



# Nominations close 30 June for volunteering in RACFs program

Residential aged care facilities (RACFs) looking to welcome back volunteers are invited to participate in the re-engaging volunteers into RACFs program.

This program aims to make access to volunteers easier for providers by helping to match social support volunteers with nominating RACFs, and providing training for volunteers through Volunteering Australia state and territory peak bodies.

Volunteers in RACFs are essential to reducing senior Australians' social isolation and loneliness, and can provide a range of non-clinical social supports, including:

- leisure activities (e.g. reading, music)
- access to and supervision in outdoor spaces or the community
- physical activity and exercise
- companionship, conversation and social engagement
- mobilising support in aid of the above activities
- culturally specific and individually appropriate support
- administration support (e.g. answering calls, internal message running, restocking of PPE).

Interested RACFs are required to nominate for volunteer placements by **30 June 2022**.

To nominate or find out more about your responsibilities as an RACF under the program, visit <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/re-engaging-volunteers-into-residential-aged-care-facilities-program>.