



Supporting Firefighters and the Firefighting Effort in NSW

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The Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (VFFA) is being flooded with offers of support and assistance.

The VFFA has received many inquiries from people who are wanting to:

1. donate money,
2. donate food and water, and
3. provide logistical support and assistance.

The following information is provided for anyone who wishes to support firefighters or the firefighting effort in NSW:

1. Financial Assistance

- For Bushfire Victims:
 - For the Salvation Army Disaster Appeal, go to <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/donate/make-a-donation/donate-online/?appeal=disasterappeal>
 - For the Australian Red Cross, go to <https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-new-years-eve#donate>
- For RFS Brigades (to assist firefighters, via their local Brigades)
 - Approach a Brigade member directly to identify the Brigade Treasurer. Please remember that these people may be very busy and under stress at various times.
 - Approach or contact a Fire Control Centre directly. Please remember that these people may be very busy and under stress at various times.
 - Keep on the lookout for various Brigade donation tins at businesses and trustworthy locations.
 - Donations via the Rural Fire Service (RFS) can be made at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade>. Not all Brigades are listed as recipients using this method.
 - If donating to an association (VFFA or RFS), you can identify where you want your money to go. Both associations will ensure that your donation is directed appropriately.

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2. Food and Water

- Approach a Brigade member directly to identify the location of a staging area that can safely be approached by members of the public. Please remember that these people may be very busy and under stress at various times.
- Approach or contact a Fire Control Centre directly to identify a logistics site or staging area that can be accessed by the public. Please remember that these people may be very busy and under stress at various times.

3. Logistical Support and Assistance

- Approach or contact a Fire Control Centre directly to identify potential support and assistance options. Please remember that these people may be very busy and under stress at various times, they may also direct you to other organisations who are providing logistical support.

If you bump into a firefighter, a kind word to thank that person for their service goes a long way.

The VFFA wishes to thank everyone for their service and support, we can get through this difficult time if we all work together.



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Please visit the VFFA web site for additional information at volunteerfirefighters.org.au