

# Cronulla Lions assist Gunnedah farmers

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Cronulla Lions raised \$20,000 in five minutes for the drought-stricken farmers of Gunnedah.

Cronulla Lions take pride in their fundraising.

But recent efforts surpassed even their own standards with members at a recent Cronulla Lions meeting taking only five-minutes to raise \$20,000 to assist the drought-stricken farmers of Gunnedah.

The Cronulla Lions Club is partnering with the Gunnedah Lions Club to direct disaster relief such as feed and water for livestock to the most drought-affected areas.

The \$20,000 raised will be used to purchase one truckload of feed.

The Lions members had been touched the story of a Gunnedah local who told the Lions meeting how farmers were doing it tough.

“Tears were running down this chap’s face, how could we not act?” Cronulla Lions president Shaun Cronin said.

“So a call was made to local businesses that we know and within five minutes we managed to get a commitment for \$20,000 and within five days a truck has been arranged and will be on its way to Gunnedah by next

week,” Mr Cronin said.

“When it costs \$20,000 to put one truck’s worth of feed into the worst affected areas, the time to act is now.

“We are working with Gunnedah Lions to manage and arrange with the town on the day when truck arrives, to hand out to the farmers.

“The media has been flooded by the attention on how bad the drought has become, but what we need is more attention on how we can act now as small community groups and get on board and bring back the classic Australian spirit, which we know exists and is fantastic in Australia.”

Mr Cronin and his fellow Cronulla Lions members are calling on every community group in Australia to rally to their own cause.

“Pick a town affected, line-up some local contacts, a local Lions Club or other community groups and make it happen,” Mr Cronin said.

“It’s good to see the governments are waking up to the crisis, but let’s be frank, fuel rebates don’t buy stock or get them delivered. We need to do more.”

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