



PRESS RELEASE

RHSV

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## Still in the Frontline

Established in 1849 **The Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria (RHSV)** is the umbrella organisation for amateur horticulture in Victoria. As such it represents over 400 Affiliated Groups and 30,000 Members.

In response to the recent horrific fires and encouraged by continuing requests from our member groups the Society has established a **Horticultural Disaster Relief Fund** and a process to coordinate Member Recovery Activities.

The Horticultural Disaster Relief Fund will provide money and resources to communities affected by the recent fires. These resources are to be used for horticultural purposes, identified and requested by the affected communities (In general it is for community works; however individual applications may be considered).

The RHSV has started the Relief Fund with a donation of \$10,000. All donations and interest gained from them will be applied directly to the relief effort. No administration, expenses etc will be taken from the fund.

Donations to the fund can be made via cheque, payable to the **Royal Horticultural Soc of Vic Disaster Relief Fund**  
To: Hon Secretary at 133 Underbank Blvd, Bacchus Marsh 3340

Many of our member groups have already initiated relief activities. The RHSV has created a central data base to match the relief activities with those that most need their support. By bringing together, diverse activities we can get the best overall results.

For Further Information,  
Please contact the Honorary Secretary at **03 53676363** or at **secretary@rhsv.org.au**

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