

# Center for Disaster Philanthropy

The when, where and how of informed disaster giving

## Australian Wildfires NGO list – January 23, 2020

Center for Disaster Philanthropy – [2019 Australian Wildfires Disaster Profile](#) CDP's profile is updated regularly during the disaster. It is not CNN or BBC so for more updated information the Learn More section or a news search should be used; it does provide advice for philanthropy and donors.

**NOTE:** At this time there are only a handful of 501c3 organizations on this list. U.S.-based 501c3 organizations are listed first followed by Australian organizations by topic area. There are a few Canadian organizations as well that are at the end.

Australia has a fairly robust social safety network and a large number of Australian NGOs capable of responding and providing support. As a result, there is not the same reliance on American NGOs as has been seen in other international disasters.

## U.S. 501c3 NGOs and Funds

[All Hands and Hearts](#) – EIN: 20-3414952 - Has a small Australian-based team deployed now, conducting assessments and meeting with community organizations and government. Possible types of work include: Restoration of water systems for rural residences/ranches/farms, Fence repair / reinstallation, Tree removal and fire mitigation (chainsaw), Environmental impact work (i.e. tree planting) and Wildlife and habitat rehabilitation.

[American Red Cross](#) – EIN: 53-0196605 - The American Red Cross honors donor intent. Donors can now designate their donation to relief efforts for the [Australia Bushfires](#) by indicating this in the memo line of a check or in the mail-in donation form. Please note, ARC will take a percentage of donations to transfer funds.

[Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#) (CDP) has a [Global Recovery Fund](#) – EIN: 45-5257937 -that provides an opportunity for donors to meet the ongoing and ever-expanding challenges presented by global crises. Funds will be invested in local organizations after a needs assessment determines priority needs.

[Direct Relief](#) – EIN: 95-1831116 - Sending 100,000 N95 respirator masks. Packed first shipment this morning (Jan. 6)! Will be supporting other needs for medical supplies as they arise. Direct Relief continues to coordinate with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Victorian State Emergency Management Agency (SES), and the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

[Entertainment Industry Foundation](#) – EIN: 95-1644609 - Recognizing that the entertainment industry has deep ties to Australia—from talent to production, friends and colleagues, EIF has launched an industry-wide response fund. As with their local fire fund efforts, monies donated to the [Australia Bushfire Fund](#) will directly support first responders, survivors, and animals in need of rescue.

[Global Giving Australian Wildfire Relief Fund](#) – EIN: 30-0108263 - This fund will support immediate relief efforts for people impacted by the fires in the form of emergency supplies like food, water, and medicine, and will eventually *transition to funding long-term assistance* to help residents recover and rebuild. All donations to this fund will exclusively support wildfire recovery.

[Good360](#) – EIN: 54-1282616 - Good360 takes a holistic approach to disaster recovery, starting with the impacted communities' immediate needs (even during evacuation stage) and committing to being there for the long-term, always focused on delivering the right goods to the right people at the right time. (They are a great resource for corporate in-kind donations). They are working with and through our sister organization [Good360 AUS](#). Will determine whether to ship products or sub-grant.

[Salvation Army World Service Office \(SAWSO\)](#) – EIN: 13-2923701 – SAWSO is [receiving donations](#) designated for the Australia bush fires. One hundred percent of gifts received will be transferred to The Salvation Army Australia for bush fire relief.

[World Animal Protection \(formerly World Society for the Protection of Animals\)](#) – EIN: 04-2718182 - Their vision is a world where animals live free from suffering. When disasters strike, the impact is devastating for animals and the communities that depend on them. For more than 50 years, they have helped governments and communities prepare for disasters, enabling people to protect animals and rebuild their lives.

[World Wildlife Fund for Nature \(WWF\)](#) – EIN: 52-1693387 - WWF is actively raising funds in response to this desperate situation. [Donations](#) will help support the immediate response to the fires, crisis recovery and long-term conservation efforts toward securing Australia's natural resources for people and nature in a time of climate emergency.

## Australian Based NGOs – divided by category

### Longer-Term Recovery

[Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal](#) – They have a [Disaster Resilience and Recovery Fund](#). FRRR makes grants to local not-for-profit groups for community-led projects that address the most pressing needs that emerge 12-18 months after a disaster event. My contact there is **Sarah Matthee** Partnerships and Services Manager, p: 03 5430 2310 e: [s.matthee@frrr.org.au](mailto:s.matthee@frrr.org.au)

[Blaze Aid](#) - a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. Their focus is on rural farmers and supporting them through recovery. [Donations](#)

[The Bushfire Foundation](#) – focus on bushfire prevention and preparedness. The [Australian Bushfire Appeal](#) will provide direct assistance to people and communities damaged by bushfires in Australia.

[Victorian Bushfire Appeal](#) - The Victorian Government has partnered with Bendigo Bank and The Salvation Army to establish the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. 100% of donated funds will go directly to communities in need.

[Team Rubicon Australia](#) – Typically responds to fires with debris removal and waste management teams. May also do home reconstruction, depending upon needs.

