

# Media Release

## **The Australian Lions Foundation has successfully distributed over \$1 million in drought relief this year**

- *Australia's generosity has helped Lions raise and distribute over \$1 million to support farmers in drought plus an additional \$770,000 worth of grants for local communities across Australia this year*
- *A network of over 1300 local Lions clubs across Australia ensures that support is transported quickly to those who need it most in times of crisis*
- *Every dollar donated to Australian Lions Foundation proudly goes directly to community causes and those in need and donations are tax deductible too!*

**19 Nov 2018:** Australia has just been named the second most generous country in the world<sup>1</sup> and the impact of this has been extraordinary particularly through the work of the Australian Lions Foundation which has already raised and distributed over \$1 million of drought relief this year.

In addition to distributing over \$1 million to support farmers in need, the Australian Lions Foundation has also provided over \$770,000 worth of support and grants to local communities across Australia this year.

"It's been big year for us at the Australian Lions Foundation and this would not have been possible without the support of the Australian community," says Australian Lions Foundation Chairperson Tony Benbow OAM.

"We are so thrilled to have not only raised but also distributed over \$1million to support farmers affected by the terrible drought this year. We are proud to announce the funds raised have now been distributed to affected farmers and communities in rural QLD, NSW and South Australia," says Tony Benbow.

"When disaster strikes the Australian Lions Foundation is amongst the first to offer relief. Every dollar donated to the Australian Lions Foundation goes to the cause and through the network of over 1300 local clubs across the country, Australians can be sure goods and support are transported quickly and go to those who need it most. This is why Lions is so effective in times of need," adds Tony Benbow.

The Australian Lions Foundation has been providing grants for disaster relief, compassionate support and community initiatives since the 1980's and distributes more than \$1 million of support every year through local Lions Clubs across the country.

In addition to emergency support and disaster relief, the Australian Lions Foundation is continually backing a range of community projects and initiatives from cancer clinics, disability support and infrastructure in communities and financial support to families facing crisis.

“You just never know when circumstances might change in your local community or family and be in need of support, but when it does the Australian Lions Foundation will work closely with Lions’ grassroots network to do whatever we can to assist. We thank Australians for helping us make such a big difference to so many lives this year and we look forward to continuing to do this for many more years to come,” says Tony Benbow OAM.

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**For more information or to make a donation visit Australian Lions Foundation website [www.alf.lions.org.au](http://www.alf.lions.org.au) .**

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#### **About Australian Lions Foundation**



*The Australian Lions Foundation has been providing grants for disaster relief, compassionate support and community initiatives since the 1980’s. Every year the Foundation distributes more than \$1 million for projects through local Lions Clubs.*

*The Foundation Directors are all Lion volunteers who do not receive any income for their efforts.*