

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Having been on the Board of VGC for several years and the declining commitment to Volunteering generally, I am currently volunteering for both PACT and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. There is apathy in the community whereby potential Volunteers consider "What's in it for me" when considering a role. There is also a resistance by males to accept Volunteering. My experience and contact with potential volunteers centre around liability and responsibility. The usual answer is "too much of the risk of being sued these days in any role" and "access to the site/venue from a cost or parking situation".... "it's too hard". The main reason I believe is the "effort" that potentials are prepared to make. In my opinion there needs to be an incentive to motivate potentials. Most people would like to contribute but when the commitment, detail, liability, convenience etc is discussed the final decision appears to be "Why would I" or again "what's in it for me". Obviously a small remuneration or 'in kind' reward for their services, I believe would make a significant difference in attracting Volunteers generally.