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## **CITY OF RYDE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT**

The City of Ryde is calling on the community to dig deep and get behind two fundraisers that will help those impacted by the recent bushfires and ongoing drought.

At its meeting this week, Council unanimously agreed to undertake 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 to provide food and water, as well as emotional and practical support, to emergency services personnel and people displaced due to the bushfires.

Fundraising efforts will begin straight away with money to be raised at Sunset Sounds on Friday, which will celebrate the upgrade of Wilga Park

Collection buckets will also be placed 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.

To kick-start the appeal, Council has pledged to donate \$5,000.

Councillors also unanimously agreed to donate \$20,000 to the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal, to assist NSW residents impacted by the one of the most severe droughts on record.

In addition to the \$20,000 donation by Council, a barbecue will be held at the City of Ryde's Community Christmas Celebration in Ryde Park on Sunday 8 December to raise funds for the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, urged residents and businesses to rally together and show their support for those doing it tough due to the bushfires and drought.

"As has been seen with previous fundraising efforts, the Ryde community is extremely generous to people in need and I am sure everyone will get behind these fundraising efforts and help raise much-needed funds for those most in need," Clr Laxale said.

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