

Service Projects Workshop

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund



Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - History

At the District 9630 Conference of 2014, Past District Governor Ray Brand convened a meeting of representatives of western clubs of the District to put forward his proposal to establish a drought relief effort in light of conditions prevailing at the time, with a view to establishing a committee to administer a charitable fund and distribute donations.

From this meeting, with the assistance of the clubs of Chinchilla, Dalby, St George, Roma, Mitchell and Charleville, Ray proceeded to put the idea into reality.

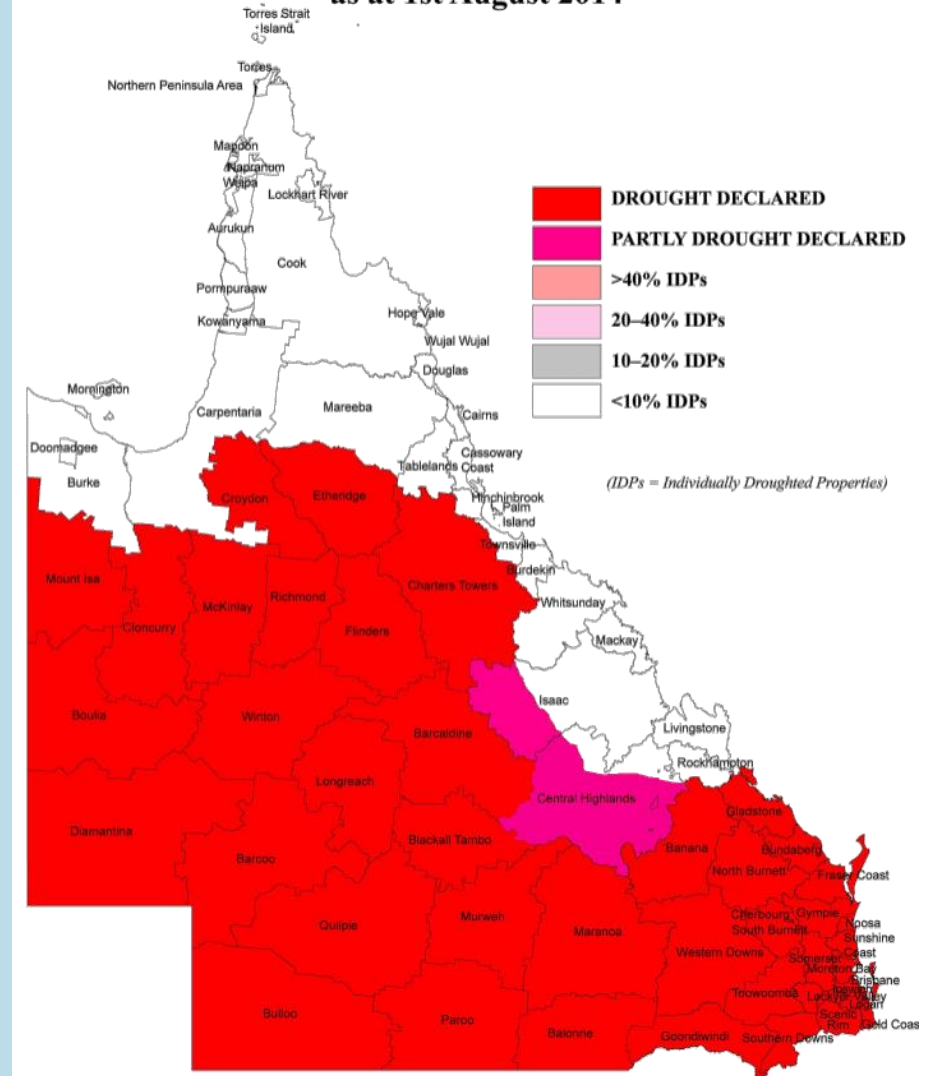
Ray's original thought was that \$100,000 could be raised to help rural landholders in need. The sum raised to date is approaching \$1 million.

