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LCIF has given over ½ million dollars to help your Districts and Lions/Lioness/Leo Clubs provide the basic items and comfort to individual bushfire victims in towns and villages across Australia.

\$150,000 of the ½ million has enabled the **LCIF Replacement Water Tank Initiative** to start in District 201N1. Governor Bill Shepherd has advised so many more water tanks will be needed as communities reach Recovery Mode.

The criteria for receiving a Replacement Water Tank:

- Has been “fire affected”
- Not connected to town water
- Family with children or the elderly
- In recovery mode

With a \$3,000 donation to LCIF, your club can have your name on a tank. As there is nothing on the donation form to say “water tank”, the **donation has to be exactly \$3,000** so we know it’s for a tank. If you want, you give 2 tanks – fill out 2 forms – each for \$3,000.

Send your Club’s \$3,000 donation to your District Cabinet Treasurer, made out to “**LCI/LCIF Disaster Relief Fund**”.

\$3,000 to supply & install a 22,700 litre poly tank, pump, pipes, base and filled with fresh water



Because we are trying to keep the money local, the tanks orders are placed locally. No one local company can handle such an order so we are getting a variety of shapes and colours.

Districts 201N2; 201V3; 201V6 and 201C2 are still fighting bushfires, or the ground is too hot for homes to be repaired or rebuilt. As communities reach Recovery mode the local Lions Clubs and their District Governor will assess how many replacement water tanks they will need and advise me.

Installation has already started



As if Water is not a big enough problem – to have nowhere to put it – if you can get some – is a calamity for the families.

We are all doing what we can for our communities. Relying on those Local Clubs at the coal face to assist where and how they can with our donations – organising relief packages, doing shifts in evacuation centres, feeding the local people and RFS when they finish their shift to have some R&R, even running a pop-up Public Community Laundry. Lions too are victims of the bushfires but they are still out there serving their community.

Where there's a need there's a Lion



East Ballina Lions Club Hall

Replacement Water Tanks is something we KNOW bushfire victims need and Lions Clubs can see exactly where their money is going.

Lions Clubs across Australia are donating their \$3,000 sometimes more, to help their fellow Aussies get back on their feet.

District 201C2 DG Tom Kimber has reported over half of Kangaroo Island has been destroyed, including 85 homes causing 350 people to be homeless. After the fires they were left with nothing, only the clothes they stood in.

The 2 Lions Clubs on the island are assisting to find temporary accommodation, but there is an immediate need to purchase food and clothing.

On Monday afternoon, 27th January, Australia Day public holiday, DG Tom filled out his District's application for a \$14,400 LCIF Emergency Grant and emailed it to LCIF Oak Brook.

The Grant is for basic needs - bottled water, food, clothes, medicines and personal hygiene products.

When DG Tom turned on his laptop the next morning, there was the approval from LCIF Chairperson IPIP Gudrun Yngvadottir for the LCIF Emergency Grant. DG Tom was immediately able to start helping the Lions Clubs on Kangaroo Island purchase food and clothes from the local businesses to help kick start this farming and tourist community.

When Clubs say they want their donation to be used immediately to help families in distress, tell them how LCIF is ahead of their request and has already given a \$14,400 LCIF Emergency Grant to each of their Districts 201N1; 201N2; 201V3; 201V6 and 201C2. Then there is the Major Catastrophe Grant of \$288,000 for recovery projects, plus the grant of \$150,000 for the replacement water tanks.

Remember, 100% of all donations to LCIF comes back to the communities through grants to Lions Clubs. Donations from Australia stays in Australia.

You only have to listen to the News to hear how willing the public is to help. If you have friends, family or businesses wishing to assist the Lions Family help in the recovery of their communities, tell them we can offer them tax deductibility.

IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND 100% GOES TO THE CAUSE – NOTHING OFF THE TOP.

When a business donates \$3,000 to the *Lions Australia Fund for LCIF Inc.* for a Replacement Water Tank, the business' is helping their community via their Lions Club. They receive a tax receipt. 100% of their donation goes to help the bushfire victims and the Lions Club gets the credits towards future Melvin Jones Fellowships.

(Lions Clubs do not pay income tax, so cannot claim tax deductibility.)

All donors need to fill out the attached "Donor Contribution Form and Melvin Jones Fellowship Application." and forward it via the local Lions Club to the District Cabinet Treasurer and copy the LCIF District Co-ordinator.

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