

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I volunteer in my local community as it helps make our community supportive of its people in ways that aren't otherwise available to them. Assisting the aged with transport, shopping, cooking, gardening and/or housework when their aged care funding falls short of their actual needs. Joining with other community members to do intense one day yard and house cleaning 'blitzes' for needy community members. Secretary of the local Community Development Association to improve community facilities and gain funding for improvements as well as organising community events to facilitate community connections. Member of Save Eungella who liaise with developers in the area who want to build renewable projects the community oppose and made the decision to represent themselves when environmental groups offered no assistance/support. I give my time freely in a number of ways but it isn't always easy to find the time to do all that is needed or to the degree or standard it could or should be done. It tends to be the volunteers are older people as younger people are consumed with their jobs, families and home life demands. Many won't volunteer as they're concerned they'll be obliged to give more time than they're willing to give so choose to not volunteer at all.