

Media Release

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Supporting our communities with up to \$20,000 worth of cash grants available

Aurizon, Australia's largest rail freight operator, is inviting community groups and charities located across the Company's operations to apply for cash grants of up to \$20,000 through the latest round of its Community Giving Fund.

Andrew Harding, Managing Director & CEO said eligible charities and not-for-profit groups have until 23 October 2020 to apply for these cash grants.

"When assessing the eligibility for the grant there are four key areas that we look at and they are projects contributing to Community Safety, Health & Wellbeing, Education or the Environment," said Mr Harding.

"Over 80% of our employees work and live in regional communities in Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, so it is important we support the communities where our people live and work by providing grants to assist a range of community initiatives. We are reaching out to those locally who need it the most and are delivering meaningful projects in our regional communities.

"To date, we have supported more than 400 projects through our Community Giving Fund and are looking forward to continuing this support in our final round for this year.

"One group that benefitted in Aurizon's March 2020 grants round was the Reach Foundation in the Illawarra. They now have the funding to deliver 12 workshops for secondary schools aimed at improving the resilience of teenagers and as a preventative approach to support their mental health and wellbeing. In the current COVID-19 climate with many of our young people's mental health being affected, we are pleased to have been able to provide support to this project.

"If you are a charity or community group seeking financial support for projects where we operate, I encourage you to visit our website to find out more information," said Mr Harding.

Applications for the latest round of Aurizon's Community Giving Fund are open until 5.00pm AEDT Friday 23 October 2020. More information about the Community Giving Fund and how to apply is available at

<https://www.aurizon.com.au/en/community>

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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 80% of our employees live and work in rural and regional communities.
