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Newman's Own Foundation announces more than \$1.5 million in donations for Australian based charities in 2019 including a focus on regional youth

Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, is inviting charities to apply for grants for projects that support young people affected by drought or other natural disasters in regional and rural areas of Australia.

A large number of rural and regional communities across Australia are experiencing the worst droughts in decades. The 2019 grant program will focus on programs designed to improve the nutritional, physical, social and mental wellbeing of young people according to Newman's Own Foundation President and CEO Robert Forrester. The grants are intended to help with education about good nutrition and access to healthy goods, as well as the special needs of children in rural areas that have been impacted by the drought, such as health care, mentoring, and special education.

"Our relationship with Australia in business and in philanthropy entered its 36th year in 2019. We continue to work closely with Australia, just as Paul Newman did when he started the company," said Forrester. "We are pleased to partner with Australian based charitable organisations in helping to carry out our commitment to good nutrition, children, empowerment, and encouraging philanthropy."

The Foundation has committed \$700,000AUD in grants ranging from \$30,000AUD to \$75,000AUD for projects addressing areas of regional and rural youth disadvantage including:

- access to educational, arts and sports programs;
- mentoring and mental health counselling;
- medical services and facilities;
- access to fresh food and better nutrition;
- experiences outside the community via excursions and camps.

Mr. Forrester will be visiting charities in Australia from 25th January – 1st February 2019.

In addition to this regional program the Foundation will also be supporting OzHarvest's launch of its Food Education and Sustainability Training (FEAST) program into regional schools. FEAST is aimed at empowering school-aged students to be change-makers in their communities by improving their nutritional literacy, food waste awareness, and environmental responsiveness.

Newman's Own Foundation will also continue to be a major philanthropic supporter of the Feed Melbourne campaign in 2019.

Total funding for Australian charities in 2019 will be in excess of \$1.5 million AUD.

Newman's Own Foundation Expression of Interest (EOI) details can be downloaded at www.paulnewmansown.com.au from 4th February 2019 and will close 4th March 2019.

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About Newman's Own Foundation

Newman's Own Foundation was created in 2005 by the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman, to assure his lifetime commitment to donate 100% of the profits made from the sale of Newman's Own food and beverage products will continue after his passing. Since 1982, over \$540 million has been donated to thousands of charities around the world, including Australia. In Australia, products are sold under the Paul Newman's Own label. For more information, visit www.newmansownfoundation.org.

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