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Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centres salutes carers on International Volunteer Day – Solaris Cancer Care

December 5 is the day the tables turn and volunteers who freely give their time to care for others, will take centre stage.

According to the City of Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centre, located upstairs at the Nedlands Library, many organisations throughout Western Australia depend on the dedication, energy and kindness of volunteers to provide much needed services.

One such group is Western Australia's leading cancer support service, Solaris Cancer Care. Solaris relies on the invaluable help of volunteers to conserve funds so more money is available to assist people diagnosed with cancer, and their families.

Marilyn Salley was diagnosed in 2010, but despite having the love and support of her children and friends, her cancer journey was difficult. In 2012, a friend introduced her to the Wanslea Cancer Wellness Centre (now Solaris Cancer Care).

"Walking through the door was a life-changing moment for me," Marilyn said.

"I found a sanctuary, a supportive and nurturing environment with courageous, inspirational and compassionate clients, volunteers and staff – an environment I still enjoy today.

In 2013, Marilyn began volunteering at Solaris and is passionate about the work she does. In 2017, she established the Centre's Opportunity Shop (Op Shop) and volunteers regularly - using her current skills and developing new ones.

"I'm rewarded every day by the generosity of the volunteers I work with and I've developed many wonderful friendships," Marilyn said.

"The Solaris cause is close to my heart and I'm fortunate to be part of a team of volunteers who raise awareness of the support Solaris provides, while creating much needed income streams and an open and sharing community for all."

The City of Nedlands' Volunteer Resource Centre's pop-up information sessions are held at the Grove Library every Monday 12-3pm; Subiaco Library every Wednesday 10.30am-1.30pm and Claremont Library every Friday from 10am-1pm.

To make an appointment, call Robyn Forrest, Coordinator Volunteering Services on 9273 3640 or email volunteering@nedlands.wa.gov.au

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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