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Become a Friend

National Volunteer Week May 12-18 is a perfect opportunity to become a Royal Perth Hospital Friend.

Fremantle resident and Leader of the Friends Information Service Shirley Suriano said Friends volunteers will be recruiting new members next week at the hospital for National Volunteer Week.

“We always welcome new members and age is definitely no barrier,” Shirley said.

This national event is an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the more than five million Australians who volunteer.

“From 10am-2pm every day next week there will be two Friends volunteers manning a stand on the hospital overpass to educate people about our service and encourage people to join.”

There are several specialties within the service at both campuses such as Administration, Country Patients, Information, Museum, Outpatients, Patient and Flowers, and the Shop and Trolley service.

“The Friends volunteers are such a nice bunch of people, and being part of the service gives you a great deal of personal satisfaction.

“It is a great chance to serve the community and meet a lot of lovely people along the way,” she said.

Not only do the Friends make a valuable contribution to the day to day running of the hospital, they also raise money for purchasing vital medical supplies and equipment.

In 2006/2007 the Friends donated \$71,938 to the hospital which was raised through sales at the shop and trolley service.

“On the first Wednesday of every month the Friends provide a tour of the hospital for people who are interested in becoming a Friend,” she said.

If you or someone you know has time spare time to volunteer and give back to the hospital community, the Friends would like to hear from you.

For further information, contact June in the Friends Room on 9224 2036 between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

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