

VOLUNTEER TRIBUNE



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2014-15 AGM NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015-16



Member Real Living Options representatives Rob and Suzi Shennan

FNQ Volunteers Inc. convened its AGM on 4 November 2015 at the Cairns City Library meeting room 2.

Present were FNQVI Member representatives from Real Living Options, Cairns Meals on Wheels, and Centacare Migrant Services, along with several FNQVI volunteer staff members.

Cairns Regional Councillors Max O'Halloran, Cathy Zeiger, and Greg Fennell also attended, along with Federal MP for Leichhardt Warren Entsch.

Annette Sheppard delivered the President's address thanking all those who had made this year another success for this Cairns institution.

Dominic de Vries delivered the Treasurer's Report.

FNQVI Services Coordinator Oni Vuniyaro announced the nominations for the 2015-16 board.

Annette Sheppard, Dominic De Vries, Jeanette Olle, and Tracey Dickinson were re-elected with the new nominees - John Hartigan, Venessa Manura, and Kurt Pudkins.



Member Cairns Meals On Wheels representative Marj Dun (middle) chat with FNQVI Referral Officers Terese (L) and Heather (R)

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An early Christmas?



FNQ Volunteers Staff share morning tea with Federal MP Warren Entsch.
L - R: Sharon, Loani, Lynda, Maria, Warren, P Sec., Annette, Cindy

18 November—on a home visit in between parliamentary sessions, Leichhardt Federal MP Warren Entsch dropped in to pay FNQ Volunteers a short visit. Warren was an inaugural organiser of FNQ Volunteers (1998) with Jennifer Hunter. After a formal meeting with Services Coordinator Oni Vuniyaro and Board member Annette Sheppard, family discussions were the topic of the day around the table. Everyone was delighted with the opportunity to meet this long-standing supporter of the organisation.

2014-15 AGM ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015-16

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L-R: Rosemary, Sharon and Maria assist with catering for the AGM

Retiring this year were Rev Doug Foster, Judith Bowman and Joanna Cray. The board wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to those retiring members, and wish them the very best in the future. Like all volunteers, their contribution to the Board is truly appreciated.

The AGM ended with a short slide presentation of 2014-15 events and staff.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS BRING NEW SKILLS AND VISION TO THE ORGANISATION

Vanessa Maruna is a Cairns based lawyer who has skills in strategic planning, negotiation, change management, project management, business strategy, contract negotiation & public speaking.

Kurt Pudniks is the Director of Digital Physics Pty Ltd, and works as a systems engineering and computational science consultant. His early work included navy vulnerability studies and power distribution network planning.

John Hartigan has experience in workplace mediation and executive coaching with roles at N.A.B., BTR Automotive, Rio Tinto, Esso Australia and Orica

Elected last year, Tracey Dickinson is now a JCU



Greg Fennell and Cathy Zeiger from Cairns Regional Council

Associate Lecturer in the Field Education working on her PhD " Exploring the Development of Critical Reflection and Lifelong Learning Skills through E-Portfolios".

Although this year's AGM was somewhat space-squashed - attendees in a smaller room than normal— everyone enjoyed the spirit of the occasion and good speeches were given all around.

PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS FROM 2014-15



Annette Sheppard



Dominic De Vries



Jeannette Olle



Tracey Dickinson

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015-16



Vanessa Maruna



Kurt Pudniks



John Hartigan

FNQVI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Special thanks to Splash Seafood Restaurant for a great time!



FNOVI MEMBERS INSURANCE

FNO Volunteers Inc. as part of its membership requirements asks its member NFPs to hold public liability and volunteer accident insurance. We have long recommended AON through the Volunteering Australia website. AON have recently released the Insurance Puzzle Solver to assist NFPs in determining what insurance they require.

Are you interested?
Click on image right to see how it works!





VOLUNTEER SUCCESS STORY



"Earlier this year, Stephen (D) was referred to us by FNO Volunteers to assist us with our IT issues. Stephen has been a great help in this area.



Since that time, he has become involved with managing our Coffee Shop which supports our Not for Profit Charity, by putting any monies raised back into community health. Stephen is a valued part of our small team, who even though is now a paid member of our staff, is never too busy to volunteer his time within other areas of our organisation. We would like to thank the FNO Volunteers for referring Stephen to FNO Docs."



From Jacqueline Turner "Roy is an exceptional volunteer. Thank-you for recommending him to us."



Cassowary Coast Regional Council: Volunteering Presentation

Organised in conjunction with the Tully Red Cross, FNOVI Board President Annette Sheppard and Services Coordinator Oni Vuniyaro attended a meeting (Volunteering Presentation) with members from the Cassowary Coast Regional Council on 9th February 2016.

Attendees included *CCRC Staff*: Kath Barnett (Cultural & Recreation Development Officer), Richard Blanchette (Tourism), Helen Pedley (Libraries), Kim Agli (Community Development Inclusion & Access), Meredith Russell (HR), Jacqui Szafran (Community Development & Services), Margaret Devenizia (Director Community Services), Shannon Paskins (Nurseries & Community Coast), Andrew Portelli (Disaster Management). Red Cross attendees were Emma Reed (Community Engagement Officer) & Sarah Johnson (Community Development Worker).

