

## A message from the Board and staff of PIEFA

Like all of you, we here at PIEFA are devastated by the losses of homes, lives, animals and livelihoods that have been taken by the ongoing bushfires. This is no doubt a great tragedy for our country that is unrivalled by anything in recent history. But as with every local, national and international disaster that has come before, it is heartening to see Australia come together to support those in need.

We know that this disaster has impacted on many people who are associated with the work of PIEFA and our thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. PIEFA is about our country's rural and regional industries, so these fires are striking at our very heart. The outpouring of financial support from across the country and around the world is heartening, however, emotional support is also vitally important. For those impacted you are not alone and we hope the networks and associations created through PIEFA are of some assistance.

The challenges are not over, we seem to have a few cool days and then another really hot day and unfortunately the short term forecasts are not encouraging. We do, however, look forward to better days ahead but in the meantime, we need to look out for each other and our communities.



Cameron Archer AM  
Chair  
PIEFA



Ben Stockwin  
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## Donations and assistance

Please note this is not a definitive list and does not constitute as an endorsement.

[NSW Rural Fire Service](#)

[NSW Farmers Bushfire Appeal Fund](#)

[Country Women's Association of New South Wales Disaster Relief Fund](#)

[Country Fire Authority \(CFA\) Victoria](#)

[Rural Fire Brigades Association of Queensland](#)

[Country Fire Service \(CFS\) South Australia](#)

[Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund](#)

[St Vincent de Paul Society Bushfire Appeal](#)

[Salvation Army Disaster Appeal](#)

[NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service \(WIRES\) Emergency Fund](#)

[World Wildlife Foundation's Koala Crisis Fund](#)

[FoodBank Bushfire Emergency](#)

### **Farm Relief:**

[Hay Runners](#) (providing donated hay to drought and fire-affected farmers. Donations are made to the Rotary Club of Sydney to cover transportation)

[Need For Feed](#) (Providing donated hay, pet food and essentials to drought and fire affected farmers)

[BlazeAid](#) (Helping rebuild fencing and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed)

**If you have been displaced by bushfires or would like to assist those who have, visit:**

[Airbnb Open Homes](#) (free temporary accommodation for relief workers and evacuees)

[Find A Bed](#) (temporary housing for people and animals)

[Helping Homes](#) (temporary housing for people, pets and livestock)

**If you need to talk:**

[Lifeline Bushfire assistance line and toolkits](#)

[Beyond Blue bushfires and mental health](#)

[NSW Government mental health support](#)