

# Vital support for final days

## Call for more palliative care volunteers

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Volunteer Judy Acott with Linda Carter at the Banksia Palliative Care service centre. Picture: JAMES ROSS

A WHITTLESESEA woman who lost her husband to cancer is urging others to join her in becoming a volunteer for Banksia Palliative Care.

Judy Acott first became involved with the service when her late husband Arthur was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2014. She said the care of the staff and volunteers from Banksia was important throughout Arthur's care.

"They became my extended family and understood exactly what

my husband and myself were going through," Mrs Acott said. "They were my angels, our soft place to fall and my first point of call 24/7."

Now in the process of becoming a volunteer, Mrs Acott said she had always wanted "to pay it forward".

Banksia is holding an information afternoon tea for prospective volunteers on September 5, at 472 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Heidelberg.

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