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Latest recipients of Aurizon's Community Giving Fund announced

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



***Sunnyfield, Skills for Life Program participants,
one of the recipients of the latest round of funding***

Today, Aurizon announced the recipients for the latest round of its Community Giving Fund.

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

“All recipients are delivering meaningful projects in their respective communities and we are delighted to be able to support them in their fantastic efforts through our grants. Demand for many services provided by these organisations continues to grow especially with the additional challenges presented by COVID-19,” he said

“This recent round of assistance will see 23 local projects benefit from the funding in the areas of education, community safety, environment, and health & wellbeing.

“We are delighted to be able to support the important work that these local charities do in our area of operations,” he added.

Mr Harding said the 23 projects were spread across Aurizon's national footprint with the majority in regional areas of Australia where more than 85% of Aurizon's employees live and work.

“In Central Queensland for example, Gladstone Women's Health Centre will use the funding towards the opening of new premises as it looks to expand its free counselling and community education services,” he said.

“In Western Australia, The Broome Aboriginal Media Association (Aboriginal Corporation) will utilise the funding to employ a Community Support Officer to deliver their Goldfields Girl program. This program is designed to increase the capacity of young Indigenous women through formal and informal training opportunities enabling them to obtain valid and meaningful employment.

“St John Ambulance Western Australia will purchase a Mangar Elk emergency lifting device that will allow them to safely lift a fallen person off the floor, reducing the risk of injury associated for patients and crew with manual handling. The device can also be used in restricted or remote locations where other equipment is impractical or unavailable.

“Sunnyfield, in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales, will receive funding to purchase a SmartBoard (interactive white board) that will be used to deliver their Skills for Life Program, to people with an intellectual disability in Maitland. The modules delivered teach participants numeracy, literacy, cooking, and road safety skills.

“Each and every year we get so many worthwhile projects submitted for consideration. I would like to thank each and every one of those community groups for the time and effort they took 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 September 2021.

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

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – June 2021

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Multiskill Centre	Skill More at RedDoor	Education	North Queensland
Children's Hospital Foundation Queensland	Delivering free vision screening to Queensland Kids	Health and Wellbeing	
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Equipped to Support and Respond	Community Safety	
The Oasis Townsville	Connections Saves Lives Program	Health and Wellbeing	
QLD PCYC Association	Purchase of Tennant 2 Floor Scrubber	Health and Wellbeing	
Kalapa and District Rural Fire Brigade	High Flow Tank and Stand installation	Environment	Central Queensland
Women's Health Awareness Group of Gladstone	Free counselling and support in a safe environment	Community Safety	
Endeavour Foundation	Gym Equipment for people with disability	Health and Wellbeing	
Australian Street Aid Project	Chances Café Mackay Employment program	Education	
QLD PCYC Association	Ruby and Love Bites programs	Community Safety	South East Queensland
Technical Aid for the Disabled	Cycling for Freedom in Wollongong	Health and Wellbeing	Wollongong
The One Box Group	A fresh approach to food relief in Wollongong	Health and Wellbeing	
Daystar Foundation	Young Spirit Mentoring Program	Health and Wellbeing	
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre	Self Esteem & Self Defence for Vulnerable Women program	Health and Wellbeing	Hunter Valley
Volunteer Marine Rescue	Marine Radio Training program	Community Safety	
Sunnyfield	Skills for Life Program	Education	
Goldfields Women's Refuge Association	Nature Playground Project	Community Safety	WA – Kalgoorlie
Broome Aboriginal Media Association (Aboriginal Corporation)	Goldfields Girl Community Support Officer program	Health and Wellbeing	
Sideeffect Australia	One Life, One Choice, Shared Future program	Health and Wellbeing	WA – Perth and South West
Marine Rescue Bunbury	Emergency Radio Direction Finder	Community Safety	
Midwest Yellow Ribbon for Life Inc	Mental Health First Aid – Community Training program	Health and Wellbeing	WA - Geraldton

St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd	Safer Lifting project	Health and Wellbeing	WA - Esperance
Esperance Goldfields Surf Life Saving Club	EGSLSC Patrol Shed door upgrade	Community Safety	