



Doncare needs more volunteers such as Glennis Derrick (left), who is chatting with Maria. Picture: PAUL LOUGHNAN N08DT208

Five welfare volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS such as Glennis Derrick are the lifeblood of Manningham's welfare agency Doncare.

For six years, Ms Derrick has dedicated her time to helping those in need, and now the 71-year-old is calling on the community to become involved as Doncare aims to sign up five new volunteers.

"You just make great friends

working with Doncare, both with the clients and the staff," Ms Derrick said.

"When I first got involved I had just retired and really wanted to do some voluntary work.

"I didn't think at that stage I'd get so many experiences out of it, it was more just to fill in time."

While she is retiring from her role as a volunteer, Ms Derrick

said the experience had been rewarding.

"You do thing like take a group out to an art gallery or a nursery, and we also have a walking group that gives clients the chance to get out," she said.

"The ladies really appreciate being taken out, and they don't really care where we go."

To volunteer at Doncare, phone 9841 4215.