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Vinnies NSW launches Bushfire Appeal to assist communities with long term recovery

Vinnies NSW has today launched a St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Bushfire Appeal in response to the devastating fires that continue to burn across the state.

NSW State Council President, St Vincent de Paul Society, Ray Reynolds said that, as always, the Society will be there for people in crisis helping them recover from these devastating fires.

“Vinnies members live and work in these communities which means we will be there for the long-haul, helping people rebuild their lives in any way possible for as long as they need, but we can only do that with the generous support of the public,” Mr Reynolds said.

With fires destroying homes across the state, many communities will now begin the slow recovery process and the Society will provide financial and emotional assistance where needed.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW CEO, Michael Perusco explains that for the worst hit communities, financial and emotional assistance will be most important.

“At this stage, financial donations are the most effective way to quickly provide the right kind of assistance to people who need it most,” Mr Perusco said.

“In the difficult weeks and months ahead the trauma will start to hit home. Vinnies will be there not only with on the ground assistance but also compassion and friendship.”

To make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Bushfire Appeal, please visit [Vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au), (<http://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>), call 13 18 12 or send your donation to PO Box 5, Petersham NSW 2049.

Note to media: Vinnies Springwood Centre located at 272 Macquarie Road is offering assistance including food vouchers to people affected by the fires.

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