



Donate to our local bush fire relief fund

Looking for a way to help local people affected by bush fire? It can be hard to know what to do or where to put your money. The Blue Mountains Bush Fire Mayoral Relief Fund provides assistance directly to Blue Mountains' residents who have been impacted by the recent fires.

The fund has zero administration costs, which means every dollar donated goes into the hands of the people who need it. The first round of payments to those who lost homes is going out this week, but the more we receive, the more we can give.

If you want to support your local community, this is how you can ensure your money will go to the Blue Mountains' families who need it. You can donate via PayPal, internet banking, over the phone or in person.

Donate now. Any amount is greatly appreciated: bmcc.nsw.gov.au/MRF



Mayor Mark Greenhill OAM

Community recovery in action

Council has been working with affected communities since before Christmas, to offer support and find out how we can best assist them to recover and rebuild.



Photo: Sarah Hyde



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Mayoral Fund Advisory Committee

The members of the Fund Advisory Committee are experts and leaders from a range of fields, who bring wisdom, compassion, and a wealth of experience to the process. The committee will decide where donations received are needed most.



The Hon Phil Koperberg (Committee Chair) AO AFSM BEM – First Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and former Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water

I know firsthand the mammoth effort and dedication it takes to manage a crisis like this, and I am as ever, incredibly proud of everyone involved, and in particular the NSW RFS, SES, Fire and Rescue NSW, and National Parks and Wildlife Service. Their fortitude and strength is also reflected in the broader community, which will help us all on the road to recovery.



Joan Domicelj AM – Principal consultant on the original nomination for the Greater Blue Mountains Area (GBMA) World Heritage listing

Reeling through smoke and loss we, as locals, offer what little comfort we can to those of us in most pain. With love. We also love this extraordinary, but vulnerable, place. Of 'outstanding universal value' to the world, we share custodianship of these exquisite mountains' biodiversity and we thank its protectors.



Kerry Bartlett – Former Member of Parliament for Macquarie

It is in times of crisis that the best of our Blue Mountains community is seen. Without the incredible efforts of our NSW RFS and other volunteer groups and individuals our losses would have been far greater. The same spirit and commitment will undoubtedly underpin our community's recovery effort.



The Hon Bob Debus AM – Former NSW Minister for Environment and Minister for Emergency Services

We are living in challenging times, facing severe threats to our land and to our way of life. Great national challenges can only be dealt with when we come together with a common purpose. It's fortunate that Blue Mountains City Council has a lot of experience in dealing with crisis situations, and greatly comforting to know the Blue Mountains community is filled with the spirit we will need to deal with the future.



Mary Waterford AM – Blue Mountains advocate for equity, human rights and dignity

Once again Blue Mountains communities are demonstrating people at our best. The cooperation and generosity is wonderful. We have trying times ahead and our connectedness will be our strength. This Relief Fund is one of many initiatives that show our ability to look after each other – a culture that will ensure we bring the best of ourselves to the challenges of our times.



Dr Rosemary Dillon – Blue Mountains City Council CEO

We are committed to supporting our community through the recovery process. We know from past experience that recovery from bush fires takes time and the process is often unpredictable and frustrating. But our community is resilient and we will walk this road together.

Supporting our community to recover

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