

# Media Release

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## Latest recipients of Aurizon's Community Giving Fund announced

Aurizon's Community Giving Fund to support a number of charities delivering programs to communities where it operates

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

Andrew Harding, Managing Director & CEO of Aurizon said he was pleased to announce the latest recipients of this year's funding.

"In this round, we are delighted to award 16 grants to local charities who are all delivering very meaningful projects and initiatives in our local communities," said Mr Harding.

"Clearly, the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for all of our communities in recent months, so it is great to be able to support these projects during these trying times.

"In particular, we are pleased to support quite a number of charities delivering programs under the Health & Wellbeing and Community Safety categories.

"A number of the initiatives focus on Community Safety, including the installation of lighting at patient accommodation to ensure people are safe at night when moving between the hospital and their accommodation.

"Some of the Health & Wellbeing initiatives include supporting mental health programs, an example being the use of funding to help with the delivery of workshops to support the mental health and wellbeing of teenagers, especially during times of change such as now with COVID-19.

"Thank you to all the schools, community organisations and 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 414 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 September 2020.

For more information about the Community Giving Fund visit [www.aurizon.com.au/community](http://www.aurizon.com.au/community)

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## Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – July 2020

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	Relocation of VHF Marine Repeater Station	Community Safety	North Queensland
Black River and Districts Rural Fire Brigade	Respirator Upgrade Project	Community Safety	
Castle Hill Spinney Ltd	Building a Home for Every Family - Ronald McDonald House Facility.	Health and Wellbeing	
Ronald McDonald House	North Australia Hospitality Cart Mount Isa Hospital	Health and Wellbeing	
Central Queensland Life Education Centre	Replacement Mobile Learning Centre	Education	Central Queensland
Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing	Automatic Doors Upgrade – Gladstone Senior Citizens Centre	Community Safety	
AEIOU Foundation	Sun Safe Playgrounds	Education	South East Queensland
White Cloud Foundation	Meals for Mums	Health and Wellbeing	
Kingsthorpe State School	School Canteen Upgrade	Education	South West Queensland
The Reach Foundation	Reach Connections Workshops – Mental Health and wellbeing in Secondary School students.	Health and Wellbeing	Wollongong
Future Proofing Australia Unique Native Animals Research Alliance	Biomes – biodiversity and conservation exhibition.	Environment	Hunter Valley
Joblink Plus	Drive to Thrive – drivers licence education and support.	Education	
Leukaemia Foundation of Australia	Security Lighting at Patient Accommodation	Community Safety	
Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation	Community Connection Project – supporting Indigenous patients relocated to Kalgoorlie for medical assistance.	Health and Wellbeing	WA – Kalgoorlie
Adult and Teen Challenge WA	Reshape the Future – drug rehabilitation program for over 18's	Health and Wellbeing	WA – South West
Stephen Michael Foundation	The City of Kwinana Youth Engagement Project – personal development for at-risk children.	Community Safety	