



Ted Barbour

Ted Barbour has lived in the Hills for over 50 years and has been an active volunteer for much of that time. Locals have fond memories of Ted as a young man, before his married days, delivering milk by horse and cart from his dairy farm and working from the top of the look-out-tower when he was in the local Fire Brigade.

In fact, Ted has always been highly motivated, even when he was at school in the mid 40's, being secretary of the Swimming club, Athletic club and Debating club. This proved to be only the beginning of his remarkable community contributions.

Ted was a founding member of the Fire Service in and Chidlow. He also volunteered at Parkerville/Stoneville fire brigades when they were combined, then Stoneville and also Mundaring fire brigades. His roles included Lieutenant, Captain and Fire Controller Officer.

Ted has volunteered for a variety of organisations including: The Active Foundation, The Centre for Cerebral Palsy, St John Ambulance and Hills Community Support Group (HCSG). He was a councillor in the Shire of Mundaring for 10 years and Shire President from 1973 – 1974. Ted is also a Justice of the Peace volunteering his services to the community to provide an integral link in the judicial system.

However, it is Ted's association with the Hills Community Support Group (HCSG) that has been his focus since 1988. In his initial years with HCSG, Ted was a Home and Community Care (HACC) volunteer driver. However, the variety of jobs that he has undertaken over the years has been vast and varied ranging from painting the HCSG's Wahroonga office 3 times over the past 20 years, general

maintenance and gardening both at the Wahroonga site and other HCSG properties.

Ted has been a volunteer on the Thursday Shopping Bus for over 20 years, even during Christmas Holidays when he used his own car to take people from Yallambee Village to Mundaring shops. Over the last few years, he has helped in HCSG's Day Centre and Men's' Groups, and rain or shine, ties up the newspapers for recycling for the Open Options Program. Ted is also involved with wheelchair maintenance, turning any broken wheelchair, some missing bits and pieces, into a serviceable and valuable commodity.

Samantha McDonald, Volunteer Co-ordinator at the Hills Community Support Group said, "Ted is a totally committed volunteer who is a willing and enthusiastic contributor to his community. He is a delight to be around, and, if a job can be done, then Ted will do it – nothing is ever too hard. Ted is a wonderful kind man, who has a pair of shoes that, if indeed he ever takes them off, will be extremely hard to fill."

We would like to congratulate Ted on his generosity of time, spirit and his wonderful 'can do' attitude. Without wonderful volunteers such as Ted Barbour, our community would not be the rich and interesting place it is today.

If you would like to nominate someone for our 'Inspiration Zone', call 9290 6682 or visit the Shire web site and follow the volunteer links. Ted, the Shire thanks you for your hard work and wishes you the best for the future.