Background

In 2014, 80% of Queensland was drought-declared.

QUEENSLAND DROUGHT SITUATION

as at 1st August 2014

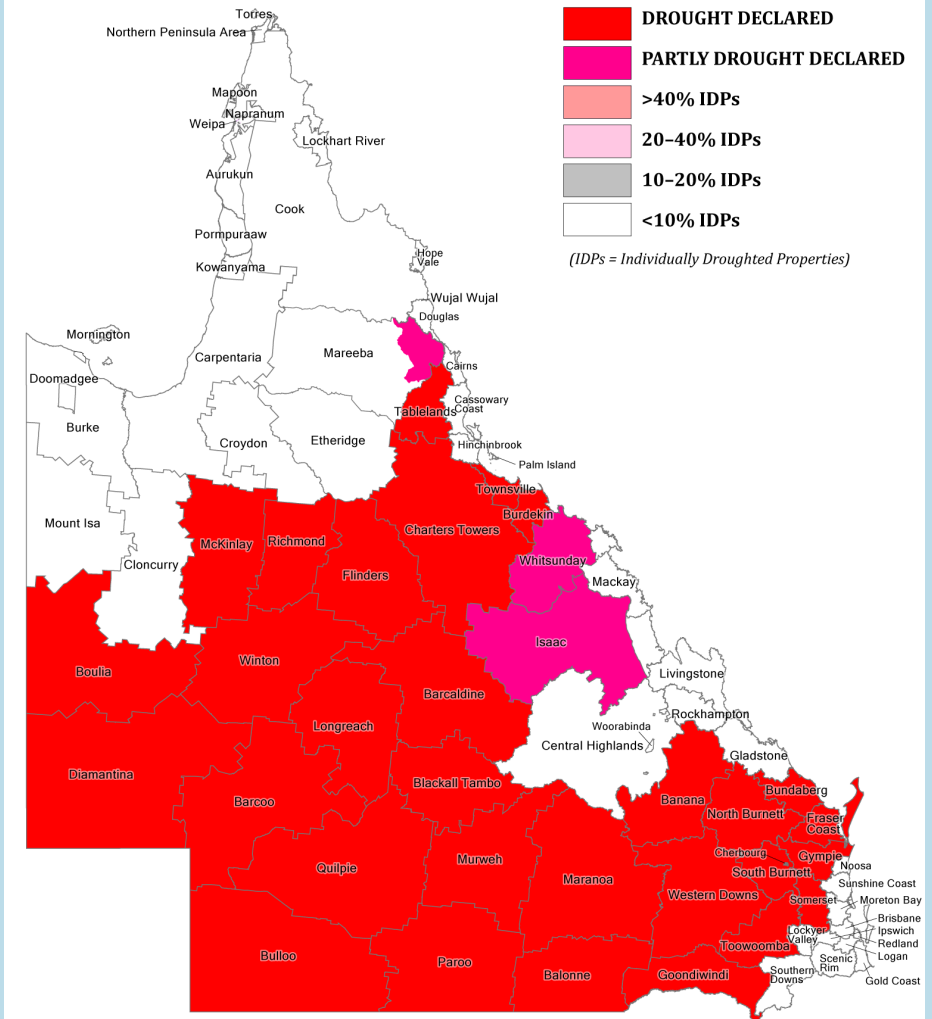


Two-thirds of Queensland still
remains drought-declared (as last
reviewed at early March 2018).

