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Waratah-Wynyard Council is on the lookout for more volunteers for the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre.

Council's Tourism Development Co-ordinator Rachael Hogge said volunteers were a very important part of the service offered to visitors to the area.

"Volunteers provide a local perspective and they often know lots of little secret experiences that people wouldn't find otherwise," she said.

"What we are looking for are people who have some time to give, who have a pretty good knowledge of the local area, and who love to have a chat and help people out.

"We are looking for both Customer Service Officers in the Visitor Information Centre, and Car Volunteers to work in the Veteran Car Museum."

John Looker works one day a week in the Veteran Car Museum and has been a volunteer for more than seven years.

Having recently moved to Tasmania, Mr Looker felt it would be a good idea to do some volunteering and has worked in the museum every Thursday since then.

Parts of his job include giving guided tours of the museum and polishing the brass and bodies on the veteran cars, some of which are more than 100 years old.

Mr Looker said he felt some satisfaction in seeing the cars well looked after, but particularly enjoyed interacting with the public.

“Meeting all the people that come in to see the cars is well worth coming in to be a volunteer,” he said.

“They want to talk to you about it and thank you profusely when they go, so you think you’ve done alright.”

Carol Gray has been a customer service volunteer for about four years and started after she retired from running a business, feeling she was “too young to do nothing.”

Mrs Gray works a four-hour shift once a week, providing people with relevant information about the best places to visit in the area.

“The people coming in want to know what to do in the area; whether it’s the North-West Coast or the West Coast, they want to know everywhere.,” she said.

“You get to hear their stories and I love that aspect of it and I also like the way it ignites the interest of where you live.

“You can take it for granted and forget how beautiful it is.”

Volunteers can work a full day or a half day shift – either on a regular basis or on a casual basis.

The WOW is open seven days a week, so there are opportunities on weekends as well as weekdays.

Training is provided, but generally a passion for customer service is all that is needed to be a great volunteer.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Council’s Tourism Development Co-ordinator Rachael Hogge on 6443 8333.

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