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## **\$20,000 DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL PLEDGE**

City of Ryde has pledged a minimum \$20,000 to underpin the City of Ryde Disaster Relief Appeal.

The Mayor, Clr Artin Etmekdjian said: "The enormity of the catastrophe has affected tens of thousands of people and businesses in three States, and we must look at all the options to assist.

"Close to \$3,000 has already been collected at various events including Australia Day and several Council staff initiatives."

Collection points will be set up at the Civic Centre and Libraries and at the upcoming Lunar New Year celebration in Eastwood Plaza on Saturday 12 February.

Funds will be distributed to affected communities in Queensland Victoria, and the Central Darling Shire – the City of Ryde's Country Council Partners who have also been affected by the floods.

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