



## **Volunteer Stories 2021**

### **The inspirational Margaret King**

Margaret is a spritely 89 year old volunteer, but you can be forgiven for thinking she is much younger in years.

When she moved to Warrigal's Albion Park village some 17 years ago, she was asked if she would like to volunteer and signed up straight away without giving it another thought.

Margaret worked in Warrigal's café on-site for over five of those years and would bring residents to activities, play games like Snakes and Ladders and have a good chat.

Margaret recalls her brother always saying "I could talk underwater with a mouth full of marbles!"

Her volunteer role soon developed to giving residents choice and the ability to purchase items, and so the 'Lolly Trolley' got started and she's been doing it weekly ever since.

Margaret enjoys seeing the residents faces light up when they see her. "I always stop and say hello and have a chat. When they start talking I can't really walk away, so the Lolly Trolley rounds can take a little while. Sometimes I'm leaving as dinner is being served!"

Margaret really missed seeing all the residents during COVID restrictions. She said it was so lovely seeing their faces again and was really surprised when a lot still remembered her after nearly 12 months of being absent from the home.

"I really love talking to the residents and hearing their stories. I also like to tell them silly stories of all the things that have happened to me over the years and we all have a good laugh."

Her advice to people thinking of volunteering "Just do it. If you're just on your own, you couldn't do anything better."

Later this year Margaret will be celebrating her 70th wedding anniversary as well as turning 90 years old.

If you're interested in volunteering with us, call 1800 927 744 or email [warrigal@warrigal.com.au](mailto:warrigal@warrigal.com.au)

