

City Beach resident recognised for five years of voluntary work

City Beach resident Linda Sproule will be recognised for her voluntary work at an event involving over 150 Amana Living volunteers at the Cygnet Cinema in Como on Thursday 14 May as part of National Volunteer Week.

Linda has been volunteering at Amana Living's Dorothy Genders Village in Mosman Park for the past five years. Every week she takes one of her two golden retriever dogs to visits residents as part of a pet therapy program which, she says, always puts a smile on the face of dog-loving seniors.

Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Ward says Volunteer Week provides an ideal opportunity to thank volunteers like Linda, who make a very positive difference to the lives of residents at Dorothy Genders Village through their tireless voluntary work.

"Linda is a wonderful asset to our organisation and the recognition of her volunteer work during volunteer week is entirely appropriate," she says.

"Volunteers like Linda help us to improve and strengthen the services we offer at our facilities and we are hugely grateful for their support, as are the residents who very much look forward to her bringing one of her retrievers to see them every Tuesday."

Linda adds: "There is so much satisfaction in helping other people and now that I am semi-retired I find that I have more time to help out.

As well as visiting residents each week, Linda also assists with residents' bus trips and other activities.

"I've got to know the residents and staff very well at Dorothy Genders and I really do love going to see them every week as do my two dogs Leah and Stella. I find my volunteer work extremely rewarding," she adds

Around 150 of Amana Living's 325 volunteers will attend the morning tea and cinema screening of *The Boy in Striped Pajamas* at the Cygnet cinema on Thursday 14 May.

Anyone who would like to learn more about volunteering with Amana Living should contact Debbie Ward, Volunteer Coordinator, on 9424 6348 or dward@amanaliving.com.au

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