



# AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS.

## Thankyou to our Wonderful Volunteers.

Early last year we put a call out on Facebook for people interested in becoming an ALHD Volunteer. Volunteers would be based at our National Headquarters and Training Centre at Verdun in the Adelaide Hills and must be over 18 years old. The response was excellent. An Information Day was held at our premises to explain the duties involved, which included spending time with our Trainee ALHDs in the enrichment yard and play area, helping with light gardening duties and odd jobs as they come to hand. At first we limited the number of Volunteers, but it's become such an asset to all concerned, numbers have increased. It's a win/win situation.



**The Volunteer program has proven beneficial in keeping our dogs entertained & relaxed, they love the one on one attention and totally enjoy interaction with different people. This also allows the Trainers more time to train their dogs to the highest standards.**

*ALHD Volunteer and Lions member Chris visits our centre every week to spend 3 hours of quality time with all her furry four legged friends.*

**Read what Volunteer Christine Martin had to say:-**

***“Do you love dogs? I do! And I have the best volunteer job ever!*** I've been volunteering with the lovely dogs on the Australian Lions Hearing Dog program for about 18 months and I love every minute of it. It is such a pleasure to work with beautiful, clever dogs, who come in all shapes and sizes. Some of them are rescue dogs, some are from the new puppy program and others are donated. These dogs work really hard to master the skills they need to become Hearing Dogs. Whilst they work hard they also need to play and relax too, and that's where I come in. I get to play and interact with the dogs at a social level, so the dogs get to have fun and so do I. The dogs are always keen to come into the enrichment yard where we have all sorts of exciting things to do. I get great satisfaction doing this, knowing that I'm contributing to the overall wellbeing of these dogs and allowing them to move on to become the ears for hard of hearing people all over Australia. A few hours each week is all I need to give to make a difference in their lives and mine.”



***A sincere thankyou to Chris and our generous team of Volunteers.***

More news next month.....

***The Board of Directors,  
CEO & Staff.***



**Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.**