Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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In 2015, I was (and still remain) a member of the Rum City Masters Swimming Club where I was performing the role as coach (and Swimmer). I was not a qualified swim coach, but have over 40 years experience and was getting exceptional results in the previous years of coaching this team. There was really no other options for the club for long term coaching when I took on the role and I made sure the insurance associated with affiliation would cover me if there was an incident. An incident did occur where a new swimmer to the club performed a unsupervised dive into the pool and sustained neck injuries. The insurance company (Sportcover) associated with the affiliation chased my contents insurance, which I believe was unjustified and caused me undue stress because I felt sportscover did not fulfil their obligations. The payout from my insurance was \$240K - which made me feel as though I was at fault, where I feel I did nothing wrong.