

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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### Submitter Comments:

Small clubs find it difficult, committee of 4-5 suffer burn out and conflict between work and club. CDPC has close on 70% shift workers with the remaining small business and government. The club has no retirees assisting which in pistol shooting is rare. The workload for the committee being shared but hampered due to commitments. A project what should take a few months often takes 12months. Ours sport costs are reasonable but, the costs of travel (some travelling 250km weekly) cause a financial strain. Grants submissions are timely to complete and slow to achieve a result. 4-6 months turnaround leads to change in costs, availability of contractors and materials. Older clubs like CDPC facilities are ageing. The club being thrown together on the back of the Callide Dawson Power Station. Replacing facilities is near impossible due to limitation's of large grants. Small grants cannot sustain facilities, small clubs do not have the numbers to raise funds needed. The CDPC is involved in training for regional and rural persons in the area of firearms. A necessary skill set. Persons trained now exceed 2000. Volunteer burn out precludes training of more persons which reduces income achieved. Income achieved caters for patchwork fixes only. Due to obligations under legislation, volunteer burnout can and does reduce their participation. ie volunteers cannot compete at the same time. Summary Size of grants available, deteriorating infra structure and volunteer burnout lead to viability.