

May/June 2019



Volunteer Newsletter



SERVICE CLOSURES

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU AWARDS

Thursday 16 May 2019

NO Springwood Restaurant

NO Social Support Visits



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY P/H

Monday 10 June 2019

NO Katoomba Restaurant

NO Social Support Visits



Dear Volunteers,

Our organisation recognises that volunteering builds inclusive and resilient communities and that volunteering empowers individuals and fosters others' wellness and re-ablement. We also realise that it takes a special person to support the most vulnerable members of our community. Thousands of events will be held across the country in May to say thank you to the six million Australians who volunteer their time.

BMFS 100% appreciates and is proud of the generosity,

kindness and enthusiasm of our 130+ volunteer family! You **are** the life blood of our organisation and we would not be able to deliver the amazing services we do, that support the nutritional and social needs of older people and those with disabilities, in the community without you!

Each year in May our service celebrates the vital contributions of you, our amazing volunteer family. This year's National Volunteer Week theme is '**Making a World of Difference**' and we thought it might be fun for a change of pace this and to ditch our traditional two-course lunch menu in favour of a Gourmet Appetizer Banquet.

So this year, we are hosting an Awards Lunch with a difference 'a smorgasbord of delicious finger food' savory and sweet (that will amply cater for all people's dietary requirements), followed by our annual awards presentation, lucky door prizes and other fun-filled activities to entertain you. In order to provide you with this gourmet appetizer menu, we have secured a different venue to previous years. This year's Awards Lunch will be held in the large hall of the Lawson Community Centre, New Street Lawson, Thursday 16 May 2019 from 12:30pm til 3pm. *Please note that the Springwood Restaurant will be closed this day, as well as any scheduled Social support to allow all volunteers the opportunity to attend.*

We hope as many volunteers as possible will be available to share this special day with us. Along with this newsletter and your May/June roster you will find an invitation to our Volunteer Thank You Awards. If you are receiving a 'Years of Service' or other **special award** you will also have a letter notifying you of the award you will be presented with on the day. Anyone receiving an award, will have a seat automatically reserved for them.

*If you are unable to attend **please advise the office asap.**

For catering purposes please RSVP by

Tuesday 7 May on 47592811 or email Celia on: volunteer@bmfs.org.au





2019 Volunteering Opportunities - We Need Your Help

Doing good is good for you!



Office Administration Support

- * Regular and back up help needed (mon-fri)

Social Support Individual

- * Currently 3 female clients from Wentworth Falls upwards, experiencing social isolation who would benefit from some regular companionship and shopping assistance.

Frozen Meal Delivery

- * Back-up offsiders needed (tues- fri)

Cook + Connect Support

- * Starting 3rd Term 22 July for 10 weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

If you are interested in discussing any of these above volunteer roles, would consider doing something in addition to the area you are already volunteering or you know someone who would be a perfect fit, please contact Celia on 47592811 or email : volunteer@bmfs.org.au



This year BMFS received an organisational award for services provided to seniors in our community by BMCC. Whilst I happily accepted this award on behalf of BMFS; it is really you, all our amazing volunteers, who are the primary reason we can do the good work we do, so thank you everyone you are the best!!!!



Congratulations to Ruth, Jeffrey, Trish, Carole, Peg and Gerry pictured above who were BMFS 2019 recipients of BMCC Seniors Awards *June Bonn also nominated was unable to attend on the day. Well deserved recognition!

All Volunteers please remember.....

If you are unable to cover your shift please contact Celia directly on 47592811 or via email: volunteer@bmfs.org.au *If you volunteer in any of the restaurants, even if you inform the cook, please still let Celia know directly.

*If a client is not home when delivering frozen meals please call **Lauren immediately on 4759 2811** and follow her instructions. Our service has a duty of care to ensure the*

client's support person knows asap if a client is not there to receive booked meals.

All social support volunteers who claim fuel reimbursement, please complete your fuel reimbursement form monthly and return for processing no later than the 10th day of the following month.

May 2019 fuel reimbursements due - 10 June 2019

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