Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I have been a volunteer since my first child started school 42 years ago. First on P&Cs, in School Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and assisting in class both at Primary and High School as well as Scout Troop Secretary, and Sporting events. Since early retirement due to ill health I was at a loss until I joined the local garden club and became Secretary the following year... that was 10 years ago. My skills are typing, publishing, eventing and I am so happy to keep up my skills volunteering in this capacity. I thoroughly enjoy the complexities of organising events, competitions, publishing newsletters, annual reports, financial reports and minutes. Someone has to do it and why not do something you love. It helps keeps my brain and body active. My garden club is a small cog in a giant wheel but to the 82 members this year it is a welcome break from their routine and a change to listen to guest speakers and socialise with other like minded individuals.