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## Indigenous Organizations

[Waminda](#) (**South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation**) - A culturally safe and holistic service, providing women and their Aboriginal families an opportunity to belong and receive quality health and well-being support. Key focus is to provide tailored strength-based care. P. 0244217400 E. [Administration@waminda.org.au](mailto:Administration@waminda.org.au)

[Cootamundra Girls](#) - The Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation aims to meet the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing support needs of former residents, their families and descendants [of the Cootamundra Domestic Training Home for Aboriginal Girls (1912-1969)] in a practical manner. The Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation was founded in 2013 by a group of former residents. CEO Margot Leach – P.0290511688 E. [admin@cootagirls.org.au](mailto:admin@cootagirls.org.au)

[Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation \(KBHAC\)](#) - KBHAC encourages and supports sustainable healing programs that address the legacy of physical, sexual, psychological and cultural abuse experienced by the Kinchela Boys Home survivors as well as the intergenerational trauma experienced by their descendants. CEO Tiffany McComsey – P. 0290511690 E. [office@kinchelaboyshome.org.au](mailto:office@kinchelaboyshome.org.au)

## Fire Services

**Most of the fire fighters are volunteers and have been away from their paid work for weeks. The federal government is providing minimal financial support to fire fighters.**

[NSW Rural Fire Service](#) – There is an online portal at the link or Deposit funds directly - Account Name: NSW Rural Fire Service - Bank: Westpac BSB: 032-001 Account No: 171051 or Post a cheque or money order NSW Rural Fire Service, Locked Bag 17, Granville NSW 2142

[CFS Foundation \(Country Fire Services, South Australia\)](#) - The sole beneficiary of their work are the 13,500+ South Australian CFS volunteers located within every community of the state. Located at 421 brigades within SA communities, each volunteer makes an average weekly commitment of 20 hours.

[Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland \(RFBAQ\)](#) – Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland (RFBAQ) is the Queensland association that leads and represents the interests of the over 1,400+ brigades and over 33,000 volunteer brigade members in Queensland.

[Country Fire Authority Public Fund – Victoria](#) - Account Name: Country Fire Authority Public Fund BSB: 063 225 Account: 1022 2326 Branch: Forest Hill - 23 Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131 Alternatively, cheques and money orders can be sent to: CFA Donations, PO Box 701 Mount Waverley VIC 3149.

## Evacuee and Immediate Support (sheltering, feeding and supplies)

[The St Vincent De Paul Society](#) is also running a [NSW bushfire appeal](#), to help those affected rebuild their lives - with food, clothing, furniture, other essentials and funds to pay bills.

[Australian Salvation Army](#) – Currently providing feeding services and evacuee support but *goal is to be present through long-term recovery*. Have a Bushfire Disaster Appeal to support those efforts with a \$3 million goal supported by a \$500,000 donation from Woolworths.

[Food Bank Australia](#) - Foodbank is a not-for-profit, non-denominational organisation operating in every state and territory in Australia. They fight hunger by providing food for 815,000 Australians each month and they advocate for the almost 1 in 5 Australians who experience food insecurity each year.

[Australian Red Cross](#) – Running evacuation centers, reunification and psychological first aid. Since Sept. 1, 2019, they have carried out emergency operations in four states: NSW, Qld, Vic and SA including supporting people at 75 evacuation centres, recovery hubs or welfare points, registering 7,800 people through Register.Find.Reunite., and made 800 phone calls and 600 home visits to check on people.

[GIVIT](#) - GIVIT Listed Ltd is a national not-for-profit connecting those who have with those who need, in a private and safe way. They work to alleviate poverty in Australia by ensuring every community service provider has what it needs through the simple act of giving. Have a Bushfire Fund or donors can choose an individual request.

## Children

[UNICEF Australia](#) is intending to conduct a needs assessment but anticipates that programmatic work will include assisting relief partners so that affected children may return to school, provide them with psychosocial support and convene forums to ensure children's voices shape future responses.

[Save the Children Australia](#) will support children impacted by bushfires, particularly with issues of trauma.

## Animals

[World Wildlife Fund Australia](#) – Is raising money to support rehabilitation of injured koalas and recovery of koala habitats, especially in NSW in the “Koala Triangle”.

[WIRES \(NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Inc.\)](#) has been rescuing and caring for native animals for over 30 years. WIRES helps tens of thousands of animals every year, receiving up to 95,000 requests for rescue advice and assistance every 12 months.

[Australia Koala Foundation](#) - The Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) is the principal non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the effective management and conservation of the koala and its habitat.

[RSPCA New South Wales](#) - RSPCA NSW is doing all they can to protect the animals in threatened or affected areas. Over the past few days, RSPCA NSW has also taken part in evacuations, gathering animals and taking them to safety.

[Zoos Victoria](#) – Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund will be used in coming months to support emergency veterinary care and scientific intervention (such as exploring supplementary feeding for the animals who have survived, but whose habitats have been destroyed by the bushfires).

## Canadian Organizations

[Primate's World Relief and Development Fund](#) – Business Number: 866434640RR0001

[World Animal Protection](#) - Business Number: 129719076RR0001 - World Society for the Protection of Animals Canada

[Disaster Aid Canada](#) - Business Number: 855922704RR0001