported Projects** work with the Aged homes on specific projects that can be supported by corporate volunteers like upgrading gardens or providing some technical or supply expertise.



# For more information

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