
CFA Donation Update

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It has been a year since devastating bushfires swept across regional Victoria changing the lives of so many. Through all the devastation, communities have come together in response to the needs of our family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

From barbeques to personal donations, the Toll community raised over \$475,000 to be used in the reconstruction of the affected areas.

After careful consideration and long discussion with various charities and non-profit organisations, money raised from the Toll Bushfire Appeal was handed over to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) on Thursday 4 February 2010

A media conference took place at Toll's aerial fire-fighting business unit, Helicorp, located at Essendon Airport. Victorian Premier John Brumby attended the event overseeing the official handover ceremony.

Mr Brumby said, "The task for us all is to work together to make our state as fire-safe and fire-ready as possible and I congratulate Toll Holdings for their commitment to supporting Victoria's fire fighting effort. These partnerships are a great example of how government, communities and the private sector are working together to rebuild after the tragic Black Saturday and Gippsland fires and to protect lives and homes from future bushfire threat."

Toll Group Managing Director, Paul Little proudly stated, "We had people flying the skycranes, replenishing CFA water tankers and volunteering. Toll is part of Victoria and we are delighted to assist the CFA via this donation."

The CFA played a vital role in combating the 2009 Victoria bushfires with many Toll colleagues and friends assisting as volunteers with the organisation.

Money raised will go towards refurbishing six ageing CFA mobile district mechanical officer (DMO) maintenance vans, currently servicing the areas of Horsham, Kangaroo Flat, Mt Evelyn, Moe, Wangaratta and Warrnambool, with the purchase of an additional brand new DMO van that will service Geelong.

The CFA will continue to play a significant part in the country's fire fighting efforts and we believe the Toll Bushfire Appeal funds will greatly assist with their future efforts. Donations came from people throughout Toll not just Victoria or even Australia. All the donations were then matched dollar for dollar by the Group.

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