QUEENSLAND DROUGHT SITUATION

Updated on 25th May 2017

Last Reviewed on 6th Mar 2018



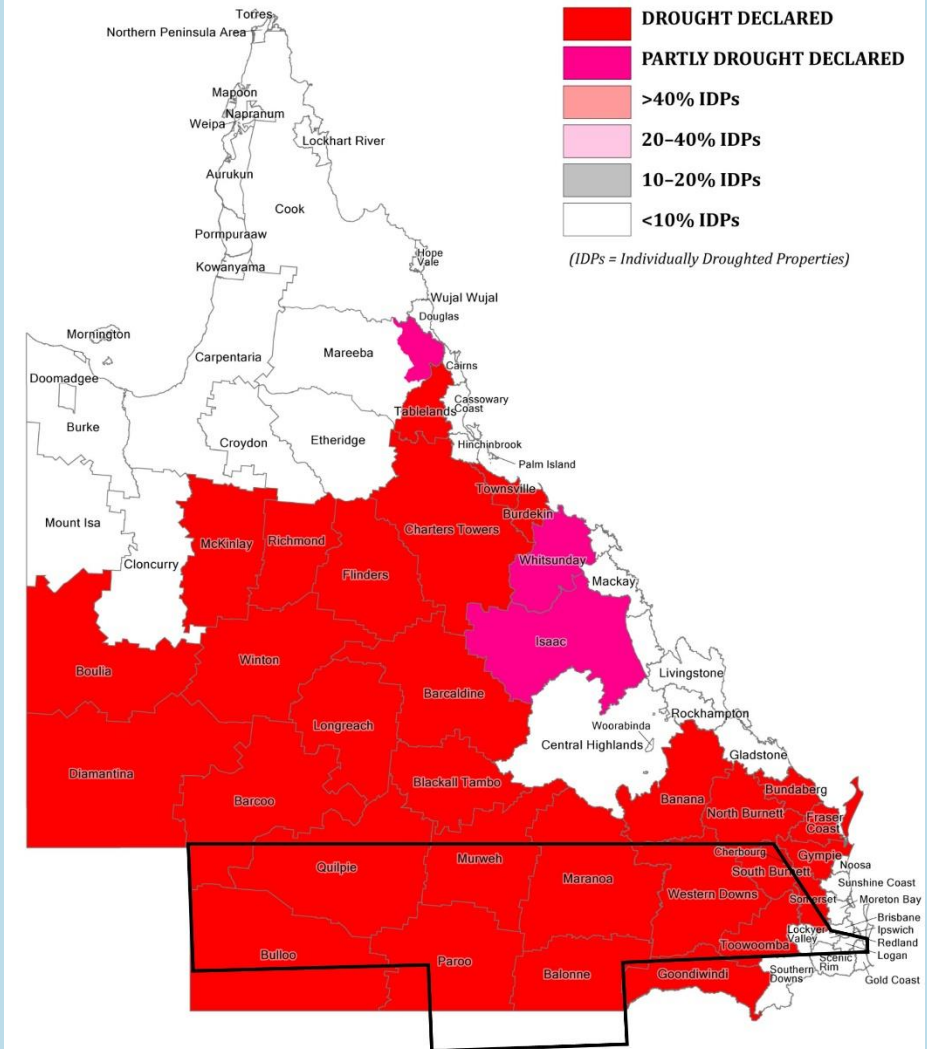
Over 90% of the area of District 9630 is still drought-declared.

Areas covered by the various clubs in South-West Queensland (Roma, Mitchell, Charleville & St George) are the major beneficiaries of the fund, including through to the Cunnamulla, Thargomindah and Quilpie regions.

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Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund

- Key Objectives

The Drought Relief Fund has had these objectives:

- Providing financial assistance to rural landholders struggling financially and personally with the effects of Queensland's most severe and prolonged drought in history.
- Focussing on the essentials of daily life, in particular foodstuffs, not discretionary spending.
- Maximising local benefit of the assistance provided.
- Ensuring good governance and propriety in distribution of funds.
- Promoting the image of Rotary.

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - The Voucher Scheme

The District 9630 Drought Relief Fund “voucher scheme” is essentially derived from an arrangement set in place by past Rotarian Keith Everett for distribution of charitable funds on behalf of the Mitchell club after floods of 2010 and subsequently following the onset of severe drought conditions.

