

Media Release

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Aurizon giving back to the communities where it operates

Local charities to benefit from the latest round of Community Giving Fund



***Starlight Express Room - John Hunter Hospital, Hunter Valley, NSW.
Successful recipient for this current round of funding.***

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.

Managing Director & CEO Andrew Harding said this current round of assistance will see 21 local projects, spread across the Company's national footprint, benefit from funding in the areas of education, community safety, environment, and health and wellbeing.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging with the local community, our Community Giving Fund is one way of being able to give back to the communities in our area of operations," he said.

"As demand for many of the services provided by these groups continues to grow, it is pleasing that this financial assistance will support the important work that these local charities deliver to the communities where more than 80% of our employees live and work.

“In New South Wales for example, the Starlight Express Room, a bright, medical-free zone at John Hunter Hospital, will use the funding for running the daily activities program, based on fun and play supporting the wellbeing of seriously ill children.

“In Western Australia, The Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health Limited will utilise the funding to provide Indigenous-authored books to young people in need. The educational books will be delivered to selected schools, Aboriginal organisations, and community groups, curated from more than 500 titles.

“In Queensland, Rural Medical Education Australia Ltd based in Toowoomba provides allied health assistance training to students who then return home with the skills to implement in their rural locations. They will use the funding to purchase items such as therabands, patslides, wheelchairs, hoists, slings and other items, allowing the allied health professionals to deliver a high standard of training to these students.

“The standard of applications continues to grow every year, with 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 500 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 2022.

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

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – June 2022

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service	Installation of Solar Panels	Environment	Central Queensland
The Trustee for Mackay Hospital Foundation	Mobility access for patients	Health and Wellbeing	
Darumbal Community Youth Service	Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Awards	Education	
Queensland PCYC Association	PCYC Cool Off Space	Community Safety	
Turkey Beach Rural Fire Brigade	Renovation for Training and Incident Control room	Community Safety	
Hughenden State School P&C Association	Outdoor Learning Area	Education	North Queensland
Scott Rural Fire Brigade	Power for Emergency Response	Community Safety	
Bowen Community Council	Bowen Shed Shop Shelving	Health and Wellbeing	
Momentum Mental Health Ltd	Captain the Momentum Kitchen	Health and Wellbeing	South East Queensland
Make a Wish Foundation Australia	Queensland Indigenous Wishes	Health and Wellbeing	
Yellowbridge Queensland Ltd	The Haven Solar Power	Environment	South West Queensland
Rural Medical Education Australia	Rural Training Equipment	Education	
Starlight Children's Foundation	Starlight Express Room – John Hunter Hospital	Health and Wellbeing	Hunter Valley
The Shepherd Centre for Deaf Children	Wollongong Centre Exterior Improvements	Education	Wollongong
St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd.	Teaching First Aid to Kalgoorlie School Children	Education	Kalgoorlie
Glass Jar Australia	Sparks Program	Education	
Bunbury Dolphin Discovery	Boat Trailer for Conservation and Research Vessel	Environment	South West WA
Ready to work Inc	Empowering regional WA women to become job-ready	Education	
Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health	Books for All	Education	
The Cannery Arts Centre	Esperance Art Awards- Indigenous Category	Health and Wellbeing	Esperance
Kai Eardley Foundation	Positive mental health	Health and Wellbeing	