

Media Release

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Aurizon delivers good news to communities across Australia including new operations in South Australia and the Northern Territory

Recipients from latest Community Giving Fund round announced



Two of the successful recipients from this current round of funding.

***Left: Short Back and Sidewalks Limited - Adelaide, South Australia
Right: Children's Ground Limited - Alice Springs, Northern Territory***

Aurizon, the largest rail-based transport business in Australia, is delighted to announce the successful recipients in the latest round of its Community Giving Fund.

The Aurizon Community Giving Fund is part of Aurizon's ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging with the local communities in which it operates, with funding provided in the areas of education, community safety, environment and health and wellbeing.

Managing Director & CEO Andrew Harding said this current round of assistance will see support given to 40 local projects across the Company's national footprint, with additional funding provided for its new operations in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

"Following the acquisition of the One Rail Australia business earlier this year, including the Tarcoola to Darwin railway, it is exciting to see the successful recipients of these Aurizon grants in South Australia and the Northern Territory," he said.

"We are thrilled to be supporting the local communities in these two new locations in addition to those in Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia where our people live and work," he added.

"In South Australia for example, we're funding Short Back and Sidewalks Ltd. which offers free hair-cutting and grooming for people experiencing homelessness. They will use the funding to establish a new weekly service to be delivered at the Hutt Street Centre in Adelaide, providing 600 free haircuts per year.

“In the Northern Territory, Children's Ground Ltd. will use the Aurizon funding to assist with the production and release of educational Arrernte language music for children, with the aim of keeping the Arrernte language strong and visible and to provide opportunities to First Nations artists who will contribute to the production of the music. Arrernte, an Australian Aboriginal language, is spoken by about 3,000 people in Central Australia, particularly in Alice Springs.

“In New South Wales, the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundations Ltd. will use the funds to sponsor approximately 20 young people in the Illawarra region to attend Kookaburra Kids camps. These camps deliver an activities-based program for young people aged from 8 to 18 whose development has been impacted by a parent/sibling's mental illness.

“In Western Australia, WA PCYC will use the funding to help with the delivery of 10 sessions of the WACA Deadly Cricket Program aimed at Indigenous females aged between 12 and 17 years, giving them the opportunity to participate in a sport.

“In Queensland, LifeFlight Foundation Ltd. will use the funding for their 'First Minute Matters' community trauma training program at locations across Bowen, Moranbah, Emerald and Blackwater. The training, open to all community residents in these regional areas, will equip participants with the necessary lifesaving skills, including emergency first aid protocols, enabling them to deal with emergencies as first responders on the scene of a traumatic accident or medical episode.

“I would like to thank each and every community group for the time and effort they took to apply.”

A list of all 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 540 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 2023.

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

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – December 2022

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Fuel for Schools Ltd.	Fuelling the Future	Health and Wellbeing	North Queensland
Bowen Community Council Inc.	Share a plate	Education	
Rural Doctors Foundation Ltd.	Emergency Kits to rural communities	Health and Wellbeing	
The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc.	Books for Learning	Education	
Volunteer Marine Rescue Bowen Inc.	Rescue Boat Equipment	Community Safety	
TEC NQ Ltd.	Tec-NQ Awards Scholarships	Education	
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland	Townsville Creative and Reflection Area	Health and Wellbeing	
Bowen Old People's Home Society	Scan Boxes - enhanced meal quality & safety	Health and Wellbeing	Central Queensland
Variety Queensland Inc.	Teaching kids with disabilities about 'Real Money'	Education	
Women's Health Information and Referral Service CQ Inc.	Dignity Hub	Health and Wellbeing	
Outback Mind Foundation Ltd.	Domestic Violence prevention - CQ	Health and Wellbeing	
Kaylan Youth Service Inc.	Safety First	Community Safety	
LifeFlight Foundation Ltd.	'First Minute Matters' Community Trauma Training	Community Safety	South West Queensland
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland	Toowoomba Volunteer Accidental Counsellor Program	Health and Wellbeing	
Darling Downs Historical Rail Society Ltd.	Pride of Toowoomba Heritage Rail Safety Uniforms	Community Safety	Hunter Valley
Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative Inc. trading as Mentor Support Network	2023 Educational Scholarships Program	Education	
Blackroo Community Indigenous Corporation	Blackroo Local Community Support BBQ Trailer	Health and Wellbeing	
Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club Inc.	Cooks Hill SLSC Nippers	Community Safety	
Australia's Wildlife Ark Inc.	Rewilding Long Nosed Potoroos	Environment	Wollongong
Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation Ltd.	Mental Health Camp Young People in the Illawarra	Health and Wellbeing	
Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club Inc.	Soft rescue boards for Suneden Specialist School	Education	Adelaide
Short Back and Sidewalks Ltd.	SBSW x Hutt St Centre	Health and Wellbeing	

Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Snape Reserve Revegetation Project	Environment	
Australian Dental Foundation Inc.	Ceduna Smiles Project	Health and Wellbeing	Ceduna
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	FRRR Back to School Program 2023	Education	Whyalla
CareFlight Ltd.	Trauma Modules for Paediatric Clinical Training	Health and Wellbeing	Darwin
Children's Ground Ltd.	Ampe-mape Alyelheme Arrernte Kids Music Album	Education	Alice Springs
Kidsafe NT Inc.	Home and Road Safety for Aboriginal communities	Community Safety	
Caspa Services Ltd.	Mechanics training pilot program	Education	Katherine
Deadlyscience Ltd.	School of the Month	Education	
Darling Range Wildlife Shelter	Planning for the next Swanpocalypse	Environment	Perth
Leschenault Men's Shed Inc.	Timber Recovery	Environment	South West WA
Blackwood Youth Action Inc.	BYA Does Dinner Project	Education	
Pivot Support Services	Support in Disadvantage	Community Safety	
GP Down South Ltd.	Deadly Food / Deadly You	Health and Wellbeing	
Cystic Fibrosis Western Australia	Chronic Wet Cough Children's Book	Education	Kalgoorlie
WA PCYC	safeSISTAS Deadly Cricket	Health and Wellbeing	
The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation Ltd.	Literacy Resources: Rural/Remote Communities WA	Education	Geraldton
St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd.	Kitchen Upgrade	Community Safety	
Otitis Media Group Inc.	Esperance-Norseman Program	Health and Wellbeing	Esperance