



Benefits of Skills-Based Volunteering

- ✓ Building new relationships with not-for-profits and skilled volunteers
- ✓ Increasing the skilled volunteers awareness of wider social issues
- ✓ Transfer of skills, knowledge and technical expertise

DATABASE REVIEW for St Bart's

St Bart's goal is to provide safe, supported accommodation and services to people who need it most- regardless of background, ethnicity, gender or age. Its goal is to support people to make their own choices and choose today the future they want for tomorrow.

Two years ago St Bart's implemented a database to manage information on its supporters and volunteers. Wanting to take the next step to ensure more accurate and meaningful analytical reports, St Bart's required the assistance of a volunteer with database and records management expertise to help guide this process.

With the help of Volunteering WA, two volunteers from BHP were matched to the opportunity. The volunteers conducted a review of the organisation's database and provided advice with regards to the system's ability to incorporate data entry criteria and data entry protocol, and the impact on standard reports due to mandatory fields.

One of the volunteers, Clayton Angel, said he chose to volunteer to help develop his skills as well as do something good for the community. Since the experience, Clayton said he was more likely to undertake more volunteering and recommend volunteering to a colleague.

A representative from St Bart's shared a similar view, saying she would choose to participate in skills-based volunteering again after this experience. She commented that the project deliverables met her expectations and having a skilled volunteer provided an unbiased review, improved the level of staff skills, and delivered cash savings to their organisation.

Congratulations to all on a successful volunteering experience!