Vouchers are redeemable with local grocery shops, food stores, butchers, hardware stores and the like, with a large multiplying local economic benefit, improving the viability of those shops and businesses at a time when they are carrying a large part of the financial burden of the landholders in credit accounts. Use of vouchers in this way is far more beneficial to the whole community than truckloads of produce.

We are mindful of the unfortunate potential side effects of well-meaning direct donations of free fresh foodstuffs and other goods from outside the area on local businesses which are equally struggling to make ends meet and are shut out by such donations from the capability to supply. It is known for example that bulk delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables has forced local grocery shops to dump their own supplies.

Our vouchers are the gifts that give twice – or in fact much more – as that new income circulates through the community. It is said each voucher dollar circulates some five to seven times within a township. Vouchers help the recipient directly, as well as ensure goods and services are purchased locally from participating businesses. The voucher is spent at the local grocer, who then spends that money at another local shop and so forth, benefitting the community as a whole.

The system works as follows:-

- Rotary club provides a batch of numbered vouchers drawn on local businesses (usually in multiples of \$50) to a third party, generally the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS).
- The third party identifies needy recipients through their client files or questionnaires and forwards vouchers to those recipients.
- Recipient then attends the local business and makes purchases to the value of the voucher.
- Business then sends request for payment stating the number only of each voucher to the local Rotary club.
- Rotary club draws a cheque or direct credit payment and forwards to the business (cash in the bank!).
- At no stage in the process does the club know the identity of the recipient.



**The Rotary Club
of St George Inc.**
PO Box 198 St George Q.4487
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**Rotary District 9630
Drought Relief Fund**

Voucher

No.

This Voucher entitles the Bearer
to goods to the value of

\$50.00

Authorised by

Participating stores listed on rear. Not redeemable for cash.
Voucher must be fully redeemed in a single purchase.
Redemption value not to exceed \$50.00. Expiry date 30/09/18.

This Voucher may be redeemed at any of the following:

- ◆ Websters Foodworks St George
- ◆ St George Hardware
- ◆ J.C.M's Auto & Fuel St George
- ◆ Balonne Steel & Rural Supplies St George
- ◆ Bollon Rural
- ◆ Deb's Café Bollon
- ◆ Dirranbandi FoodWorks
- ◆ Hebel General Store

Our thanks go to these participating stores
and their proprietors for their co-operation.



Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Appeal

Rotary Clubs of District 9630 (from Charleville in the west to Toowoomba and further east to the south side of Brisbane, extending to Redland Bay) have so far raised over \$900,000 for this appeal. Money has come mainly from clubs in and around Brisbane and more recently through significant collaborations with the RACQ and Hand Heart Pocket, the charitable arm of Freemasons Queensland. They all have our great thanks. Funds are distributed independently and anonymously through our region to give those in need a helping hand. Stores listed on the reverse of each voucher have agreed to send us invoices for vouchers received. We will only ever see these invoices and will not know any further details. We thank these stores for their participation and support. Help us to help them by redeeming your voucher with them. We hope that you are able to use this voucher to bring some respite from the mounting bills. We cannot make it rain, but please know that people further east care for those in the west.

Vouchers are distributed either singly
or in groups to recipient families.

