



## **Volunteer Stories 2021**

### **Peter Maskiell - Volunteering as a Chaplain at #Warrigal Shell Cove**

#### **1. Tell us about yourself and how you first got into volunteering at Warrigal?**

I am a retired civil engineer and, with my wife Rosalind, we moved from Sydney to the Illawarra in 2014.

As members of the Harbour Church Anglican congregation in Shell Cove, our pastor, Rob Sharp, in early 2017 asked if I would be interested in being a Chaplain at one of the Warrigal Care Homes. At the time Warrigal was looking to replace the Mt Warrigal chaplain who had retired from the centre.

When Warrigal Shell Cove opened towards the end of 2017, I applied and was accepted by Warrigal as the volunteer chaplain at the facility.

#### **2. What made you decide to choose to volunteer with Warrigal?**

I chose to volunteer with Warrigal because of our pastor's invitation, and I particularly requested to be at the Shell Cove facility as it was within the Harbour Church parish area, and not far from our home.

#### **3. What's the most rewarding part of volunteering with Warrigal?**

The most rewarding part of volunteering with Warrigal is seeing the faces of the residents light up when I first arrive to visit them. Also, I enjoy sharing and talking to them about the great love God has for them, and the place He has reserved for them in Heaven, for eternity.

#### **4. What advice would you give those that are thinking of jumping into volunteer work?**

My advice to anyone contemplating becoming a volunteer, is that anyone of any age group can do it, men and women, and you only need to have respect and a heart for older people. Often the rewards you receive in caring for others, is just as great as the blessings they receive from you. Also, the Shell Cove staff are good people to work with, and Warrigal provides excellent training.

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

