

MEDIA RELEASE

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Panthers commits \$200,000 to drought appeal

Panthers Group is proud to confirm it will donate a total of \$200,000 to The Big Dry Drought Appeal, supporting drought-stricken farmers facing severe hardship in central west NSW.

The donation consists of a \$100,000 contribution from Panthers Group and a \$100,000 commitment from Panthers Rugby League.

The Big Dry Drought Appeal was launched by Fairfax Media and Macquarie Media in aid of the Buy A Bale program, which provides much-needed supplies and support to farmers affected by the drought.

“Given the gravity of the situation our farmers currently face, we felt compelled to make a contribution,” Panthers Group CEO Brian Fletcher said.

“I wish to thank the Panthers Board for their generosity in supporting this most worthy cause.

“Panthers has always shared a strong affiliation with central west NSW given the significant number of players who have emerged from the region to pull on the Panthers jersey.

“While our donation will make a small difference for the farmers doing it tough, we hope it helps draw attention to the critical need for further assistance.”

Panthers has a permanent presence in central west NSW courtesy of the Panthers Bathurst licensed club and is also committed to playing an NRL game in Bathurst each year until at least 2028.

The club runs academy programs in Bathurst, Dubbo and Forbes, supports the coaching of the Western Rams representative sides and commits teams to play in the Country Championships.

Panthers Group consists of six community clubs located in Penrith, Port Macquarie, Bathurst, North Richmond, Glenbrook and Wallacia. Panthers Group is also home to the Penrith Panthers NRL team.

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