

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The **Mandurah WayFairer Project** aims to foster meaningful and mutually beneficial connections between older adults and their community.

We work with adults aged 50 years and over (our WayFairers) who want to use the skills and knowledge they've gained through a lifetime of paid and unpaid work. We help you, individual WayFairers, create a profile of experiences and interests and guide you into gifting your time and talent to relevant community groups – in a way that first and foremost suits you, the WayFairer.

As a WayFairer, you will have the opportunity to increase your sense of belonging and build relationships with others. Through group forums and individual meetings, you will meet like-minded people and create stronger connections within the local community.

Being part of the WayFairer project means being part of a movement of that has a common mission – to strengthen your local community.

So what and who are WayFairers?

WayFairers are adults 50+ years (in retirement or pre-retirement) who want to meaningfully contribute their knowledge, skills, and interests to address a community need. WayFairers are not simply volunteers: they are specifically matched to organisations. Through a process of knowledge mapping, we seek to understand what you know, what you are good at, and what you are interested in or passionate about.

The process of being a WayFairer includes:

- Profile set-up – identifying interests, knowledge, skills and experiences
- Optional face-to-face meetings
- Group session with other WayFairers and sharing information
- Development of case studies with individual WayFairers
- Matching WayFairers with relevant community organisations

If you are interested in becoming a WayFairer, please fill in the form (overleaf). For help with this form or if you want additional information, please contact Lisa at lisa.kelly@inclusionsolutions.org.au or call 0438 889 522.





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Full Name:		DOB:	
How did you find out about Wayfairers			
A little bit about yourself: Some info on your involvement in the community - how would you describe yourself?			
Employment Status: Are you currently involved in paid work? If so, in what capacity?			
Interest/hobbies: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time and what interests you in the community?			
Commitment level: How much time could you commit to per weekly and are there any restrictions or considerations we should be aware of?			
Contact Information: Please provide us with your email address and contact number.	Email: Phone:		
Any additional comment or information you would like to add?		Do you give the WayFairer Project team consent to use your photo for a Case Study or other marketing opportunities?	Please circle Yes / No



Frequently asked questions

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How much time would I need to give if I were to commit to the WayFairer Project?

Gifting time will depend on your availability and the requirements of community groups. The matching of individuals and community groups needs to be mutually beneficial. Capacity (amount of time, specific hours) will be determined by the WayFairer (you) and the suitable community group. When we create and build your profile, we will identify your availability and preferred hours of gifting.

How are WayFairers selected?

Assessment of the information in the Expression of Interest form(attached). A genuine **want** to be involved in the community is vital, with all WayFairers needing to commit to the agreed outcomes. This will include working with identified community groups to create a mutually beneficial relationship.

How do I submit/express my interest?

You will need to complete an Expression of Interest form. This can be done electronically or in hard copy. You can email it to me (details below) or send it via mail.

Who do I contact for further information?

If you require assistance or any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

What does it involve? How will you map my knowledge, talents, skills, experience and interests?

The process includes a review of the Expression of Interest form (attached). Initial face-to-face meetings will take place once WayFairers (you) are identified. During this time a collection of questions will be asked and mapped using purpose-built software. These meetings will take place with Project Team Representatives. The software will allow you to amend the info any time after the initial meeting. WayFairers will be supported in this regard. There will also be group sessions where all participating WayFairers can share stories, learnings and experiences in a social setting. You will be on this journey with other individuals and local community members.

How are you going to match WayFairers to community groups?

You will be matched through the development of a comprehensive profile which will link in with the identified gaps in the local community organisations. The skills, knowledge, experience and interests listed in your profile will be the deciding factors on which community organisation you will be matched with.

Will I receive support when I am placed with a local club/organisation?

Yes. Initially you will have the support of the WayFairer Project team, following which, a local coordinator will ensure you are welcomed and included in the club, group or organisation.

Is it free to participate as a WayFairer in this project?

Yes, 100% free!

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