

Media Release

May 6, 2015

For immediate release

Age no barrier to volunteering

Ninety four-year-old Geelong resident Irene Herviou, will celebrate 25 years of volunteering with the Uniting AgeWell Kalkee Community next **Tuesday, May 10, with a special afternoon tea and presentation** for National Volunteers Week.

Irene started volunteering with the Kalkee Community in pastoral care and has since given her time and skills to a number of Uniting AgeWell programs.

“Irene has also volunteered in the Murray Hostel dining room and the Kalkee Op Shop since it opened 20 years ago,” says Uniting AgeWell Volunteer Coordinator Heather Burger.

“The beauty of volunteering with Uniting AgeWell is everyone can bring their personal talent and passion and fit it in at whatever capacity they have.

“Our volunteers come from all walks of life and ages with many wanting to give back to the community in a friendly and relaxed environment.”

Jann Brearley is another one of Kalkee’s dedicated volunteers, volunteering five-and-a-half days a week and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Kalkee Op Shop in Belmont.

“I’ve always enjoyed volunteering and have volunteered in many different organisations before coming to Kalkee in 2007,” Jann said.

“Volunteering is an excellent and practical way of giving back to the community, it gives me and a lot of our other volunteers a reason to get out of bed each day and keeps us mentally and physically strong.”

This National Volunteers Week is a wonderful recognition of the roles Uniting AgeWell volunteers play in the Kalkee Community. Irene, Jann and other dedicated volunteers will enjoy a special afternoon tea and be presented with a small gift and a certificate of appreciation.

130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

† 1300 783 435 | e info@unitingagewell.org | w unitingagewell.org

Uniting AgeWell is an organisation of the Uniting Church in Australia

Photograph and interview opportunities are available.

Please contact Communications and Social Media Advisor John Le on: 0417 647 000, or email JLe@unitingagewell.org

About Uniting AgeWell

Uniting AgeWell is an organisation of the Uniting Church in Australia with a long tradition of providing quality aged care services for older Australians. With services available throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria and Tasmania, Uniting AgeWell offers a range of specialised options to support health and wellbeing include independent and assisted living, home care, social support and therapy programs, respite and residential care communities. For further information visit www.unitingagewell.org