

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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The Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association (DCCA) is a non-profit organization committed to strengthening rural and regional communities through collaboration and support. We work closely with local community groups, industry partners, and landholders to deliver initiatives that enhance resilience, build networks, and promote sustainable practices. Our focus is on fostering partnerships and supporting grassroots efforts that drive long-lasting positive change. The challenges faced by local community groups within our catchment include: Volunteer fatigue and retention Attracting volunteers Governance and operational difficulties - Financial management and securing sufficient funding - Defining organisational aims and missions Support from NFP House NFP House has been instrumental in helping local community groups overcome these challenges by equipping them with essential skills and resources. Their support is invaluable because they offer: Ongoing, long-term assistance beyond short-term workshops One-on-one guidance tailored to the groups needs Local, accessible expertise Highly skilled professionals with relevant experience Immediate access to expert advice and problem-solving support An objective, external perspective A free service The following programs have been particularly beneficial to our organisation: Walk-in, phone, and email support for organisational assistance Health Checks Constitution support Grant writing support