

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Volunteering seems to be a vital part of life and community. Sometimes things that need doing are only, or largely, being done by volunteers. It was a privilege to be a volunteer in canoe/kayak clubs in France, and in organising certain events in Australia, as well as being part of the Sydney 2000 Olympics canoe/kayak slalom events volunteer team. More recently, there has been opportunity to volunteer in some activities in a paddlesports club on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. However, other "unrelated" volunteering (e.g. in an organisation trying hard to provide solutions to homelessness) often prevent me from being more often involved. Other volunteering has involved local churches, Volunteer Coast Guard, Marine Rescue, Rural Fire Service. Meals on Wheels, Tourist Information Centre. I hope everyone who can find a suitable full-time or part-time paid position does so, but also, considers if there is room for some volunteering. It's very rewarding, and usually great camaraderie.