



**RACQ** *Foundation*  
**2017-18 ANNUAL REVIEW**



# OUR FOCUS

When a natural disaster strikes, RACQ Foundation is here to help those in need.

Created following a series of natural disasters, the Foundation helps community groups in Queensland recover from severe weather events and other natural disasters, including drought.

Since its inception in 2011, more than \$7.65 million has been distributed to 193 drought, flood and cyclone impacted community organisations throughout Queensland.

From Southport to Cape York, RACQ Foundation supports community organisations throughout Queensland.

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## FAY BARKER

OAM, FAICD

**Again in 2017-18, RACQ Foundation fulfilled its mission of helping Queenslanders affected by natural disasters in their times of need.**

Reflecting the climatic extremities to which our state is constantly vulnerable, in the past year alone the Foundation came to the financial aid of communities affected by cyclone, floods and drought.

A total of \$428,942 in funding was approved for 21 organisations serving their local communities from Proserpine to Warwick and west to Longreach, with 13 having been fully funded by the end of the reporting year. Such organisations are an integral part of the fabric of those communities, making valuable contributions to their social cohesion and overall wellbeing - typically through the efforts of dedicated volunteers working with very modest budgets.

While the most widespread benefit came from a \$50,000 grant towards the Salvation Army's emergency response to Cyclone Debbie in 2017, it was no less gratifying to be able to provide \$5000, for example, to allow the Logan Village Riding Club to rebuild its cross-country course, which was damaged by floods that followed in Debbie's destructive wake.

The actual disbursement of funds in 2017-18 - inclusive of those to applicants approved the previous year - was \$327,357.

At the same time the Foundation remained proactive in targeted promotion of its program in regions affected by natural disasters. This included advertising campaigns in Far North Queensland and Cape York following the landfall of Cyclone Nora and floods in March 2018, as well as in drought declared regions.

Since its inception in 2011, the Foundation has approved 193 applications for \$7.84m in funding, with 184 applicants having been fully funded and \$7.65m distributed.

It was with particular pride that we saw a team of RACQ staff volunteers return to the drought-stricken Longreach region under the Foundation's auspices in July 2017. Their brief was to lend a helping hand to drought-affected grazing families through such tasks as repairing and servicing motor vehicles and farm machinery, as well as fixing fences and general assistance around their properties. Just as importantly, they provided these resilient families with some positive reassurance that those who are doing things hard in the bush are not forgotten by fellow Queenslanders.

Our continuing ability to provide this type of support across the state is due entirely to the RACQ's commitment to giving back to the Queensland community in which it has progressed and prospered for more than a century.

The Club does this not only through the Foundation but also through its many other community programs and sponsorships.

On behalf of my fellow RACQ Foundation directors, I thank the RACQ Board for its unwavering support for the objectives and work of the Foundation. We also express our gratitude and admiration for the small team within RACQ who manage to provide such excellent administrative support to the Foundation in addition to their primary responsibilities to their employer.

Finally, but not least, it is fitting to acknowledge the contribution of RACQ. Its support for the Foundation enables it to exist and operate; the collective contribution of its Queensland wide membership helps ensure the funding necessary for us to continue assisting Queensland communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fay Barker', written in a cursive style.

**FAY BARKER**  
CHAIR RACQ FOUNDATION

In the seven years it has been operating, RACQ Foundation has approved 193 applications for \$7.84m in funding. To date, 184 applicants have been fully funded and \$7.65m in funding has been distributed.

Financial Year 2017-18 Highlights

The RACQ Foundation Board approved 21 applications totalling \$428,942. Of these, 13 applicants have been fully-funded and in total, \$327,357 in funding was distributed to approved applicants.

Applications received

64

Applications approved

21

Total sum of funding approved

\$428,942

Approved natural disaster projects

83%

Approved drought relief projects

17%

Round 1

The RACQ Foundation Board approved 15 applications from the 36 which were received, totalling \$287,342 in funding.

Round 2

The RACQ Foundation Board approved three applications from the 10 which were received, totalling \$101,300 in funding.

Round 3

The RACQ Foundation Board approved three applications from the 18 which were received, totalling \$40,300 in funding.

## SARINA SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

**\$10,245 approved**

Repair of beams of upper floor of the clubhouse and replacement of back kitchen door and steel jambs following Cyclone Debbie.



## LOGAN HOUSE FIRE SUPPORT NETWORK

**\$22,984 approved**

Replacement of lost or damaged items such as whitegoods and the provision of food vouchers, toiletries and other essential items to flood impacted residents following flooding in Logan from Cyclone Debbie.

## TOOGLOOLAWAH GOLF CLUB

**\$12,842 approved**

Installation of a solar powered bore to ensure sufficient water for irrigation during future drought periods.



The following persons were Directors of RACQ Foundation Pty Ltd for the duration of the financial year.



**Fay Barker**  
**OAM, FAICD**

Chairperson of RACQ Foundation. Ms Barker is a former RACQ Director (North Zone 2001-2016). Previously she has also held the positions of Chairperson of the Townsville Hospital Foundation, Director of the Townsville Port Authority, Director of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Townsville City Councillor and member of the James Cook University Council.



