

# Media Release

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## Aurizon invites charities to apply for cash grants

Community groups and charities can apply for cash grants of up to \$20,000 through the latest round of Aurizon's Community Giving Fund, which opens today.

Andrew Harding, Managing Director & CEO of Australia's largest rail freight operator encouraged eligible community groups and charities from across the Company's operations to apply for the funding, which aims to support community projects.

"Our operating footprint touches many communities across the country, with more than 70% of our employees living and working in rural and regional communities.

"The aim of our Community Giving Fund is to help support these communities, which are our communities too.

"Charities or community groups looking for support for projects aimed to deliver positive outcomes in the areas of Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Education or the Environment are encouraged to apply.

"Since 2011, through our Community Giving Fund, we have proudly supported more than 280 charities and not-for-profits in the communities where we operate.

"This funding all goes towards local community projects, and we look forward to continuing that support in this new round," said Mr Harding.

Applications for the latest round of the Community Giving Fund are open until 5.00pm AEST Friday 27 October 2017.

To apply visit [www.aurizon.com.au/community/community-giving](http://www.aurizon.com.au/community/community-giving)

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Image caption:  
From Geraldton to Townsville, Aurizon supports the communities where it operates through its Community Giving Fund. St John's Ambulance in Geraldton will be using its grant to purchase new handheld radios.

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*Aurizon (ASX: AZJ) is Australia's largest rail freight operator and a top 50 ASX company. Each year the Company transports more than 250 million tonnes of Australian commodities, connecting miners, primary producers, and industry with international and domestic markets. More than 70% of our employees live and work in rural and regional communities.*

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