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## Barry takes time to make a difference

Toowoomba resident and Vietnam Veteran Barry Blinco has been a volunteer with RSL Care for over 18 months and knows how important it is to give back to the community, especially to those who need a bit of extra help.

“When I first moved to Toowoomba I was quite busy with renovating my house. Since that project was completed and now that I am on a DVA pension, I have a lot of free time in hand and wanted to put it to good use,” said Barry.

Barry’s generous outlook towards helping the community provides much needed transport assistance to RSL HomeCare clients and residents at RSL Westhaven Retirement Community, Toowoomba.

“I drive HomeCare clients to their medical appointments, meetings at the RSL and take them shopping. I also drive the Westhaven Retirement Community bus and take residents to the shopping centre, picnics and outings and sometime just sight seeing,” said Barry.

“It’s extremely satisfying and I feel like I have accomplished something every day, by helping people and spending an enjoyable time having a cuppa and sharing stories,” Barry added.

RSL Care is currently looking for volunteers. You too can make a difference by donating as much or as little time as you can spare in areas such as shopping, transport to appointments, assisting with activities, social support or companionship. Training and support are provided.

“Volunteering is very rewarding and to anyone who is thinking about volunteering with RSL Care, I would say get up and do it!” said Barry.

**For more information about Volunteering with RSL Care, please call 1300 796 111 or visit [www.rslcare.com.au](http://www.rslcare.com.au).**

At RSL Care we pride ourselves on providing quality aged care and retirement living solutions to suit the needs of older Australians through HomeCare services and a network of 28 Retirement Communities throughout Queensland and New South Wales.