**Peter Little**  
**AM, PhD, LLM, LLB**

Director of RACQ Foundation. He is an Emeritus Professor at QUT, former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Corporate Programs and Partnerships), Professor of Business Law and former Executive Dean, QUT Business School. Emeritus Professor Little is a Fellow of CPA Australia and the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a Councillor of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, a Director of Ormiston College Ltd, a member of the Governing Committee of the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame, and is a Director of the European Foundation for Management Development in Brussels.



**Paul Williams**  
**LLB, AssDipBus, MBus(Mgt), CTA, MQLS, MAICD**

Director of RACQ Foundation. Mr Williams is a Solicitor and held senior roles with the RACQ Group over 23 years, including General Manager Operations and Executive General Manager Corporate Governance & Company Secretary. He is a member of the Management Committee of the Connect2Group which provides a range of community, employment and life choice services for individuals with disability in South East Queensland.



**Ian Gillespie**  
**BA, Dip Laws (BAB), FCEOI, FAICD, FAIM**

Director of RACQ Foundation. Group Chief Executive Officer of RACQ since 2006. Mr Gillespie is also a Director of RACQ Insurance Ltd, Members Banking Group Limited, Club Insurance Holdings Pty Ltd, Club Finance Holdings Limited, RACQ Operations Pty Ltd and several other RACQ Group and related entities. He is a Director of the Australian Automobile Association, Confederation of Australian Motor Sport, Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals, Chairperson of Australian Motoring Services Pty Ltd, and Vice-Chair of Global Mobility Alliance.

## RACQ Foundation Panel

From left to right;

Jennie Clayfield,  
Kimberley Roberts,  
Drewe Jackson,  
Renee Smith,  
Darryn Hammond,  
Lucinda Ross,  
Mike Atkinson,  
Michael Thomason,  
Athena Hondroudakis.



The RACQ Foundation Panel review all of the applications received and provide recommendations to the Foundation Board on funding. As well as the Panel, a range of RACQ staff provide assistance in the ongoing administration of the Foundation, in addition to their primary responsibilities at RACQ. This includes contributions from Marketing, Finance, Legal, Corporate Communications staff and others.



The following is a sample of some of the other natural disaster projects supported by the Foundation during the financial year.

| ORGANISATION                                             | PROJECT DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                     | AMOUNT   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>The Salvation Army (QLD) Property Trust</b>           | Funds contributed towards Cyclone Debbie disaster response program including distribution of prepaid EFTPOS cards to Queenslanders severely impacted.                   | \$50,000 |
| <b>MAD Mountain Bike Club Inc.</b>                       | Reimbursement of extensive clean-up costs following damage caused by Cyclone Debbie.                                                                                    | \$19,000 |
| <b>Proserpine Junior Cricket Association Inc.</b>        | Returned facilities to playing standard following Cyclone Debbie including replacement of turf, practice wickets, entry sign, bowling machine and moveable shade tents. | \$19,495 |
| <b>Proserpine Public Kindergarten Inc.</b>               | Repaired and restored the Proserpine Public Kindergarten to its condition prior to damage caused by Cyclone Debbie.                                                     | \$15,818 |
| <b>Gloucester Sports and Recreation Association Inc.</b> | The purchase and installation of a generator for emergency power in the club house used by the local community during natural disasters.                                | \$8,836  |



The following are the drought projects supported by the Foundation during the financial year.

| ORGANISATION                                         | PROJECT DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | AMOUNT   |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Rotary International District 9630 Inc.</b>       | Funding towards the Rotary drought relief voucher program providing vouchers to farmers in need, whilst also directing money into the local towns where vouchers can be expended in a variety of local stores. Programs in communities of Chinchilla, Dalby, St George, Roma and Mitchell. | \$50,000 |
| <b>Drought Angels Ltd</b>                            | Assisted with the drought relief program by providing prepaid cards to regional families under financial stress, enabling the purchase of essential items such as food, clothing and water.                                                                                                | \$50,000 |
| <b>Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services</b> | In partnership with Outback Links, a part of Frontier Services, nine volunteers from RACQ visited farms in Longreach to help fix farm machinery, repair farm homesteads as well as assisting farmers in the day-to-day and any other work required.                                        | \$16,000 |
| <b>Toogoolawah Golf Club Inc.</b>                    | Installation of a solar powered bore for irrigation during drought periods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$12,842 |
| <b>Murilla Community Centre Inc.</b>                 | A mental health and wellbeing day for rural women impacted by drought in Miles and surrounding areas. Funds contributed towards attendee vouchers, catering and guest speakers specialising in mental resilience.                                                                          | \$5,000  |



Total funds approved in FY18

**\$428,942**

NORTH QLD

**62%** of funds approved

Thirteen organisations

**\$309,262** total funds approved

CENTRAL QLD

**9%** of funds approved

Two organisations

**\$31,500** total funds approved

SOUTH EAST QLD

**24%** of funds approved

Five organisations

**\$76,181** total funds approved

SOUTH WEST QLD

**5%** of funds approved

One organisation

**\$12,000** total funds approved



## HOW TO APPLY

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Applying for funding from RACQ Foundation is easy. We welcome applications from Queensland organisations with or without deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

To apply, visit [www.racq.com/foundation](http://www.racq.com/foundation) and download the online application form.

Alternatively, please contact **07 3872 8603** or [racqfoundation@racq.com.au](mailto:racqfoundation@racq.com.au) if you would like to discuss your application and to find out upcoming application closing dates.

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