

Media Release

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Aurizon announces latest recipients of its Community Giving Fund

23 regional charities to benefit from funding from Australia's largest rail freight company



Got your Back Sista Ltd Hunter Valley in New South Wales

As part of Aurizon's ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging with the local community, the Company provides much needed financial assistance to community organisations through its Giving Fund.

Managing Director & CEO Andrew Harding said the Community Giving Fund enables Aurizon and its people to give back to the communities in which they live and work.

"We are extremely proud to be able to support the important work that these local charities do in our area of operations," he said.

"Overall, 23 grants in this round will help local projects and initiatives that aim to improve education, community safety, environment, and health & wellbeing.

"Following the challenging year for all of us, we are pleased to support charities in our communities delivering programs and in particular under the health & wellbeing and safety categories.

"In Central Queensland, Domestic Violence Resource Service has found that demand for its service has increased due to COVID-19. They will use our funding towards the purchase of a vehicle, allowing them to attend court and support women with their domestic violence court applications.

"In Western Australia, Foodbank WA (FBWA) have identified a need for emergency food relief for vulnerable Indigenous families in the regional town of Mullewa. With approximately 30 families impacted by unemployment and a lack of transport, FBWA will provide emergency hampers filled with essential items every fortnight or weekly, depending on the need.

Got your Back Sista Ltd., in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales, will use our funding for their Empowerment Programs. These assist women that are driven into poverty due to domestic violence to find the strength to rebuild their self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

“There were many notable projects submitted for consideration this round and I would like to thank each and every one of those community groups that took the time to apply.”

A list of the latest Community Giving Fund recipients and their projects are detailed below.

Background

Aurizon’s Community Giving Fund distributes funds bi-annually and provides grants of up to \$20,000. More than 400 charities and not-for-profit groups across Australia have received grants since the Fund was established in 2011.

The next round of applications for the Community Giving Fund will open in March 2021.

For more information about the Community Giving Fund visit www.aurizon.com.au/community

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – December 2020

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
The Joyful Foundation	Joyful Foundation Stationary Packs for primary and secondary students	Education	North Queensland
TEC NQ	TEC NQ Awards Scholarships 2021	Education	
Multicap Ltd	Cycling for Wellness special needs tricycles	Health and Wellbeing	
Community Gro Inc	Community Garden Sustainability Project- Upper Ross Community Centre	Health and Wellbeing	
Mudth-Niyleta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	Smoke Alarm Installation in Community Housing properties	Community Safety	Central Queensland
Domestic Violence Resource Service	Vehicle Purchase for Offsite Court Support project	Community Safety	
Jigsaw Group	Traineeships for young people with disability	Education	South East Queensland
St Andrews Hospital Toowoomba	Mental Health Room - sensory equipment & mini gym	Health and Wellbeing	
Cystic Fibrosis Queensland Limited	Fight 2 Breathe – purchase of spirometers and nebulisers.	Health and Wellbeing	
Illawarra Drug Awareness Group Ltd	Life Education Illawarra – giving children the knowledge, skills and information to make health lifestyle choices	Health and Wellbeing	Wollongong
Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council	Healing Country - removing rubbish from across Biraban's landholdings	Environment	Hunter Valley
Cameron Park Rural Fire Brigade	Safe Working on Roofs – Safe Training Tool	Community Safety	
Got Your Back Sista Ltd	Empowerment Programs - Empowered-thriving free from domestic violence	Community Safety	
Blue Gum Hills Men's Shed	Air conditioner Purchase and Installation	Health and Wellbeing	
Little Wings Ltd	Little Wings Hospital Flight Program – Gunnedah and Hunter Region	Health and Wellbeing	
Hunter Medical Research Institute	Improving Aboriginal children's ear health – Development of training videos and resources	Health and Wellbeing	
Kalgoorlie Central Playgroup	Installation of Shade structure over Swing Set	Community Safety	WA – Kalgoorlie
Lions Cancer Institute	Mobile Cancer Screening Coach	Health and Wellbeing	WA – South West

Ngala Community Services	Paint Geraldton REaD – encouraging reading, talking, singing and rhyming with children	Education	WA - Geraldton
Foodbank WA	Provision Hampers for Vulnerable Mullewa Families	Health and Wellbeing	
Esperance Aged Care Facility	Renewable Energy Project – installation of solar panels	Environment	WA - Esperance
Dymocks Children's Charities Ltd	Library Regeneration Projects – supporting schools with brand new books	Education	WA – Perth
Ignite Mentoring	Ignite Mentoring 2021 Semester 1 Excursion to provide career pathway inspiration	Education	