

Media Release

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Supporting charities in our regional communities

Today Aurizon, Australia's largest rail-based transport business, announced the latest recipients of its Community Giving Fund.

Managing Director & CEO Andrew Harding said the Community Giving Fund enables Aurizon to give back to the communities where it operates.

"In this round, we are proud to support 22 very worthwhile projects in the regions where our people live and work," Mr Harding said.

"The grants will provide an extra boost for projects that charities and community groups are undertaking in the areas of education, community safety, environment and health and wellbeing."

In the previous round of Aurizon's Community Giving Fund, Sarina Landcare Management Association, south of Mackay was awarded a grant to rehabilitate and stabilise a local creek bank after it suffered significant damage from flood waters.

Mr Harding said in addition to the grant, Aurizon employees also supported the project by helping to plant the saplings along the creek.

"A group of employees from Jilalan and Mackay pitched in to support the community tree planting day," he said.



"As locals themselves, they were enthusiastic about providing their physical labour and having the opportunity to work alongside other community members to assist with this conservation project.

"At Aurizon, we recognise the importance of giving back to our local communities."

The latest Community Giving Fund recipients and their projects are listed below.

Image: SLCMA's Saskia von Fahland, Coordinator; Gloria Murray, Chairperson and Greg Melvin, Vice Chairperson receive a Community Giving Fund recipient recognition plaque from Aurizon's John Woods, Manager Integrated Planning and Belinda Johnson, Regional Maintenance Superintendent Wagons.

Background

Aurizon's Community Giving Fund distributes funds bi-annually and provides grants between \$1,000 and \$20,000. More than 320 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 Fund will open in September 2018.

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

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients, July 2018

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Central Highlands Science Centre Inc	STEAMing across Central Queensland with iPads	Education	
Community Accommodation & Support Agency	Emergency Relief Project	Community Safety	
Guides Queensland	Girl Guides Central Queensland Leadership Development Conference	Education	Central Queensland
Meals on Wheels Rockhampton	Additional Kitchen Equipment	Health & Wellbeing	
Moranbah Netball Association	Air conditioning in the club rooms	Health & Wellbeing	
YIRS One Stop Youth Shop Inc.	Alternative Learning Space	Education	
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Equipment for children and adults with disability	Health & Wellbeing	
PCYC NSW Singleton	Singleton PCYC Beautification Project	Health & Wellbeing	Hunter Valley/Newcastle
Riding for the Disabled Association	Upper Hunter RDA Arena Roof	Health & Wellbeing	
Youth Express Association Incorporated	Youth Express Drone Camp	Education	
George Street Neighbourhood Centre	Sun Safety at GSNCA Inc.	Community Safety	
North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc	Outreach Vehicle Purchase	Health & Wellbeing	North Queensland
The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia	Security lighting for Townsville accommodation	Community Safety	
Essilor Vision Foundation Australia	Aurizon School Vision Screening Program	Education	South West Queensland
Lifestyles Solutions	LGBTIQ Community Forum on Disability and Mental Health	Health & Wellbeing	South East Queensland
Toowoomba City Care	Transition backpacks	Community Safety	
Assisting Your Life to Achieve	WA's First LGBTIQ+ Transitional Accommodation	Community Safety	
Cystic Fibrosis WA	Trampoline Gifting Program	Health & Wellbeing	
Darling Range Wildlife Shelter	Helping rescued aquatic wildlife return home	Environment	WA - Perth
Fair Game Australia	Fair Game Australia Metropolitan Recycle and Donate	Health & Wellbeing	
Heart & Soul Men's Shed Inc Forrestdale	First Marine Men's Shed	Health & Wellbeing	
Mandurah Wildlife Rescue	Native plant rejuvenation for public education	Environment	WA - South West