



# MEMBERSHIP

Age Concern Canterbury is funded by the community. Your support ensures the independence and wellbeing of older people is enhanced.

If you wish to contribute to the work and services that Age Concern Canterbury provides please complete the form below.

I would like to: (please tick one box):

- Become a member (\$20 per person, \$30 per couple)
- Become a friend (\$10 per person)
- Make a donation

**Note: Members have voting rights.**

I would like to subscribe to the **Keeping On** newspaper, delivered quarterly, for a cost of \$15.00.  (please tick box)

I enclose: Membership Subscription	\$	_____
<b>Keeping On</b> Subscription	\$	_____
Donation	\$	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	_____

**Note: Donations of \$5.00 or more can qualify for a tax credit.**

Direct credit to BNZ 02-0800-0188056-000

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Post to The Chief Executive, Age Concern Canterbury Inc,  
24 Main North Road, Papanui. Christchurch 8053.



## Our Vision

To be the recognised organisation in Canterbury that connects, supports, empowers, celebrates and respects all older people in an inclusive community.

## Our Mission

Age Concern Canterbury works to achieve wellbeing, rights, respect and dignity for older people.

We commit to uphold the Treaty of Waitangi/Tiriti o Waitangi, and its principles of partnership, participation and self determination.

If you wish to comment on our service you can approach the:

**Chief Executive**  
**Age Concern Canterbury**  
**Phone: DDI (03) 331 7805 or**  
**Email: ceo@ageconcerncan.org.nz**

Age Concern Canterbury welcomes new members.  
Donations greatly assist funding its services.

**24 Main North Road, Papanui,  
Christchurch 8053**  
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# Accredited Visiting Service



## Clients



Serving the needs of older people

## Accredited Visiting Service (AVS)

*Ko te aroha te mea nui*  
*The greatest thing is love.*

Many older people in our community are lonely and isolated as they receive few or no regular visitors. Age Concern Canterbury's Accredited Visiting Service (AVS) helps reduce this loneliness by providing friendship and companionship through a volunteer visitor, enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of the older person.

### Who is the AVS Service for?

AVS clients must be:

- \* willing to be referred,
- \* at risk of social isolation due to having no or very few regular visitors,
- \* 65 years and over, and
- \* able to contribute to a mutually beneficial relationship.

### What do AVS visitors do?

AVS visitors provide social support via regular visits of about an hour per week, share interests and activities with clients, and support them, where possible, to make other community contacts.

### What AVS visitors do not do?

AVS visitors do not do personal care, housework, handle medications or finances or do regular shopping.

### Are you feeling that you spend too much time on your own?

Our Accredited Visiting Service has caring volunteers who are keen to spend time with an older person.

A regular visit is something to look forward to. We can match you with a volunteer who shares your interests and who would love to get to know you.



*“Having a visitor changed my life. I’m feeling the best I’ve felt in years.”*

*From an AVS client.*

### Would you like more company?

Our volunteers visit on a regular basis for about an hour each week. They tell us that they enjoy the opportunities to get to know an older person and that they benefit and learn from the experience.

*“Things have changed for the better now I have a visitor, we go out for coffee and have been to the art gallery and even a ride on the tram! My life has really turned around and I couldn’t be happier.”*

*From an AVS client.*

### We’ll find the right visitor for you

If you decide you would like a visitor our AVS Co-ordinator will visit you to get to know you and find out about your interests. The Co-ordinator can then match you with a carefully chosen, trained volunteer who will visit you for about an hour each week.

The Co-ordinator will keep in touch with you and your visitor to make sure you are both enjoying your visits.

### Having a visitor works

Research shows that loneliness and social isolation are as bad for health as smoking and can contribute to serious health problems like heart disease and depression.

Having a visitor can make a real difference in your health and happiness. Give us a call!

**Contact the Accredited  
Visiting Service Co-ordinator  
on phone 366 0903.**

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