

12 years of community service is celebrated

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Residents at Amana Living's Sundowner Centre will hold a special celebration next week to thank 12 volunteers who have helped to tickle their taste buds and keep a smile on the face of their grandchildren.

That's because the 12 local ladies have run the centre's tuck shop since 1996 and after a dozen years of stocking up treats and taking orders, the majority of the original team are handing over responsibility to a new group of willing helpers.

Amana Living's Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Ward says the ladies, all of whom are members of Nedlands Golf Club, have had a tremendous dedication to Amana Living over the years.

"Amana Living is incredibly fortunate to have the Nedlands Golf Club ladies keep our tuck shop running and the residents here have developed special friendships with them, they think the ladies are wonderful," she says.

"Keeping the tuck shop up and running has not only meant that residents have been assured of a continued supply of special treats and favourite foods, it has also meant they have developed firm friendships with all of the ladies involved.

"Amana Living is extremely grateful for their help and assistance over the past 12 years and we wish those volunteers who are now retiring a very happy future."

The original team of volunteers include Muriel Robertson, Pam Johnston, Jeanette Coni, Jane Cullam, Beth Dallimore, Sue Good, Sheila Egan, Sandy Viol, Robyn Thompson, Kay Anderson, Bettina Day, Frances Fairweather, Beth McKinnon and Chris Pidgeon.

All of the ladies will all be thanked during a special morning tea which will be held in their honour on 17 September.

"The great news for Amana Living and the residents is that the tuck shop will remain open thanks to a number of additional volunteers who have offered to take over the reins," says Ms Ward.

Amana Living operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels and five nursing homes throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for dementia residents and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to people living in their own homes.

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