Community Committees
Fact Sheet

“Volunteer Community Committee members are interconnected with our young people making a real difference to their lives.”

Simon Benjamin, Lighthouse Foundation CEO

What are Lighthouse Community Committees?
Lighthouse Foundation’s Community Committees are a crucial part of our specialist Model of Care. They are made up of local volunteers who have a deep commitment to ensuring that their local Lighthouse home remains open and the basic needs of the young people within the home are met.

Each committee member provides a circle of support for their Lighthouse home, surrounding the young people within it with mentoring, work experience, financial support and other practical help in their journey into sustainable independent living.

Responsibilities and commitment
Each Community Committee supports a specific Lighthouse home, its young people and its carers, by:

• Fundraising – each committee organises approximately four fundraising ventures each year including; dinners, trivia nights, movie nights, golf days, football clinics and BBQs raising funds to support their home’s ongoing operating costs
• Organising – committees organise annual working bees for spring cleaning, garden work and other maintenance of their home
• Relationship building – committee members provide links and networks for the young people and carers within the local community
• Supporting – committee members support the operation of the home and act as an ‘extended family’ for the young people
• Meetings – are generally held monthly, on weekdays, outside of business hours
• Screening – all committee volunteers must complete police and Working with Children checks as well as Lighthouse Foundation’s psychosocial screening process
• Training – for new committee members some training will be provided

Interested in joining your local committee?
Lighthouse Community Committees are made up of volunteers with diverse backgrounds, experiences and strengths.

Each committee includes a Chairperson – who is the primary contact between Lighthouse Foundation and the committee; a Secretary – who organises and distributes minutes from the monthly meetings; the home’s Primary Carer; and is supported by Lighthouse’s Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator.

To join a committee contact 03 9093 7500 or office@lighthousefoundation.org.au.

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