# **Malvern Carer** Support Group Caulfield



Caulfield Community Health Service

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Parking: Available in church car park (entry off Glenferrie Road).

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Are you caring for an older person? Do you need support in your caring role? Would you like to meet other carers in a similar situation?

## What is the Malvern Carer Support Group?

Caulfield Community Health Service holds a monthly carer support group, facilitated by a Social Worker who is experienced in supporting carers, and providing counselling. This group provides a safe confidential space for carers to share experiences and to receive emotional support and information relevant to their caring role.

## What can you expect to learn?

The session typically begins with a welcome and introductions and then a check in with the members of the group. There are many common carer challenges, which may be discussed in the group and these include:

- · Dealing with strong emotions such as anger, frustration, guilt and sadness
- The relentless nature of caring
- · Dealing with behaviours associated with dementia and physical frailty
- Knowing how to respond when family relationships change
- Navigating the aged care system and planning ahead
- · Arranging respite when there is resistance from the person being cared for

The aim of the group is to build the resilience of carers through focusing on self-care and mindfulness, developing skills in caring for others, and being informed about upcoming information events. The group size is 5 - 8 people.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm Afternoon tea supplied.

**Where:** Upstairs Meeting Room (Lift available) St. Georges Anglican Church Hall (adjacent to the church) 296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

**Cost:** No charge