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THANK YOU

You have made a difference by supporting the Bushfire Recovery Appeal.

In February 2021, 86 homes were destroyed and a further 200 homes damaged when a bushfire that started at Wooroloo in the Perth Hills burnt almost 11,000 hectares. While fortunately no lives were lost, the impact on the local community was dramatic. In response, Vinnies WA launched the Bushfire Recovery Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Vinnies supported the recovery efforts and helped the community rebuild.

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL



\$218K Total Raised¹



\$176K has been disbursed or spent, as of 30th November 2021.

Special Message from Andrew York

Executive Manager, Community Engagement Services

The Vinnies WA Bushfire Recovery Appeal is solely dedicated to assisting people in their long-term recovery journey, with 100 per cent² of funds raised going directly to the people affected by the bushfires. Donors like you have helped the community rebuild and recover.

I lost my own home to a house fire, and I have felt the devastating sense of loss and the displacement.

Your donations have directly helped families who faced homelessness, financial distress and even ongoing health issues as a result of the crisis.

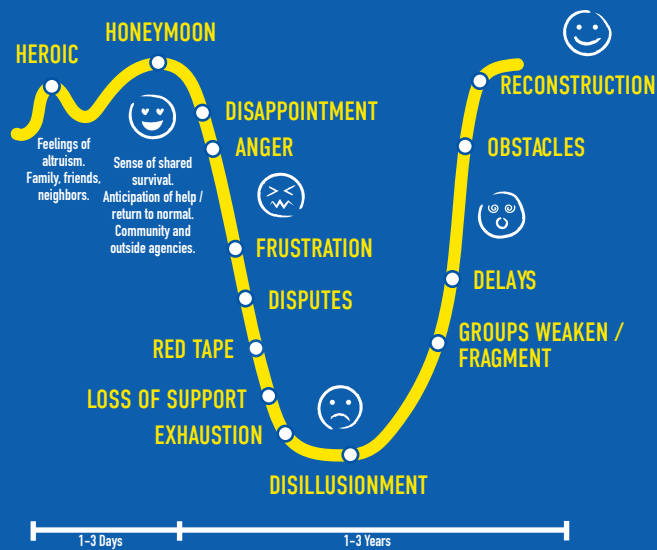
Thanks to you we have been able to provide people with choice, flexibility and, most importantly, hope for their long-term recovery.



¹ Appeal funds were raised by generous Vinnies Supporters, IGA and Allied Pinnacle.

² Vinnies WA is able to cover related administration costs through other income streams such as the retail sales in shops.

THE RECOVERY



Adapted from Cohen and Ahearn, 1990 and De Wolfe, 2000

Our role as second responders is to support local people to rebuild their houses, their communities and their towns.

From our experience assisting communities through previous emergencies, we understand that recovery is a long-term process requiring more than temporary solutions.

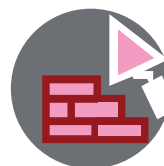
We recognise that no two people's experience of the bushfires are the same; nor are their future needs likely to be identical. To ensure the best possible outcome we work in partnership with people to offer the individualised support they need to get back on their feet.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, VINNIES HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE:



Emergency Financial Assistance

\$75,000 in Grants to impacted households



Emergency Assistance - Rebuilding and Refurbishing

\$62,000 for fencing materials and irrigation, tools, farm equipment and furnishings, white goods and appliances



Financial Counselling

Financial assistance and practical support



Emergency Assistance - Living Expenses

\$39,000 in food and gift vouchers, fuel for generators and transport, clothing and school stationery



Emotional Support

Vinnies support services provide emotional support and assistance



STORY FROM THE GROUND

Hills resident Tanja Allan escaped the devastating Wooroloo Bushfire with her family. Support from Vinnies helped her rebuild.

Tanja Allan fled her Tilden Park home with her three children, her dog and her cat just hours before the bushfire swept through her community, leaving a trail of destruction.

"I just had a bad feeling and I thought, you know what, we're going to put our plan into action and we're getting out of here, because I'm not mucking around with three kids," she remembers.

She was devastated to have to leave behind her two ponies, which she had raised from birth. Only a couple of hours later, the bushfire that had started at Wooroloo in the Perth Hills swept through, destroying many local properties.

"Our area was the area worst hit. I think 80 per cent of people lost their houses around here," Tanja said. Luckily, Tanja's home escaped serious damage.

"I was lucky that the house and all the sheds were still here, but all the boundary fences were pretty much gone." Her two ponies were saved by her neighbours, and she was reunited with them when she returned to inspect the damage.

After staying with her parents for two weeks, Tanja and her children, then aged 11, 8 and 2, were able to return to their home. With power in the area yet to be restored and a cost of \$600 to get a generator up and running, Tanja took to social media to find extra help.

Andrew York from Vinnies reached out to her and provided help in the form of a \$1000 grant, a fuel voucher and gift cards. Tanja said the support allowed her to get the extra fuel to travel between her parents' place and her property, and to power the generator once she and her children were back in their home.

"It was very appreciated. It was great Andrew reached out to me, so I didn't have to chase it up," she recalls. "I had so much else going on at the time, like everyone else did in that situation."

One year on, there is still work to be done, but most of the fencing has been replaced and the ponies have an enclosed paddock again. Tanja says Vinnies' support meant a lot to her.

"It really has helped financially as well as made me feel like some people do care," she said.



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