

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

- Transport for medical appointments
- Personal shopping assistance
- Grocery shopping assistance
- Social support home visits

HOW DO I ACCESS THESE SERVICES?

To access the services provided by BWA, simply contact us on 8367 6088 to become a member, or go to our website: www.blindwelfare.org.au to complete a membership application.

Blind Welfare Association contacts all of its members on a quarterly basis through its newsletter **Eye Contact**.

This is provided to members in their preferred format eg: large print, audio, or email.

BLIND WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC

CONTACT DETAILS:

1 Cameron Ave, Gilles Plains

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Member Services



OUR MISSION

To provide high standard welfare, support and accommodation services to blind and vision impaired people while promoting independence, dignity and quality of life.

OUR STORY

It was during the Depression years of the 1930's that the blind of South Australia formed their own organisation, the Blind Welfare Association (BWA). For over 75 years the Association has continued to provide a range of services such as financial assistance, social support, advocacy, welfare and accommodation for people who are blind or vision impaired.

ELIGIBILITY

The majority of BWA services are covered by a life membership fee of \$10.00. Our services are available to any individual who is legally blind and resides in South Australia. People with low vision (not legally blind) are encouraged to become Associate members of BWA. Associate members pay an annual fee.

SERVICES

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SPECIAL PURPOSE

WELFARE FUND

Blind Welfare Association can assist its members through subsidy for costs associated with:

- Utilities (gas, electricity, telephone)
- Interest free personal loans
- Equipment subsidy—items made exclusively for people who are blind or vision impaired
- Equipment subsidy - Youth (12 –17 years), items made exclusively for people who are blind or vision impaired to assist with study or employment
- Home maintenance
- Funeral expenses
- Birth and adoption expenses

SOCIAL CENTRE

Our social centre is located at 1 Cameron Ave, Gilles Plains.

Activities include:

- Modified Tai Chi
- Audio description movies
- Social groups—concerts, outings, lunches etc
- Writers' group
- Music appreciation/singing group
- Other activities as identified or requested by members.

MARNEY PEARCE

TECHNOLOGY LOUNGE

Access and training on computer applications using programs such as Jaws, Zoom Text and Dolphin Guide. A Scanner Reader and Electronic Magnifier (CCTV) are also available.

ACCOMMODATION

BWA has 24 self-contained independent living units with shared laundry facilities.

For enquiries regarding these units please contact the agents LJ Hooker at Glynde on 08 8336 3899.

ADVOCACY & REFERRAL

At times members may feel that they need support to articulate their needs, and may wish for someone to negotiate on their behalf. We are happy to advocate on behalf of a member if requested.

Our Welfare/Member Services Officer can also support members through the referral process to other services such as:

- Various Government agencies
- Local Councils
- Other blind/low vision organisations
- Other service providers
- Aged Care Services
- Social and sporting groups