

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Users Association Inc (BVRTUA) is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to promoting greater use of the rail trail for health, social, cultural and economic benefit of the user communities and the rural communities it passes through. The BVRTUA is the biggest organiser of events and tours on the BVRT by a wide margin. We use profits from our events to support the local communities along the length of the BVRT, including mural projects, landscaping and donations to other community groups. Our submission may be just a few words, but it is absolutely critical. The biggest obstacle to our volunteer work is the high cost of insurance for sporting events and lack of competition in the marketplace. When combined with onerous conditions for use of Queensland Government assets such as the rail trail that are more designed to protect the State from litigation than to encourage use of the facilities, sometimes we think it might just be easier to throw in the towel.