Rural Financial Counselling Service New Regions - Queensland

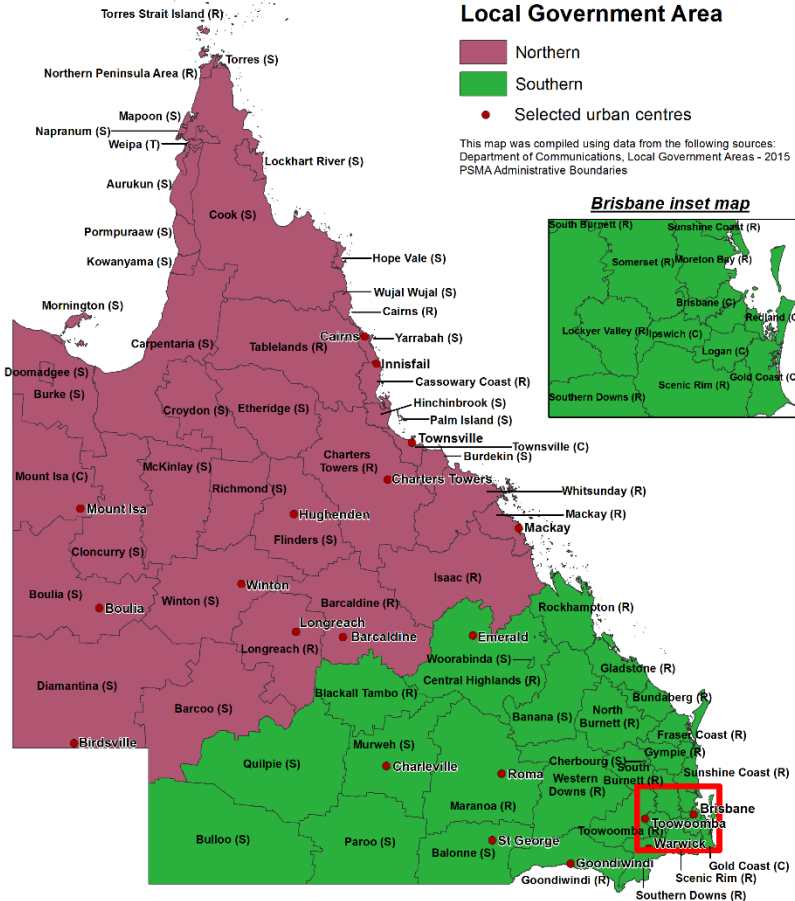
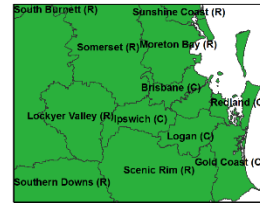
(Note areas are indicative only)

RFCS Regions by Local Government Area

- Northern
- Southern
- Selected urban centres

This map was compiled using data from the following sources:
Department of Communications, Local Government Areas - 2015
PSMA Administrative Boundaries

Brisbane inset map

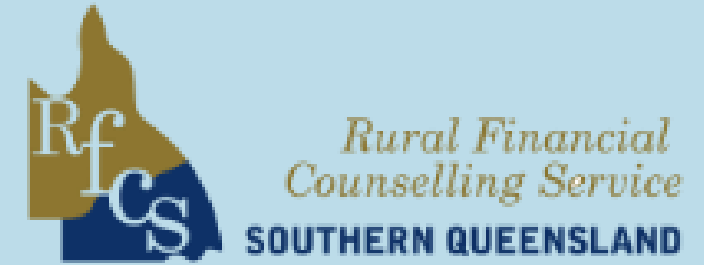


Australian Government
Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources
ABARES



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RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE (SOUTHERN QLD)



The Rotary Clubs are distributing funds generally in association with the Rural Financial Counselling Service (Southern Queensland). We are indebted to RFCS Executive Officer Jenny Whip and her team of counsellors for their extensive assistance.

We are also grateful to our participating stores for their willingness to be part of the relief effort. While they do indeed stand to benefit, it is a measure of their trust in Rotary that this co-operation has been for the most part quite simple.

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund

- “Family Days”

More recently, the clubs have hosted a series of free small community get-together events in local halls, sporting clubs or the like across the region from Tambo and Quilpie through to Hebel, with the aim of improving the spirits of the drought-affected population on a whole of community approach. A bit of low-key mental health relief. Those affected really appreciate the opportunity just to speak with other people, share their experiences and interact in a social environment facilitated and catered by Rotarians.

As well as steakburgers, sausages, beers, soft drinks and similar, the events have included activities and attractions for the kids, a "pampering" station (massage, nails & makeup), bush poetry and music.

