

media release

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Free tax help

Free Tax Help will be available at ac.care's Community Centre, 22-24 Ferrers Street, from 29th July 2009.

Tax Help is an Australian network of community volunteers who provide a **free** and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns at tax time. These volunteers are people from within the community who give up their time each year. They are not Tax Office staff, but they receive training and support from the Tax Office.

Tax Help is for people on low incomes (\$40,000 or less) including, but not restricted to, those who are also seniors, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islander people. Since tax can be complex, volunteers are only able to help with fairly straightforward tax returns. They can help identify and record income received through:

- pensions
- Australian government benefits and allowances, such as unemployment and sickness benefits
- salary and wages
- dividends
- managed funds, and
- interest.

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Tax Help will be available to the community by appointment on Thursdays between 9am and 3.30pm. To make an appointment telephone the Community Centre on 8723 0540 between the hours of 12pm and 3pm.

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More information about Tax Help

This website provides more information on Tax Help

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/9172.htm>

About ac.care

*ac.care was formed in Mount Gambier in 1985, with one social worker, a part-time administration officer and an accommodation support worker. Today ac.care employs nearly 200 staff with current offices and community centres in Mount Gambier, Millicent, Naracoorte, Bordertown, Murray Bridge, Berri and Waikerie. More than 60,550 (FY07-08) people in the South East, Riverland and Murraylands of South Australia were supported through over 70 different programs and services that fall under one or more of ac.care's 7 goals: **alleviating homelessness | building communities | promoting learning | reducing poverty| sharing cultures | strengthening families | supporting children.***