



Queensland
Volunteering
Awards
2021



NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021
VOLUNTEER
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THURSDAY 13 MAY, 2021

EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY 17 MAY 2021

National Volunteer Week 17 – 23 May 2021

3.0 million Queensland volunteers gave 900.4 million volunteer hours to assist Queensland communities in 2020.

Volunteering Queensland is set to release the inaugural State of Volunteering Report in Queensland during National Volunteer Week 17-23 May 2021

Over 3.0 million Queensland volunteers, the heroes of our community, will be honoured at the Queensland Volunteering Awards at Brisbane City Hall on Friday 21 May 2021.

The value of volunteering contributed by Queensland volunteers was almost \$84 billion dollars.

After an incredibly tumultuous year that was 2020, National Volunteer Week, May 17-23 2021 will celebrate the commendable efforts of over 3 million volunteers across the sunshine state.

A year that saw our communities tested to their limits has proven that Queenslanders are not only resilient and selfless, but that they'll stop at nothing to help their communities to recover, keep going, and flourish.

You only have to look around your community to see the positive effects Queensland Volunteers make every day. From bush conservation and bushfire preparedness, to supply assistance for the elderly and vulnerable, to animal rescue and youth programs. The list is vast and impressive.

During National Volunteer Week, Volunteering Queensland will be hosting a number of events as listed below.

**LAUNCH OF INAUGURAL STATE OF VOLUNTEERING IN QUEENSLAND REPORT - MONDAY 17 MAY,
2021 VIRTUAL EVENT**

(IN PERSON PRESS ATTENDANCE ON REQUEST, TALENT AVAILABLE)

LINK - <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/nvw/events/131-nvw/nvw-events/1968-state-of-volunteering-in-queensland-report-launch-nvw>

The report shapes a strong future for volunteering in the state by quantifying the economic and social value of volunteering. It also identifies key characteristics and emerging trends for volunteers, volunteer-involving organisations and the volunteering sector as a whole.

The launch of the event will host a guest panel who will dissect the findings of the report and what they mean for the future of volunteering in Queensland.

Our panellists include:

- Paul C Muller, Managing Director, Institute of Project Management;
- Natasha Doherty, Partner, Health Economics and Social Policy, Deloitte Access Economics; and
- MaryLou Gittins OAM, Director, Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC).

The report will be officially launched by The Hon Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts, who will be a guest speaker.

We invite all members of the community to be part of this important event, and to further understand the social, economic and cultural impact of volunteering in Queensland.

**QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEERING AWARDS FRIDAY 21 MAY, 2021
BRISBANE CITY HALL**

(IN PERSON PRESS ATTENDANCE ON REQUEST, TALENT AVAILABLE)

LINK - <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/nvw/awards>

The Queensland Volunteering Awards is a prestigious award ceremony honouring individuals and organisations and awarding the most dedicated and inspiring volunteers, volunteer managers and volunteer-involving organisations across the sunshine state. This year, over 200 high quality nominations were received.

The awards ceremony will be held at Brisbane City Hall, Friday 21 May 2021 and be attended by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Nina Schrinner the Lady Mayoress of Brisbane and Chair of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

Volunteers will be honoured for their incredible efforts in all areas of volunteering from emergency services, healthcare, environmental conservation and animal welfare, as well as social and youth services.

Award will be presented in six categories;

- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Youth Volunteering Award
- Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
- Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
- Volunteering Impact Award
- Corporate Volunteering Award

For further information on National Volunteering Week 2021 and The Queensland Volunteering Awards 2021, please visit the Volunteering Queensland website.

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ABOUT VOLUNTEERING QUEENSLAND

We are the state peak body we are solely dedicated to advancing and promoting volunteering for the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of Queensland.

Our work is vital to ensuring volunteer-involving organisations can engage, manage and retain the strong, effective volunteer workforce necessary to advance their mission and cause. We support volunteer participation that is inclusive, transformative, flexible and meaningful. We inform policy, good practice, research and development, regulation and decision-making that supports the sustainability and advancement of volunteering.

We actively campaign that investing in volunteering is fundamental to the continued prosperity of Queensland. The volunteering industry is a vital force that fuels the economy, connects and enriches the lives of Queenslanders, builds social and cultural value, and protects the environment.

Find out more at volunteeringqld.org.au

THINKING ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED?

Volunteering has many benefits for volunteers and the communities which they serve. Not sure how



you can help, or what you'd like to do? Volunteering Queensland can help. We have a multitude of volunteering opportunities on our website. Visit <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/volunteers> Email helpdesk@volunteeringqld.org.au or speak to one of our volunteer coordinators on 07 3002 7600.