

mecwacare provides community services from our community centres in Malvern East, Bass Coast and Pakenham. Services include recreational and activity groups for people who are over 65 years of age or who have a disability.

#### **Activity Groups**

Activity groups provide opportunities for people to connect with their community. This includes people who are ageing or, living with dementia and people with disabilities who can participate in a variety of engaging and rewarding programs and activities, both at our centres and in the community.

The programs and activities delivered by our professional, caring and approachable staff and volunteers include:

- Outings to gardens, galleries, theatres and community events
- Chair based exercises
- · Music and entertainment

- Art and craft activities
- Guest speakers, discussions and quizzes
- Cooked meals
- Multicultural-friendly events
- Film and video screenings
- Transport

#### Strength Training\*

A qualified fitness instructor and mecwacare's trained staff will design a progressive training program to suit each client's fitness level, and regularly monitor their progress.

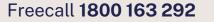
Strength training can help:

- Regain and maintain muscle strength
- Improve balance, gait, flexibility and coordination
- · Reduce the risk of falls
- Preserve bone density
- Increase confidence and wellbeing
- \* Malvern East and Pakenham









#### **Carers' Support Group**

mecwacare's Carers' Support Group provides education, support and opportunities for carers to meet, socialise and support each other in their caring role.



The group enables carers' to share experiences, exchange ideas, develop networks and build friendships.

#### **Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Group**

Clients with an ABI who attend mecwacare's Barry Fenton Centre and Rivendell House can attend group events and specific programs organised and supervised by our qualified staff. These enjoyable and therapeutic activities also provide an opportunity for respite for carers.

#### **Podiatry**

Regular podiatry treatment helps maintain healthy feet, which assists mobility and prevents falls. Podiatrists monitor clients with conditions such as diabetes, ulcers, peripheral vascular disease and rheumatoid arthritis. Services are provided by a qualified podiatrist from mecwacare's Barry Fenton Centre in Malvern East and Ballan Medical Clinic and Wellbeing Services.

## About mecwacare

mecwacare is a not-for-profit, non-denominational charitable organisation that has been supporting Victorians for more than 60 years. We are a values-based, care-driven organisation that provides residential, community and in-home nursing, care and support services for the elderly and people living with a disability.

# mecwacare Community Services

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