

Media Release

The Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc. was established in 1990 as a broad based charity organisation to help the community at large. In the past twenty-eight years, the work of the Foundation is supported by the generosity of our Patrons, Trustees, Life Members, Ordinary Members and the dedication of the Management Committee and Council Board. Contributions from Patrons and Trustees form the capital fund of ACCF.

Each year the Funds & Grants Assessment Committee will determine the distribution of funds. This includes emergency assistance to individuals (\$1000 maximum), new Sponsorship programmes and grants to non-profit or charitable organisations for specific community projects. Recipient groups for community projects fall into the following categories – Elderly, Youth, Australian registered Charities or non-profit organisations and Special Needs. The amount of funding for any one project is \$7000 (maximum) and the maximum funding for any approved Sponsorship programme is \$5000. Since 2017 ACCF had been receiving applications for funding from interstate non-profit or charitable organisations.

The concept of the Legacy Fund had arisen just about two years ago due to increasing demand from the community. The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to embrace more funding for the community. The fund will also offer a donor the opportunity to name a specific fund as a remembrance of a loved one in perpetuity. As a capital conserved fund, the income generated will benefit many individuals and community organisations for many future generations. Each Legacy Fund starts with a minimum donation of \$250,000. This can be contributed over a period of three years and is tax deductible. The Foundation is privileged to have full support from the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW and the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister of Multiculturalism & Disability Services at the official launch of the Legacy Fund at the NSW Parliament House on 20 June 2018.

It is with gratitude that the Foundation received generous support from donors of St Luke Fund (for Youth & Disabilities), The Pak Family Fund (for victims of Domestic Violence) & The Faith Family Fund (for the Aged).

In order to better serve the community including both service providers and service recipients, the Foundation is now ready to launch a complete new website in line with the launch of the 2018 Annual Funding round. The new website will enable a smooth funding application process. The online donation function is another major new feature. It is currently under construction and will be launched at a second stage in the coming months.

In addition, the Foundation would like to announce that the ACCF Funding programs for 2018 are open for application as of today, 20 June 2018. The closing date for all applications is 31 August 2018. Cheques will be presented to successful applicants at the Annual Dinner of ACCF on 13 October 2018. As in previous years, the event will be held at Marigold Restaurant (Level 5, 683-689 George Street, Citymark Building, Sydney NSW 2000)

Apart from presentation of cheques to successful funding applicants, the annual dinner of ACCF traditionally offers an opportunity for all Patrons, Trustees, Life Members and Members to get together to celebrate and share the achievements of the Foundation as well as the fellowship that had developed over the years. Further details of the 2018 Annual Dinner will be published in our website (www.accfnsw.org) in the coming month.

On this occasion, the Foundation wishes to extend its gratitude to the longstanding Corporate Sponsors – Invocare Ltd, NAB Private & PwC. Their support and endorsement of our mission to serve the community has meant a lot to everyone at ACCF.

It is essential that all successful recipient organisations from 2017 must complete an acquittal report on the completion of the funded project. A project acquittal form can be used by recipient organisations for easier reporting. The acquittal report can be submitted online or by post to P O Box 1174, Strathfield NSW 2135.

All applications need to be submitted using the designated form and can also be downloaded from our website or applications can be submitted online. Details of the eligibility, terms and conditions of these funding applications are listed in our website <u>www.accfnsw.org</u>. Please send your applications by the due date to: PO Box 1174 Strathfield NSW 2135. We look forward to receiving your applications.

However, applications for emergency assistance is available throughout the year and there are no closing date for these applications.

The Funds and Grants Assessment Committee assesses all applications (community project funding program, sponsorship program and emergency assistance program). The Foundation is pleased to announce the new Funds & Grants Assessment Committee Members for 2018/2019 are as follows:

- Sub-committee Chairman Dr Peter Wong AM
- Sub-committee member Ms Joanna Ng
- Sub-committee member Mrs Gloria Cheung
- Sub-committee member Ms Tury To
- Sub-committee member Ms Faith Tan
- Sub-committee member Ms Annie Tang JP
- Sub-committee member Ms Cecilia Tsai

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