FABULOUS HEBEL GREAT DAY OUTBACK



St George Rotarians joined with Lightning Ridge Rotarians, PDG Phillip & Marlene and members of the Hebel Community to have an amazing day out at the Hebel Hall on Saturday thanks to the generosity of District 9630 Rotarians who have given to the District Drought Appeal. More on this story on pages 2 & 3.



Bush poet and one of Australian's favourite yarn spinners, Sandy Thorne kept everyone enthralled during her performances.

The weather was just perfect for sitting round outside soaking up the 'spring' atmosphere as yarns were told.





Come and join us at the



Rotary Big Day Outback Family Fun Day



A joint effort of the
Mitchell and Roma
Rotary Clubs
funded by the Rotary
District 9630 Drought
Relief Fund

MEMPHIS MOOVERS
LIVE MUSIC

MURRAY HARTIN
BUSH POET

MASSAGE &
PAMPERING

KIDS BALLOON
MODELLING

FILLET STEAK
BURGERS &
SAUSAGES

BEER, WINE,
WATER &
SOFT DRINKS

**Sunday 18th
October**
Bymount Hall
12 noon till 4pm

COME ALONG, HAVE A BURGER AND ENJOY THE ENTERTAINMENT!

THERE IS **NO CHARGE** TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THIS DAY
AND IT IS **NOT A FUNDRAISING EVENT**.
ROTARY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND
DETERMINATION THROUGH YEARS OF DROUGHT.

RSVP 9th October please — contact Howard Hobbs
Phone: 0428152656 Email: hh643@bigpond.net.au



RUN SHEET - BYMOUNT

- 10:00am Leave Roma
- 10:45am Arrive at Bymount & set up
- 11:30pm Start manning welcome area
- 12:00pm Start snacks & Band
- 12:30pm Official welcome
- 12:45pm BBQ start serving
- 1:30pm Balloon modelling & bush poetry
- 2:30pm Paper plane competition
- 3:00pm Band
- 4:00pm Last drinks & close
- 4:15pm Clean up & pack up
- 4:45pm Leave Bymount
- 5:30pm Arrive at Roma

Rotary, Masons helping hand

DROUGHT RELIEF

BY SALLY CRIPPS

Scrubby Creek

HAND Heart Pocket, the charity of Freemasons Queensland, has made \$300,000 available to Rotary for drought assistance in the state's struggling south west.

It is currently engaged in giving out \$100,000 of that through clubs in the western region in the lead-up to Christmas.

Master of the Augathella lodge, Dave Walters said

the money had come from the Freemasons' Board of Benevolence, and they had decided to work together with Rotary in the south west to distribute it.

"We didn't want to work in opposition to anyone, and we wanted a proven method of helping people," he said. "Rotary's system of distributing money has been working well."

Charleville Rotary Club president Ric Newson said they had set up their system 12 months ago when Rotary

district 9630 first gave them \$10,000 to distribute.

"We've had to keep going since then," he said. "We use a voucher system that we distribute via the Rural Financial Counselling Service and Distance Education parent liaison officers.

"They're the people in the front line. They're the ones who know who's in need, and the businesses in town are primed and happy to receive the vouchers.

"They get reimbursed by us and it's working well."

Dave added that it was also appealing to his group that there was a guarantee that the money given out would go to local businesses, and that there would be no administration fees.

"This is not going to be an overnight thing," he said. "The need for ongoing assistance is going to be there long after the drought breaks."

He added that even if people were reluctant to accept vouchers, they would be helping local business, and he urged people in need to

contact their local RFCS representative.

Of the immediate \$100,000 made available by Hand Heart Pocket, \$30,000 has gone to each of the Rotary clubs of Charleville and Roma, and \$20,000 to each of the Rotary clubs at St George and Mitchell.

So far the Charleville representatives have visited Christmas events at Tambo, Cooladdi, Adavale and Scrubby Creek, and will be at Eulo, Toompine and Augathella next weekend.



