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Local Tuckshop Workers Celebrate Day of Thanks

Volunteers and convenors who work in our local school tuckshops are getting a collective pat on the back on Friday 4 November on Queensland's inaugural first 'Tuckshop Day'.

State Member for Morayfield, Mark Ryan MP said the contribution of tuckshop workers would be officially recognised each year on the first Friday in November.

"State-wide more than 20,000 people volunteer their time on a regular basis to provide this vital service to Queensland school students and staff," Mr Ryan said.

"In both state and non-state schools, volunteers and convenors work tirelessly to make a significant contribution through the service and extra resources they provide.

Mr Ryan said the State Government was also embarking on a recruiting blitz to encourage more people – including grandparents and community – to become tuckshop volunteers.

"Many tuckshops need more volunteers to ensure they remain viable and I encourage all those who are in a position to assist to help out at their local school tuckshop," said Mr Ryan.

"As a way of future encouraging volunteers at our schools, I have been volunteering in local schools for the last four years.

"I love volunteering in our local tuckshops."

"I hope that we can find ways to get grandparents, friends and community members who are willing and able to help out and provide assistance in their local tuckshop."

"All tuckshop volunteers other than parents are required to have a "working with children" blue card to ensure the safety of students.

"People wishing to volunteer in their local school tuckshops next year need to apply now as the blue card approval process takes up to eight weeks."

"Tuckshop workers play an important role promoting healthy eating as a way of maintaining good health and achieving better learning outcomes," Mr Ryan said.

"Tuckshop Day is an opportunity to encourage wider participation in schools by families and the local community.

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