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## **RYDE OFFERS HELP TO COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY BUSHFIRES**

The City of Ryde has registered its interest with the NSW Disaster Recovery Council Co-ordination Service to provide assistance to communities devastated by the bushfire crisis.

With NSW in the grip of one of the worst bushfire seasons in living memory, the State Government has established the NSW Disaster Recovery Council Co-ordination Service to link councils that are offering support with bushfire-affected councils in need of assistance.

The disaster recovery is likely to require significant clean-up works including arbor works, street cleaning, waste collection and road maintenance. Specific details on how councils might be able to assist will be made available in the coming days.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said his heart went out to those who have endured the tragic loss of life and property.

“The City of Ryde will work with the State Government to provide whatever practical resources we can to help those who have had their lives turned upside down due to these horrific bushfires,” Cllr Laxale said.

“We have staff who can provide assistance to local communities, as well as equipment we can loan that will help with the rebuilding effort.”

In addition to providing Council’s resources, the City of Ryde is also undertaking a fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army Bushfire Disaster Appeal.

Money raised for the Bushfire Disaster Appeal will go towards supporting the Salvation Army's relief teams provide assistance to emergency services personnel and people displaced due to the bushfires.

Collection buckets are located at various Council locations including the Customer Service Centre, all five City of Ryde Library branches, the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and Council’s North Ryde Office. Donations can also be made online at [www.salvationarmy.org.au/disasterappeal](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/disasterappeal).

Members of the community can also donate to the Red Cross' Disaster Relief and Recovery fund which is offering support to the thousands of people currently in evacuation centres.

Donations can be made by visiting: [www.redcross.org.au/disaster](http://www.redcross.org.au/disaster).

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