Charleville Rotary's Ric Newson with Augathella Freemasons' Dave Walters.

- Queensland Country Life 17/12/15

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - Mental Health

Following an initiative of Roma Club member Cian Jacobs, the Drought Relief Fund has contributed towards the cost for printing of sets of fridge magnets showing relevant contact details for persons in need across the south-west.

The initiative has been supported by Queensland Police “Project Beacon”, the South-West Hospital & Health Service and Local Governments across the area.

There are some astounding recent suicide figures for the region and we hope that having the right contact information to hand at the right time will make a difference.



Emergency Numbers

Police – Emergency	000
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Police Link	131 444
Ambulance – Emergency	000
Non-Urgent	13 12 33
Fire – Emergency	000

www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

QLD Health Numbers

Hospital – Emergency	000
Roma Hospital	4624 7000
Injune Hospital	4626 1188
Mitchell Hospital	4623 1277
Surat Hospital	4626 5166
Wallumbilla	4623 4233
Roma Clinic	4622 2077
Maranoa Medical	4622 2266
Mitchell Medical Centre	4623 1138
Injune Medical Centre	4626 1560
Surat Medical Centre	4626 5233



Artwork by Althea Flores
Roma State College

CWAATSICH Roma	4622 4237
CWAATISICH Mitchell	4623 1011
Surat Aboriginal Corporation	4626 5288
Community & Allied Health	4624 2977
Central Referral Unit	4624 2719
Health & Medical Advice	13 Health
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Lifeline	13 11 14
Sane Australia	1800 18 SANE
Adults Surviving Child Abuse	1300 657 380
Mental Health in Multicultural	
Australia (MHIMA)	1300 136 289
Mental Health	1300 642 255
Toowoomba Acute Care Team	4616 5210
Disability, Sickness, Carers	132717
Disability Services	4624 3087
Carers Qld	4622 1270
Centacare	1300 477 433
Aftercare	4622 8824
Suicide Call Back	1300 659 467
Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 811 811

SIGNS OF DEPRESSION

- FEELING DOWN?
- DRINKING OR SMOKING TOO MUCH?
- WITHDRAWING FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS?
- EASILY IRRITATED OR UPSET?
- FEELING LIKE YOUR LOSING CONTROL?

Sexual Assault Helpline	1800 010 120
Mensline Qld	1800 600 636
Parentline	1300 301 300
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Gambling Helpline	1800 858 858
Alcohol & Drug Info	1800 177 833
Gay & Lesbian Counselling	1800 184 527
National Homelessness Hotline	1800 474 753
Country Callback	1800 543 354
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Australian Psychological Society	1800 333 497
Indigenous Call Centre	1800 136 380
Headspace	(03) 9027 0100
National Hope Line	1300 467 354
Black Dog Institute	(02) 9382 4530
Reach out	

www.bsachotd.com

Farmsafe	www.farmsafe.org.au
Farm Assist	1800 050 585
Salvation Army	1300 363 622
Centrelink	13 61 50
Maranoa Regional Council	1300 007 662
Road Conditions	13 19 40



Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - Rotary Reading Assistance Programme

This programme was developed by Past District Governor Doug St Clair and Sue, both with education backgrounds, and has been continued by current District Governor Elwyn Hodges and Allison. It has proven to be a real success story.

Young children (under 6 years of age) in drought-affected areas are sent an age-appropriate book each month “address personalised”. At present there are 125 on the roll. The majority of books are donated, generally by Rotary clubs in Brisbane, and the postage costs are met by the fund.

Anecdotal evidence has it that the kiddies wait eagerly each month for “THEIR” book. It is planned that a library will be established so that books can be exchanged if so desired.

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund

- Governance

At the heart of the operation of the Fund is a desire to make sure that distribution of donations – other people's money – can be demonstrated to be carried out with due financial diligence and without personal bias. We need to pass “the Courier Mail test”.

