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| Name of Project: | | | | |
| Geographic Area for the Project: | | | | |
| Description of the Activities of the Project: | | | | |
| Target Number of Farmers, Families, Farming and Business Enterprises for the activities: | | | | |
| Provide information on the identified need and how this need was arrived at: | | | | |
| Name of Rotary Club: | | | | |
| Club Bank Account Name | | BSB: | | Account No: |
| Other Rotary Clubs and organizations involved | | | | |
| Project Manager (Rotarian): | | | | |
| Deputy Project Manager: | | | | |
| Total Project Funding (attach detailed budget): | | | $ | |
| Funding from Other Sources (provide details): | | | $ | |
| Total | | | $ | |
| Funds requested from RAWCS Project: | | | $ | |
| Rotary Club President: | Approval RAWCS Project Manager | | | |
| Signature: | Signature: | | | |
| Date: | Date: | | | |

**Application Guidelines**

Projects must be submitted and managed by Rotary Clubs within Districts 9700 or 9710 and be for the benefit of farmers and businesses and their families within geographic areas, based on local government boundaries or a town(s) within Districts 9700 and 9710.

Clubs need to appoint a project committee that can be a mix of Rotarians and Non-Rotarians with relevant experience, knowledge, expertise or networks that will assist the effective implementation of the project. The Project Manager must be a Rotarian.

Clubs should ensure they have gained local knowledge and information in determining actual need in their selected community. Clubs in non-drought areas may wish to twin with a drought area club to identify needs and implement a project.

Clubs may be approached by their District RAWCS Committee to investigate a need in a nearby farming area where a potential need has been identified.

An application for funding does not guarantee that funding will be gained, and, in some case, a smaller amount may be approved at which time the Club will need to revise their budget before final approval is given.

Clubs that are successful in their applications for funding will be required to provide the RAWCS project committee with quarterly reports on the status of the project, activities concluded, and project funding expended.

Projects are to be completed within six months with a final report including accounts reconciliation and receipts. Any unspent project funding is to be returned to RAWCS joint District Project Account. Extensions and expansion of projects may be considered and approved by the RAWCS project committee.

The available funding from the Joint District project will be for funding to deliver localised relief distribution such as the following but not limited to them.

* a voucher system for purchase of stock feed, water, prescription pharmaceuticals, payment of household expenses but not redeemable for cash, alcohol or tobacco products).

**Note:** The District will provide the vouchers and standard operating guidelines for the setting-up and management of the voucher system. The guidelines include the requirement to set-up a network of local businesses who will accept the vouchers and the utilization of local community networks (Church groups, Community Groups, National Farmers Federation Branches, CWA, Rural Financial Counsellors etc.), who are well placed to identify and distribute to the appropriate people / families in need.

The Rotary Club will be required to keep a log of the distribution of vouchers to local community organizations and their return from local businesses. Refunds to local businesses should be made within one week. The local community organizations will need to keep accurate confidential records of who the vouchers were distributed to, for what the vouchers was issued and the voucher numbers.

* Community / family days that provide respite for farmers and their families and highlight services they can access to support them, especially suicide and mental health issues.

**Note:** They should focus on smaller communities and provide the opportunity for fun and relaxation in a no cost environment. Probably events can be held in local community or school halls and the local Rotary Club should be involved.

* Youth programs including RYPEN, RYLA, Reading Assistance
* Pre-term distribution of school kits
* Hamper distribution (purchase of goods to be from local businesses)
* Local businesses funded to provide free hairdressing, personal grooming, coffee morning sessions etc.
* Hosting families for sponsored coastal / city holidays