

## Rotary assisting farmers in drought affected areas



Does your Rotary Club have farming friends doing it tough in rural communities located in drought declared areas of our Rotary Districts 9500/9520? Your Rotary club can support by directing RAWCS monies amounting to \$200,000 to farming communities you find in need.

This assistance is targeted at bolstering community wellness through offering parcels of \$5,000 for 40 projects that you find; projects which are organised and managed by local community leaders to lift community spirits. The local leaders could come from sporting clubs, a local church group, District Council, or a service club. It would be helpful if any supplies for the project identified for each location, could be purchased from local suppliers.

You find the location and a local leader, who in turn proposes a suitable project, and registers the project with Bob Cooper. All monies refunded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per project, need to be based upon a Receipt of monies spent, and these Receipts are forwarded to Bob Cooper who will manage the refunds. This is your chance to reach out to rural people under great stress.

We have already underwritten 3 such projects;

- Spring Rain Dance at Sanderston, Rotary Club of Onkaparinga \$2,000
- Lachie's hay run from Coonalpyn to Yunta, Robertstown & Mount Mary, Rotary Club of Onkaparinga \$2,000 & Rotary Club of Murray Bridge \$1,000, Rotary Club of Mobilong \$500, Rotary Club of Taillem Bend \$100
- 50 Buckets for Men on the Land project for drought effected Sunraysia areas, Rotary Club of Wentworth \$4,967.50

There are 37 projects waiting your identification.

Contact person Past District Governor, Bob Cooper, [rg.cooper@bigpond.com](mailto:rg.cooper@bigpond.com) mobile 0418 802 986.

The following link to a map shows the drought affected areas in SA.

[https://pir.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/339469/Dry\\_conditions\\_20190801.pdf](https://pir.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/339469/Dry_conditions_20190801.pdf)

**In Rotary Districts 9500/9520 we have our own SA Districts Drought relief project in RAWCS (RABS) which has DGR (Tax deductible donation) status. It's able to accept funds from anyone including Rotary Clubs.**

If your Rotary Club wants funds to go to South Australian Farmers in Drought affected areas in South Australia this is where your club can put the money from any Drought Relief fundraising event.

The project is in RAWCS web site <https://rawcs.org.au/>

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**Project Name: SA Districts Drought Relief Project (RABS)**