

Media Release

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Aurizon's Community Giving Fund recipients announced

Local charities benefiting from grants provided by Australia's largest rail freight company



***Telethon Speech & Hearing Ltd (Western Australia)
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 support the important work undertaken by local charities in areas where Aurizon operates.

"This recent round of funding will see grants being distributed to 22 local projects," Mr Harding said.

"The funding will provide an extra boost for local projects and initiatives that aim to improve community education, safety, environment and health and wellbeing.

"As COVID-19 is still a challenge for so many in our communities, it is pleasing that through these grants we can provide this well-deserved support to a number of meaningful and worthwhile projects.

"With over 85% of Aurizon's employees living and working in regional areas of Australia, we are delighted to be able to assist these local charities in our area of operations," he added.

"In North Queensland for example, the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc will receive funding that will assist with postage and courier costs for books to remote indigenous communities, allowing them to have the appropriate reading materials for their distance education.

"In New South Wales, the Flagstaff Group Limited will receive funding to purchase sensory equipment, develop content, and provide workshops for their HealthAbility program in Wollongong. These resources can be used day to day to assist people living with a disability to develop strategies to cope with COVID changes, emergencies, stressful times or when routines change due to circumstances.

"In Western Australia, Telethon Speech & Hearing Ltd. will receive funding for their Louder, Clearer, Stronger project which supports developmentally vulnerable children in Kwinana that are faced with a number of barriers to access ongoing audiological, speech and language therapies during their formative years.

“We continue to get some fantastic submissions for consideration from so many worthwhile projects and 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 480 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 2022.

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

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Aurizon Community Giving Fund recipients – December 2021

Charity name	Project name	Category	Location
Mackay Community Visitors Association	Purchase of Wheelchair Hoist	Health & Wellbeing	Central Queensland
Camp Gregory Veterans Retreat Inc	Camp Gregory communications upgrade	Community Safety	
Bowen Community Council Inc	Defibrillator project	Community Safety	
Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme	teleBUSHkids Centre	Health & Wellbeing	
Queensland Youth Services Inc.	Youth and Teen Mental Health First Aid	Health & Wellbeing	North Queensland
St Vincent De Paul Society Queensland	Vinnies Men's Healing Area – Mt Isa	Health & Wellbeing	
The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc.	Books to the North - North Queensland	Education	
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	AED- defib where you need it when you need it	Community Safety	
Sarina Landcare Catchment Management	Enhancing the Sarina Inlet Trail	Environment	
Special Olympics NSW	Special Olympics Mackay Club Table Tennis table	Health & Wellbeing	
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association	Student Chairs for training centre	Education	South East Queensland
Cystic Fibrosis Queensland Limited	Boredom Buster Bags	Health & Wellbeing	
Railway First Aid Volunteers	Volunteer Re-Fresh	Health & Wellbeing	
Individual Ability Supports	IAS Precious Plastic	Environment	Hunter Valley
Police-Citizens Youth Clubs NSW	Singleton PCYC - engaging youth in the outdoors	Health & Wellbeing	
The Flagstaff Group Limited	HealthAbility	Health & Wellbeing	Wollongong
The Wirrpanda Foundation Limited	Education support for Deadly Sista Girlz	Education	Geraldton
Lions Cancer Institute	Mobile Cancer Screening Coach	Health & Wellbeing	South West WA
Bunbury Dolphin Discovery Inc	DDC Storm Chasers Program	Environment	
Mudjar Aboriginal Corporation	Ngulla Mia (Our Place)	Education	Esperance
Starlight Children's Foundation Australia	Captain Starlight Rocket Rounds Program	Health & Wellbeing	Perth
Telethon Speech & Hearing Ltd	Louder, Clearer, Stronger	Education	