A summary of the discussion highlighted that:

- Volunteering is time given willingly for the common good and without financial gain
- Volunteering is closely aligned with Community Development and promotes a sense of belonging, social wellbeing and social inclusion for individuals and community
- In Queensland, those between 45 -54 years old are most likely to volunteer
- There are various reasons why and how people choose to volunteer. It is important to ensure any volunteer program is catering for as many reasons and types of volunteering as possible
- Increase in virtual, corporate, project and event volunteering
- Volunteering Australia has set out National Standards for Volunteer Involvement, a robust framework to evaluate or use as a guide to develop a program from
- FNO Volunteers is able to provide support to developing policy, program and recruiting volunteers

Two topics discussed with regard to Councils role with Volunteering

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NETWORK MEETING

Wednesday 11th November...a minute silence was observed for Armistice Day. Several staff members from FNQVI attended along with Alison Geno (Salvation Army Red Shield Store), Kim Johnson (Mareeba Information Support Centre), Joy Wii (Tableland Regional Council Community Support and Development Centre) and Jason Turcinovic (Community Programs Officer Tableland Regional Council). Apologies were received from Gwyneth Nevada (Tableland Regional Council). A presentation was given by Yvonne Petrusma of Centrecare Migrant Services on the subject of Interpreting, and all the various highlights and challenges that arise from people communication. Some challenges were mentioned that attendees had not even considered.

Next meeting: **April 2016**

Sector included:

- CCRC's own volunteer program
- CCRC'S role in supporting sector generally

The CCRC Volunteer Program *Current Opportunities included:*

- Cardwell Bush Telegraph Heritage Centre
- Currently struggling to recruit new volunteers, would like financial resources
- Innisfail and Tully Information Centres
- Well supported from industry, program going well but acknowledge room for improvement
- Tully and Innisfail Community Nurseries
- Community Coast Care Volunteers
- Well attended by regular volunteers, regular events and well managed by staff member
- Emergency Services
- Currently works with Samaritan Purse to coordinate volunteers, ideally would like register of volunteers and pre-disaster training

Possible opportunities to develop were the Libraries - Storytime and the Tech Savvy Program.

The meeting was well received by all attending.



UPCOMING EVENTS REQUIRING VOLUNTEERS IN THE CAIRNS COMMUNITY



PRESENTED BY SHIMANO

23-24 April 2016

Cairns will host the UCI MTB Mountain Bike World Cup at Smithfield Park.

Volunteers are required to assist in various event positions.

Please contact FNQ Volunteers on Ph 4041 7400

or complete the Expressions of Interest at www.fnqvolunteers.org.au if interested in volunteering in this event.



The Cairns Airport Ironman Asia Pacific Championships will be held 12 June 2016 in conjunction with other events 5 & 12 June 2016.

Approximately 278 volunteers are required to assist in various event positions.

Please contact FNQ Volunteers on Ph 4041 7400 or complete the [Expressions of Interest](#) at www.fnqvolunteers.org.au if interested in volunteering.

Events details are [here](#)
Registration form is required to be completed in order to volunteer.

FNQ VOLUNTEERS AGENCY VISITS

Cairns Regional Art Gallery, RSL Fahnora, and ACT for Kids have been visited by the Agency team from FNQVI since the beginning of 2016. Some new positions were identified that needed filling at RSL Fahnora., who mentioned specifically they were after volunteers who could commit for 3-6 months. It is also their policy when they find good volunteers, paid work becomes a real possibility. The organisation is very happy with volunteers that are referred through FNQVI.

ACT for Kids have opened services at their Edmonton branch; the Cairns branch was visited earlier in the year.

Cairns Regional Art Gallery had programs running during the Christmas holidays where younger volunteers were able to assist artists in residence and the gallery generally. These programs have now ceased, but the Gallery is hoping to re-commence some activities during the mid-year holidays.

Debra Jakes—new Volunteer Coordinator for the Cairns Historical Museum visited FNQVI office and had discussion about the new museum and new roles with Services Coordinator Oni in February.

More recently in March, Vincent Kelly from Bungalow Community Gardens also dropped into the office to enquire more about gaining volunteers for the community garden and also to understand the use of FNQVI job description forms. William and Evelyn were able to well inform Vincent of FNQVI's community role.

Agencies can look forward to further liaisons with Services Coordinator Oni and the team to further develop the network. FNQVI is also contactable to request a site visit should agencies require a visit.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Evelyn celebrates her recent birthday
L-R: Vivien, Terese, Evelyn, Lynda & Oni



Pellista celebrates her recent birthday...L-R: Pellista, Vivien, Oni, Rosemary, Evelyn, Lynda & Terese



...and staff gathered for Rosemary's birthday
L-R: Lynda, Vivien (front), Terese, Pellista, Rosemary & Evelyn



...and Loani had White Mud Cake for her birthday...
L-R: Maria, Oni, Cindy, Sharon and Loani



20 Feb 2016: Evelyn and Lynda from FNO Volunteers attended a very well patronised Cafe China to participate in the CADCAI's NY banquet



...and Oni, Wai Ming, and William (taking photo) were present for Christine's birthday



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FNO Volunteers Mission Statement
To develop and strengthen volunteering in
Far North Queensland for the mutual benefit
of the individual and the community

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