

## Shire of Mundaring's "Inspiration Zone" Volunteer Story



VOLUNTEERING in Shire of Mundaring has helped one local resident expand both her skill base and social network.

Every week, Trish Macey is one of nearly 5000 residents who volunteer their time in the local community. Mrs Macey (70) began volunteering at the Mundaring Arts Centre in 1999.

"I had been involved with the MAC board since the early 1990's," she said. "It is such a great organisation and I always said that when I retired I would come and volunteer at the centre."

The former school teacher said she found volunteering at MAC rewarding. She plans to continue for at least five years.

"It is a very pleasant place to be. I get to meet new people and I have learnt many retail skills," Mrs Macey said. "To see the workmanship of the local artists in the community is very stimulating- they are very talented." Mrs Macey also volunteers one day a week for the Rise Network. She encourages all residents to consider giving back to the community.

"Volunteering is very rewarding and I look forward to it each week," she said. "It is also very flexible. If I am going away on holiday there is never a problem."

In the Shire of Mundaring, 20% of the population or nearly 5000 residents aged 15 years and older volunteer their time to help others.

If you would like to nominate someone for our 'Inspiration Zone', call 9290 6706 or visit the Shire web site and follow the volunteer links. Trish, the Shire thanks you for your hard work and wishes you the best for the future.