

Gladstone Maritime Museum WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Our Society provides a unique volunteer experience in the Gladstone region, with volunteerism encouraging civic responsibility by inspiring current and future generations to learn from and value their local maritime history.

Since trade commenced in Auckland Inlet in the 1850s, Gladstone has stood out as one of Queensland's most important port cities. Our Society offers volunteers camaraderie and team work by assisting in uniting people from diverse backgrounds towards a common goal which furthers youth and adult education, provides a tourist opportunity and showcases the importance of Gladstone as an industrial port.

As custodians of a collection of objects with historical significance, our Society has begun a collection catalogue project in 2015 and was completed in late 2016. Thousands of objects including vessels, model ships, navigational aids, shipwreck relics plus a library with hundreds of papers and journals will be preserved and published as resource for the future. Museums are important when it comes to out-of-theclassroom learning and our volunteers play a part in that process.

Activities that our volunteers participate in include:

- taking groups through the museum or on-board HMAS Gladstone
- undertaking research for new and existing displays
- maintenance tasks in the buildings and gardens
- assisting with catalogue updates and item research
- assisting with visitor reception.

Individuals who give of their time and talent are the backbone of any prospering museum. A sense of accomplishment in giving back to future generations can be a very rewarding experience!

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