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“South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal”

Funding Guidelines & Committee Charter

Background

The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** is a community-initiated financial appeal (fundraiser) being administered by Red Earth Community Foundation on behalf of the Committee.

The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** aim is to raise funds to enable local organisations to tailor local support for people at risk or experiencing mental health initiatives in the South Burnett and Cherbourg local government areas.

The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** Committee (the Committee) comprises of representatives from the Red Earth Community Foundation, South Burnett and Cherbourg community leaders and sector representatives as required. The Committee will be responsible for deciding the process i.e. calling for expressions of interests and/or applications, assessing applications and allocating the donations received through small grants from funds raised. The committee may choose, at its discretion to hold some funds over for future **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** fundraising activities.

The Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status (tax deductible) and is the trustee of those tax-deductible donations and will manage payment of these funds to community projects in consultation with the Committee.

The Red Earth Community Foundation will be responsible for the distribution of funds raised from non-taxable community donations and general fundraising. Red Earth Community Foundation provides administrative and governance support to the Appeal.

The purpose of the South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge appeal is to:

- Enable South Burnett & Cherbourg communities to develop and deliver local solutions for local people at risk or experiencing mental health issues or challenges.

- Respond to identified local mental health challenges and needs in a practical way.
- Improve accessibility to non-clinical, community-based services and inclusive mental health services and initiatives for South Burnett and Cherbourg individuals.
- Strengthen local South Burnett and Cherbourg individuals, community organisations and businesses deliver or leverage services and initiatives through the distribution of the **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** Appeal.

Who can Apply for assistance from the South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal

The Appeal is available to individuals, businesses and not-for-profit organisations who are, or intend to deliver a mental health and wellbeing initiative that directly supports people at risk or experiencing mental health and wellbeing challenges in the South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council areas.

Distribution of the charitable funds held in trust by the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) for the Appeal cannot fund private business initiatives, as the distribution of those funds must meet the **public benefit** test. Opportunities to access this portion of the funding will be via expression of interest in consultation with Red Earth Community Foundation on behalf of the Appeal committee and FRRR, and in accordance with relevant legislation and guidelines, to maximise the benefit in the nominated local government areas.

Assistance from this appeal is NOT intended to duplicate or substitute any other forms of assistance available, including insurance, grants from government, or assistance available through charities.

Application Process

- Application form– available online at Red Earth Community Foundation www.redearth.org.au/grants
- Completed application form to be returned to info@redearth.org.au or PO Box 397, Kingaroy Q 4610
- Applications will be collated by Red Earth Community Foundation
- Received applications will be assessed by the Appeal Committee
- Outcomes will be advised in writing to the address provided on the application
- Successful outcomes will be informed of the payment process and any other requirements for acknowledging financial support

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a local business or organisation established in and delivering recognised mental health services and initiatives to the South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council areas.
- Not for profit organisations with a head office outside the nominated areas are encouraged to discuss their initiative/s with the General Manager, Red Earth Community Foundation prior to applying.

General Information

- Only one application per individual/organisation/business will be accepted for each round.
- Applications must be received by dates indicated for each round.
- All applications will be assessed by the **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal** Committee.
- All funding applications are confidential.
- There is no right of appeal for unsuccessful applications, or for funds approved.

Duration of Appeal

- The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal** will continue to accept donations from the public and the businesses until 30 June 2024
- All funds to be dispersed by 31 December 2024.
- The committee will undertake an Impact Assessment of the Appeal to measure and report on its overall value to the target areas.
- Receive voluntary feedback from recipients about the impact of funding received.

South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Committee

The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** committee consists of five (5) community representatives:

Gavin Jones	Scott Henschen	John Carey
Melinda Jones	TBC	Jane Hodgkinson (Admin)

Committee Responsibilities:

- The committee members must exercise transparency, integrity, honesty, objectivity, and ethical conduct in carrying out their duties.
- Members must maintain confidentiality, exercise prudence, care and due diligence in the handling of personal information acquired in the course of their duties.
- Members must immediately declare to the Chairperson any interest that may represent whether a real, potential or perceived conflict of interest related to their committee membership. The declaration must be made on appointment to the committee or in relation to specific applications or agenda items at the commencement of each meeting.

The role of the Committee is to:

- a) Determine when funding applications are called;
- b) distribute funds in line with the purpose of the Appeal, including the quantum of funds provided to each application;
- c) ensure efficient distribution of funds;
- d) oversee appropriate governance and accountabilities required by law for funding disbursement; and
- e) prepare a Distribution Report with the privacy of applicants redacted.

Committee decision-making Principles:

- a) Need – assistance will be prioritised based on identified need/s.
- b) Tailored – assistance will be tailored to ensure proposed support can be delivered flexibly and appropriate to the need.
- c) Equitable Access – assistance will be fair and equitable based on the information provided in each application.
- d) Transparency – the committee decisions and responsibilities will be carried out in a transparent manner.
- e) Accountability – the committee will
 - i. ensure dual sign-off for Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal held funds, following consultation with them; and
 - ii. ensure dispersed funds held by Red Earth Community Foundation are reconciled and included in its annual audit processes.

Acknowledging funding from the South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal

Successful applicants are expected to acknowledge funding received and will be required to include the following statement in their communication about their initiative.

“This initiative has been made possible through funding from the South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal and Red Earth Community Foundation. [Display logos]”

Successful applicants should include the above statement in:

- Media Releases, including advertising in the local newspaper or on radio
- Social Media – in posts, stories or videos
- Word of mouth
- Promotion at Community Information Gatherings or through regular newsletters
- Referral from community agencies and local government

About Red Earth Community Foundation (www.redearth.org.au)

Red Earth Community Foundation (Red Earth) was established by local community leaders in 2013 to support the Burnett Inland region thrive into its future. The founders recognised the Burnett Inland, particularly following the millennial drought (early 2000s), and the 2011 and 2013 floods, needed a vehicle that could harness the pace of change occurring in rural Australia.

Red Earth is one of several nationally recognised community foundations and our philanthropic structure provides the backbone for *Burnett Inland community-led initiatives that build long-term capacity through an inter-generational lens. Our philanthropic structure is ideal for individuals who have grown up in, or for businesses or industry that generate their economic wealth from the physical and intangible resources of the Burnett Inland and want to **pay it forward** for others.

Red Earth proactively partners, facilitates and administers a growing range of future-ready initiatives, programs and philanthropic funds (including sub-funds) that enables the Burnett Inland to thrive into its future. The **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge Appeal** is one of the ways Red Earth can facilitate for individuals, businesses and organisations on their passion for fundraising knowing that the governance and administration requirements are in good hands.

Red Earth places people at the centre of its purpose with a mission to invest in people as the catalyst, or the vehicle that will deliver the initiatives for the Burnett Inland to thrive into the future. Red Earth focuses on identifying and harnessing human, financial and other resources that will strengthen the capacity of individuals and their networks that can build a better Burnett Inland for everyone.

Funding for initiatives like the **South Burnett Mental Health Golf Challenge** come through philanthropy i.e. individuals or businesses giving for the benefit of others.

Red Earth's defines philanthropy as an individual or businesses regularly giving time, money or skills in ways that build something better for following generations. It is not determined by the amount of money, capacity to volunteer or donate skills, but a shared commitment to create a better future and the ways in which contributions may be made can change throughout the different seasons of life and business.

*Burnett Inland includes South Burnett, North Burnett and Cherbourg local government areas.