

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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The decline of volunteers could be directly linked to the increase cost of living, housing crisis and people requiring to sustain work for an extended period (now 67). In the past the retiring age of men and women was less than is the case now and whilst people are working later into their lives they do not have capacity to volunteer their services. By the time people can comfortably retire they are at increased risk of health issues, tired and want to spend what time they have left in enjoyable activities, travelling etc. The cost of living has a direct impact as often people need to work two to three jobs to ensure enough income to pay mortgages, rent, insurances and of course every day living expenses such as food (which is increasing in cost at a rapid rate, the supermarkets are putting security labels on meat). There is so much uncertainty in today's world and this includes career options, increased separations and divorces, children needing to live at home longer as they cannot afford to move out, continued costing with vehicles and expenses such as tolls, insurances, registration etc.