

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Pre-COVID I volunteered at the LifeLine Bookfest in Brisbane twice a year, and I intend to continue this effort from the second half of 2025. I have previously volunteered at GABS (beef festival in Brisbane), Comiccon and SuperNova (both in Brisbane). I currently volunteer as a mentor for BSOL (Brisbane Seniors OnLine) to provide assistance for those not entirely comfortable with computer technology. My wife and I have paused our foster care efforts for a local cat charity (Kitten Kapers), but expect to take them up again later in 2025. I have never found the paperwork involved with any of the above events to be arduous, they are all well run and enthusiastic. Kitten Kapers run very efficiently despite have no formal grants, money coming from donations and sale of kittens to appropriate homes. Comiccon, SuperNova and GABS are commercially run, and LifeLine is a major local charity. I am disappointed that smaller animal-centric charities are exempt from useful grants (a grant for a vehicle is not usually useful) as they are often able to achieve more financial efficiency than RSPCA, and I would like to see this addressed.