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## **ROTARY CLUB OF SUTHERLAND JOINS SALVOS BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

Rotary has established an alliance with the Salvation Army to collect donations to be used for the relief effort through their NSW Bushfire Appeal.

Garry Browne, District Governor for Rotary District 9675 (covering Sydney CBD, Parramatta, Campbelltown, Sutherland and Wollongong areas) said it was important for funds to be directed to national organisations who have experience in devastation and crisis relief - they also are organisations that are trusted and acknowledged by the community as credible. The Salvation Army fits this criteria and is well aligned with Rotary.

Donations should be directed to The Salvation Army - Rotary Bushfire Appeal [www.salvos.org.au/rotary](http://www.salvos.org.au/rotary) or via the phone 13 Salvos (13 72 58) quoting appeal code 1043314.

Garry Browne said financial donations allow the people affected to recover with dignity as they are able to purchase items they need most, it gives them a choice and as and if they can spend in the local communities it also helps the local communities to rebuild.

"The role of The Salvation Army is to help people get their lives back together and reclaim what they've lost in the course of this disaster. The donations will be used to help them in the process with replacing essential things that are not covered by insurance."

Major Peter Sutcliffe from The Salvation Army said that the organisation has committed itself to being in the affected areas for the long haul, just as in Queensland they are still working in areas affected by the 2011 Queensland floods and cyclones of Far North Queensland.

To become involved in Rotary activities, please contact Peter Williams of Rotary Club of Sutherland, phone (02) 9525 2552 or visit [www.sutherlandrotary.org.au](http://www.sutherlandrotary.org.au) .

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