Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I know as a volunteer that there is far too much paper work and documentation required when offering to be a volunteer, as to put many people off from volunteering. As you would be very aware of, most people who volunteer are elderly people and all the documents needed are not easily obtained, is very time consuming, and can be costly. I realise that some documents, like police checks, are necessary, but birth certificates, drivers licenses etc are costly. Surely only one photographed document would be sufficient. Talking to people and asking them why they dont volunteer, these are the main complaints. Time involved, documents required are the most stated.