



Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc.

澳 洲 華 人 公 益 金

PO Box 1174, Strathfield NSW 2135 | ABN 58 613 924 714

accfnsw.org | #accf4community | Facebook: @ACCFAU | LinkedIn: accfnsw

1 December 2022

Media Release

ACCF Flood Relief – Here4You

ACCF Spring Festival Celebration Dinner 2023

Climate change has caused heavy rainfall which left vast areas of eastern Australia under water in October 2022. By the end of the month, swollen rivers flooded landscapes from Southern Queensland and New South Wales to Northern Victoria. One reason for this unusual rainfall and flooding is La Nina, which is for the first time this century has returned for 3 consecutive years. The World Meteorological Organisation expected these La Nina conditions will continue until the remainder of this year.

ACCF donated \$40,000 to Lismore Council in May this year for the flood in April. ACCF recognises the recent flood in October/November indicated the road to recovery for the flood-stricken communities is long and challenging. The Management Committee of ACCF have decided to launch a Disaster Appeal to help the affected communities.

This appeal is to be called **“ACCF Flood Relief – Here4You”**.

All donations received between now and 4 February 2023 will be forwarded to The Australian Lions Foundation (commonly known as ALF) to support fellow Australians badly affected by this unprecedented disastrous phenomenon.

Our Appeal is to focus on direct assistance to families and communities affected by flood. We have chosen ALF as the sole beneficiary of this campaign as their objectives are in alignment with ours – that is, funds will be used to assist in the recovery and rebuilding phases. Like ACCF, ALF is a funding body and provides emergency grants to local Lions Clubs in the flood-stricken communities. Grants provided to date include things such as: - White goods (fridges, stoves, washing machines, micro-waves etc), bedding, linen, pillows, lounge furniture, kitchen and dining tables and chairs, wardrobes etc. these being the basic needs to return to home and start over. Figures supplied by ALF indicated that to date, majority of the funding went to the Lismore area. However, it is anticipated that more funding is required in the recent October/November floods in Southern Queensland, New South Wales, and Northern Victoria.

