



Drought Relief

A number of churches have enquired as to how they can assist in giving to those communities affected by the severe drought that has impacted a large part of Western Queensland. QB are not managing any appeal funds as such.

After some feedback and consultation with those on the ground, we have the following suggestions for you to consider in directing your giving. These groups are engaged directly with the community and are seeking not just to provide physical support but also emotional and counselling support to drought affected families.

Please call your church to prayer for those effected by drought.

Name	Description	Contact Details
<p>The Western Queensland Drought Appeal</p>	<p>The Western Queensland Drought Appeal is a grass-roots community response to the hardship of the drought.</p> <p>When you donate to the Western Queensland Drought Appeal, the money is pre-loaded onto prepaid gift cards which are then posted to local grazing families who spend the funds in local communities.</p> <p>This method gives struggling small businesses a boost in trade and allows your hard-earned donation to keep cycling around our towns.</p>	<p>Web: http://wqda.org.au</p>
<p>Outback Futures</p>	<p>Outback Futures is a not for profit organisation committed to providing regular, free professional mental health and well-being services to rural and remote Queenslanders.</p> <p>Outback Futures is committed to a vision for renewing hope, building resilience and strengthening community in Outback Queensland.</p> <p>The primary vehicle of service delivery is remote multidisciplinary clinics, supported by ongoing remote therapy through our "Stay With Me" program and critical incident response.</p>	<p>Web: https://www.outbackfutures.org.au</p>



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<p>Longreach Baptist Church</p>	<p>The drought has forced properties throughout the west to destock and graziers to save every dollar, which in many cases meant putting off staff or holding back from employing contractors to help with jobs.</p> <p>This lack of work and the repercussions for the local community prompted the Baptist Church in Longreach to create a scheme which subsidises graziers to employ contractors.</p> <p>This will not only help contractors find work, but also ease the financial burden on graziers during the drought.</p>	<p>Web: http://www.longreachbaptist.com/</p> <p>Email: longreachbaptist@gmail.com</p> <p>Phone: (07) 4658 3865</p>
<p>Warwick Baptist Church (Local Relief)</p>	<p>Warwick Baptist Church is a family oriented, multi-generational fellowship based in Warwick, on the Darling Downs, Queensland. Contact the church directly to find out how you can assist families in the region.</p>	<p>Web: http://www.warwickbaptist.net/</p> <p>Email: info@warwickbaptist.net</p> <p>Phone: (07) 4661 7655</p>
<p>Bush Church Aid (Christian Organisation)</p>	<p>Bush Church Aid is providing care in Christ's name at a challenging time for many rural communities. Many of these initiatives include buying vouchers from local shops to hand out to those in need. This not only support farmers practically, but also gives local businesses a boost. Churches are also organising prayer meetings and social events to foster community and solidarity.</p> <p>Funds for these initiatives come from Bush Church Aid's Kirkby Trust. The Kirkby Trust is a tax-deductible fund, designed to provide direct relief of suffering, distress, misfortune or sickness in the bush.</p>	<p>Web: http://www.bushchurchaid.com.au</p>