Clubs use third parties to identify recipients through their files and networks. While no system will be perfect, this takes the onus off individual Rotarians or the clubs to personally identify people in need. It also adds a level of anonymity and more importantly governance.

You must protect the image of Rotary by being as dispassionate as possible in what you do, when it is very easy to be the opposite in how you feel about it.

DROUGHT RELIEF VOUCHERS										12/04/18									
VOUCHER No.	PAYMENT BY	QTY	SALE PRICE	NO.	PAYMENT BY	QTY	SALE PRICE	NO.	PAYMENT BY	QTY	SALE PRICE	NO.	PAYMENT BY	QTY	SALE PRICE	NO.	PAYMENT BY	QTY	SALE PRICE
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Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - The Future

After over four years of hard work, the Drought Appeal is continuing as harsh conditions persist relentlessly throughout regional Queensland. While some pockets have received rain relief, other properties as close as “next door” are still in situations as bad as ever. Problems have been compounded for many families who have ceased to receive the Federal Government’s Farm Household Allowance, withdrawn from many on June 30th 2017 due to regulations limiting assistance to a period of three years.

“It is amazing that so many people are so willing to help us out, even though many have their own problems to deal with,” one recipient said. “Not only do the vouchers make a difference to our lives by helping with expenses, but they allow local businesses to keep sales.”

Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund - The “Feel Good” Factor

We have received many testimonials from affected property owners and local businesses praising this initiative and our support for their local communities.

If a business has to leave these small country communities, it is highly unlikely that they will return. Flow-on effects could be that the business leaves, taking their children out of the school, which may leave the school vulnerable to a reduction in teachers or even closure due to lack of numbers. The loss of a business and its staff reduces the total income and spending capability within that community, which effects other businesses in turn.

To the Farmers out West.

14th December 2015.

Members of the COTA Seniors in Gatton would like you to accept this donation of \$¹⁵⁰⁰~~1,000~~ to help you out in these tough times.

Many of us have grown up and worked on the land and we hope this will help in some small way to ease some of your heartbreak.

We are grateful to Rotary for distributing it to you.

May you All Have A Blessed Christmas

Margee Ellis

Margee.

Secretary

Gatton COTA Seniors

Attn. The Secretary
Rotary Club of Roma Inc.
PO Box 276
Roma QLD 4455

22 December 2015

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

I am writing to you on behalf of my parents Allen and Barbara Clark of "Echo" Roma, who received a grocery gift voucher from the drought relief fund.

My father has been hospitalized during the last week, which has placed significant emotional and mental strain on my mother as she supports him. My family is extremely grateful for the generosity shown to our parents at this challenging time.

I would appreciate if you could pass on our most heartfelt thanks to the rest of the committee at the next meeting. We are very grateful.

Sincerely,

F.A. Clark

Frederick Clark
"Echo"
MS 1233
Roma QLD 4455

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- 5 JAN 2016



Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund

Thank You's

- Hand Heart Pocket
(Queensland Freemasons)
 - \$ ¼ million donated
- “Fergies For The Bush”
(Lockyer Valley Regional Council)
 - \$100,000
- RACQ
 - \$50,000



Also significant donations from:

- Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains
- Rotary Clubs of Redlands
- Rotary Club of Lockyer Valley
- Toowoomba Rotaract

And assistance from many others in the District and beyond.



Rotary District 9630 Drought Relief Fund

Thank You's

- Rural Financial Counselling Service (Southern Queensland)
 - Distribution of the vast majority of vouchers
- Charleville Neighbourhood Centre
- Charleville Rural Flying Doctor Service
- Member for Warrego Ann Leahy
 - Great supporter of Rotary and of the Fund
- PDG Ray Brand
 - Instigator of the Fund
- PDG Phillip Charles
 - Current Chairman of the Committee
- The Rotary Clubs of Charleville, Mitchell, Roma & St George

Thanks!

