

Emergency volunteering in the South Burnett

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This factsheet provides information about volunteering before, during or after a disaster within the South Burnett region. South Burnett Regional Council ('Council'), Local Disaster Management Group ('LDMG') and Local Disaster Recovery Group ('LDRG') work with volunteers to provide assistance to our community who may have been impacted by a natural disaster.

What is the purpose of volunteering?

Volunteering in the community can have many benefits. Volunteering allows individuals to give back and make a positive impact on the lives of others, which can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Volunteering can help develop new skills, build relationships and gain a sense of purpose.

Volunteering has a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved and the community.

Volunteer numbers have been declining, and the number of volunteers has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

The purpose is to provide better support to LDMG, LDRG and emergency volunteering agencies to provide them with resources to better attract and retain volunteers.

What is Council's commitment?

Council is committed to creating opportunities that are productive, meaningful and of benefit to the community. Council maintains that all volunteers be treated with respect and dignity and be provided with a safe workplace.

How do I offer my assistance locally by volunteering during disasters?

If you are interested in providing assistance during disasters, you may volunteer with an emergency services such as the [SES](#) or [Rural Fire Service](#).

These organisations offer opportunities to help by providing community education, administrative support and much more.

How do I become an emergency volunteer with Volunteering Queensland to support LDMG & LDRG?

Register your interest to become an emergency volunteer with Council via Volunteering Queensland. This service provides an easy on-line way for you to volunteer in your local community.

Volunteering QLD



SES



Rural Fire



Would you like to join the local community support sector?

The Local Community Support Sector ('LCSS') biannual forums provide a platform for networking, information sharing and access to guest speakers for the volunteering sector. These events represent an opportunity for volunteer coordinators, leaders or anyone engaging volunteers to connect and learn from each other.

Request Council adds you to the LCSS mailing list and receive:

- event information;
- regular sector updates; and
- relevant opportunities to the volunteering sector.

What are some of Council's opportunities in emergency volunteering?

The role of the LCSS is to contribute within the community by providing support and assistance to the region by:

- information gathering and sharing on the ground knowledge before, during and after an event;
- increasing community resilience through the promotion of disaster preparedness activities; and
- supporting any community led recovery activities during and after an event.

What are the requirements to becoming a volunteer?

To become a volunteer, Council requires:

- an on-site induction including a role specific Work Health and Safety briefing;
- documentation such as confidentiality and privacy

- statements, may be required to be signed;
- dress code, enclosed footwear, and appropriate clothing may be required;
- hat, sunscreen, water and sunglasses may be required.

Further information?

For further information in relation to volunteering with Council or joining the LCSS, you can contact Council via one of the following methods:

- ✉ South Burnett Regional Council
PO Box 336
KINGAROY QLD 4610
- ☎ (07) 4189 9100
- @ info@sbrc.qld.gov.au
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