

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Good morning,

Unfortunately I missed the submissions deadline as I wasn't aware of this inquiry until today but I saw that there was a comment on the Facebook site that informal submissions were still able to be sent.

I am 46 years old with family and full time work commitments and volunteer in two different ways in the Cairns community

- 1: local soccer club: team manager / canteen assistant
- 2: local seniors group: transport assistance / kitchen assistant

Clubs and volunteer organisations are often just getting by on the funding that they are able to secure in order to deliver services.

What should be considered is that volunteers don't just give their time, they often give their resources as well. In my instance I pay for fuel, uniforms (badged shirts for identification purposes), food preparation items. sports kits supplies (strapping tape/bandaids/snap cold packs).

Volunteers tax deductions should be considered to assist in those costs. In my case I pay hundreds of dollars each year for my child to be part of a sporting club but then spend hundreds on top each year to help that club run.

Volunteering is very rewarding and I wouldn't stop but with the cost of living increasing I can see how some volunteers may be being impacted by this in their roles.

Thank you
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