## Volunteering

Benefits to me (following four decades as a head office public servant):

- sense of giving back, with a direct community focus and seeing tangible results
- continuing to maintain some of my skills
- a small challenge to self that I still got the ability to do new stuff or old stuff in a different setting/s
- continuing to be connected and much more locally
- being appreciated for my contribution.

## **Enhancing volunteering**

- publicising how volunteering is a great way to remain active
- employers being encouraged to provide leave for near retirees to dip their toe into the volunteer space