



## BLIND WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC

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*"It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life that no person can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## 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.



*home and community care*

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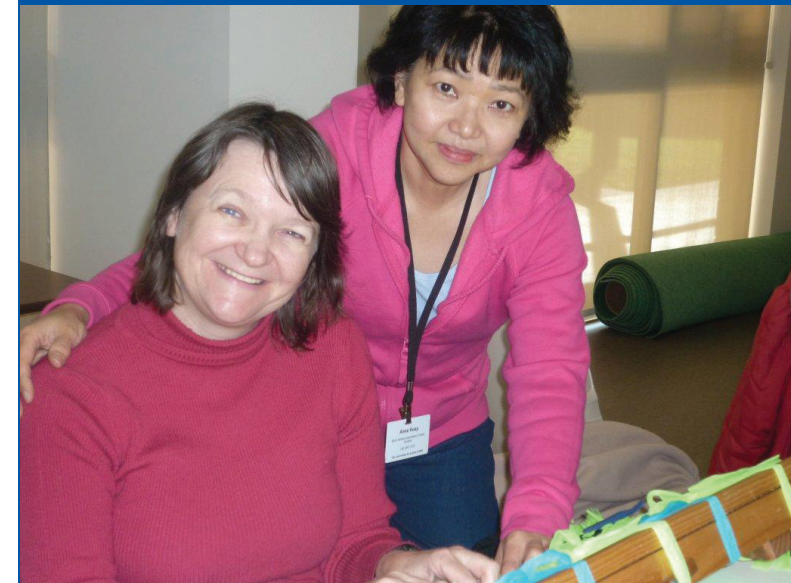
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# Volunteer Services



## THE BLIND WELFARE 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 for the blind.

BWA's focus is to promote and assist our members in maintaining their independence and individual lifestyles.

## HOW CAN I BECOME A VOLUNTEER FOR BWA?

It's easy! If you have the time, the motivation and the aspiration to make a difference you can become a volunteer. Our volunteers come from many different backgrounds and they are all part of a great team.

Just call our Volunteer Officer on **8367 6088** or email: **volunteers@blindwelfare.org.au**

Blind Welfare's Volunteer Officer can answer all your questions and arrange an interview with you at your convenience.

## HOW OFTEN DOES A VOLUNTEER WORK?

It's entirely up to you, some have regular times, while others are available at call. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated and this is discussed between you and our Volunteer Officer. We understand that you may have other commitments and from time to time want a break. Any time that you give is good time for BWA.

## WHAT DOES BWA DO?

BWA Social Centre is located at 1 Cameron Ave, Gilles Plains. Activities for members include:

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



## OTHER BWA SERVICES

- Computer Operations
- Transport which includes:
- Group Outings
  - Medical Appointments
  - Shopping
  - Home Visits

## WHAT DOES A BWA VOLUNTEER DO?

You can be involved in helping at the Social Centre.

Driving members on group outings, medical appointments and shopping. Home visits for helping with correspondence, conversation and companionship.

Gardening and maintenance at the Social Centre.

Computer assistance in our Marney Pearce Technology Lounge.

## WHAT TRAINING WILL I GET?

### Transport

If you wish to be a driver you will undertake a Driver Assessment at no cost to you, to find out if you need any training to become a safer driver.

### Sighted Guide Training

A short training program on how to correctly guide a person who is blind. Any other training as required or requested.