



## A HELPING HAND

People Who Care is a volunteer-based not for profit organisation that has been serving the community for over 40 years. Offering services and support for those who are frail aged, those with a disability and families starting over following domestic violence and disruption. Their vision is to build resilient communities through the engagement of willing volunteers, helping others in need. They do this by providing practical support to people, such as home maintenance, gardening, transport and social and community participation. People Who Care employee gardeners who visit their client's homes once a month for 1 hour. Many of their client's homes require more work to be done than what can be achieved in the 1-hour visits so they rely on the assistance of corporate teams of volunteers.

On Thursday 12 January, 34 volunteers from BHP's First Year Intern Program spent the day at a residence in Lesmurdie, owned by Frank, one of People Who Care's clients. Frank lives alone and is unable to maintain his extensive garden, so both the front and back needed some work. It was a big task for the team; however, they arrived with hats on, ready for the challenge. After an introduction from both the Bens (People Who Care's Gardening Team), and after a quick tour of the garden, the team quickly put on their sunscreen and gloves and got to work. Dividing and conquering. the team split into different garden beds and areas throughout the property, clearing out overgrown weeds, trimming trees and bushes, picking up leaf litter, clearing areas around paths to allow access and removing dead and overgrown plants. By the afternoon and after filling up multiple bags of green waste, the team were able to completely transform Franks' property.

It was an amazing achievement, and Frank was so overwhelmed and thankful for the difference they had made. A huge round of applause to the team for all their efforts, it was a great day with awesome team spirit and banter throughout. We hope you enjoyed your volunteering experience.

### Team Highlights:

Great atmosphere.

Getting to see the impact we had on Frank.

Working with my team members to accomplish a goal and seeing the difference between when we started to when we finished.

Seeing the impact we made to the client and their garden.

Making a difference for someone in need and working together as a team.

Seeing the results that we all achieved, it was very satisfying.

Getting to help someone in the community.

Seeing the client's reaction.



[View all photos from the day here.](#)