

RAWCS (RABS) National Flood Appeal

Victoria and Border communities flood relief fund distribution procedure

RAWCS National Flood Appeal instituted as a (RABS) Rotary Australia Benevolent Society?

RAWCS has established the (RABS) Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (ABN: 54 563 288 318) to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their registered project. RABS is a public benevolent institution (PBI) with full Australian Taxation Office certification. RABS is administered on a National basis, fully utilising the RAWCS website and online donation facility to minimise administration costs.

Brief Summary:

This summation is to assist the appointed Rotary District Flood Representatives in the legitimate manner to access donated funds, and how to identify projects that fit the criteria of the RAWCS (RABS) National Flood Appeal - Victoria and Border communities flood relief fund distribution.

RAWCS (RABS) National Flood Appeal Purpose:

The purpose of the RAWCS (RABS) National Flood Appeal is to receive donated funds that can be accessible as project funding to the Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs that are assisting their flood impacted communities. It is vital for this means to operate accordingly and that the Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs support donations to the RAWCS National Flood Appeal for the ongoing relief requirements.

Who is eligible to apply?

Australian Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts who are of good standing with Rotary International are eligible to apply for funding for a RABS Project. Rotary Clubs and Districts operating RABS projects are deemed to be acting as agents for RAWCS Ltd.

What are the project criteria?

A RABS project must have benevolent relief as its main purpose, and that relief must be provided to people in need. Under the criteria of RABS, all funds for Flood Recovery Projects are available to those directly impacted by the 2022 Victorian and border community floods. The purpose does not have to be only to relieve financial hardship but can relieve other needs. For example, a project that provides counselling services to people traumatised by a natural disaster.

PROJECT SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL STANDARDS

- Each Rotary District appoints a Flood Recovery Representative to engage with RAWCS to understand available funds and will review eligible RABS projects within their Rotary District to be submitted to RAWCS.
- RABS projects are to be undertaken within the flood impacted Victorian and Boarder Communities.
- RABS projects need to meet the benevolent relief criteria as its main purpose, and the relief will be provided to people in need.
- RABS projects have a definite start date and completion date.
- RABS project applications must have a Project Manager and Deputy Project Manager who are active members of the Rotary Club making the application. For District Projects only, the District Governor or nominated representatives will be the Project Manager & Deputy Project Manager.
- The RABS project is encouraged to have committee members which can be Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs and Non-Rotarians assisting with the project.
- Applications emailed to RAWCS National Manager Projects - national.projects@rawcs.org.au

Project Reporting

It is a requirement for the project to provide, on a Regular Basis, information, reports, stories, and material to showcase Rotary. "Regular Basis" means monthly for the first 6 months and then quarterly thereafter This requirement will be determined at the time of the funding transfer. This is a MANDATORY requirement for any request for Rotary Australia Relief Fund (RARF) funds and one that Project Managers need to pay close attention to and adherence to. Project reports emailed to RAWCS National Manager Projects - national.projects@rawcs.org.au

Please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate RAWCS representative to implement this application process.