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## How You Can Help Support Bushfire Recovery Activities

To help services deal effectively and efficiently with the on-ground recovery the Government is asking that donations be in the form of financial assistance only.

### Charities and Donations

Please click on the list of contact details below for charities that are able to accept tax deductible donations and are working to support bushfire relief or recovery efforts.

[www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/offers-help/registered-bushfire-charities](http://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/offers-help/registered-bushfire-charities)

Here is a list of some of the charities that have a national reach.

Australian Red Cross	1800 733 276 <a href="http://www.redcross.org.au">www.redcross.org.au</a>
St Vincent de Paul	13 18 12 <a href="http://www.vinnies.org.au">www.vinnies.org.au</a>
Salvation Army	1300 662 217 <a href="http://www.salvationarmy.org.au">www.salvationarmy.org.au</a>
Foodbank	02 9756 3099 <a href="http://www.foodbank.org.au">www.foodbank.org.au</a>
Lifeline Australia	13 11 14
Save the Children Australia	1800 760 011 <a href="http://www.savethechildren.org.au">www.savethechildren.org.au</a>

This list has been provided by the Australian Treasury, Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and will be progressively updated.

If you wish to donate to bushfire recovery efforts, we recommend you check:

- ▶ the ACNC Charity Register for additional information about charities you want to support, and
- ▶ the ABN look up to confirm that the charity is an endorsed DGR and is eligible to receive tax deductible donations.

Further along in the relief effort charities and support services may indicate that they are in a better position to receive donations of household goods and each organisation will make this known to communities.



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## Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Volunteering Peak Bodies in your area.

Volunteering Australia provides information for prospective volunteers - [www.volunteeringaustralia.org](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org)

GoVolunteer assists people with locating available volunteering – [govolunteer.com.au](http://govolunteer.com.au)

Volunteering ACT	(02) 6251 4060
The Centre for Volunteering NSW	(02) 9261 3600
Volunteering QLD	(07) 3002 7600
Volunteering SA&NT	(08) 8221 7177
Volunteering TAS	(03) 6231 5550
Volunteering WA	(08) 9482 4333
Volunteering VIC	(08) 9482 4333

## Wildlife

If you come across injured or orphaned wildlife, follow the advice of registered wildlife carer organisations. If it is safe to do so, wrap the injured animal loosely in 100% cotton fabric and place gently in a ventilated box and contact your nearest veterinarian or wildlife carer organisation.

Contacts for each state and territory can be found at:

[www.kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/who-should-i-contact-about-injured-wildlife/](http://www.kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/who-should-i-contact-about-injured-wildlife/)

Practical ways you can ease the stress on wildlife, regardless of whether you're in a fire-affected area, includes leaving water dishes and buckets around your garden or property in shaded areas, and keeping domestic pets away from native animals.

More information on providing water for wildlife is available at [www.wires.org.au/blog/emergency-food-and-water-for-wildlife](http://www.wires.org.au/blog/emergency-food-and-water-for-wildlife).



<b>National</b>	
Wires Wildlife Rescue	1300 094 737
Wildlife Rescue	1300 596 457
<b>NSW</b>	
NSW Disaster Welfare Services Line	1800 018 444
Wires	1300 094 737
Sydney Wildlife	02 9413 4300
<b>VIC</b>	
Wildlife Victoria	03 8400 7300
<b>SA</b>	
RSPCS SA	1300 477 722
Fauna Rescue	08 8289 0896
<b>WA</b>	
Wildcare	08 9474 9055
<b>ACT</b>	
RSPCA ACT	(02) 6287 8100
ACT Wildlife	0432 300 033
Injured Kangaroos	13 22 81
Wildcare Queanbeyan	02 6299 1966
<b>QLD</b>	
RSPCA QLD	1300 264 625
Wildcare Australia	07 5527 2444
<b>TAS</b>	
Wildlife Management Branch	1300 827 727

## Bushfires and scams

There are currently a wide range of appeals raising funds for people and animals affected by the bushfires. Unfortunately, some of these are scams.

People can make a report on [www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam) or find more information about where to get help: [www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help)

The ACCC has also set up a dedicated phone number for the public to report bushfire related scams. People can **call 1300 795 995** to report these scams.

If you wish to make a donation towards those affected by the bushfires, please protect yourself with the following information:

- ▶ Scammers are pretending to be legitimate well-known charities, creating their own charity names, and impersonating people negatively impacted by the bushfires.



- ▶ Scammers are cold-calling, direct messaging and creating fake websites and pages on social media to raise funds.
- ▶ Do not donate via fundraising pages on platforms that do not verify the legitimacy of the fundraiser or that do not guarantee your money will be returned if the page is determined to be fraudulent.
- ▶ Be careful about crowdfunding requests as these may be fake and also come from scammers. Check the terms and conditions of funding platforms and ensure you are dealing with official organisations. If you are unsure, make your donation to an established charity instead.
- ▶ If you are donating to an established charity or not-for-profit organisation, ensure it is registered and that you are on its official website by searching the Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Charity Register.

If you think you have paid money to a scammer, please contact your bank immediately.