

Lions Clubs assist Australian Bushfire tragedy relief

The current death toll has risen to 208

More than 1,800 homes were destroyed in the fires, and many of the 7,500 people displaced are living in temporary shelters or staying with family.

There is no official figure for the cost of the damage caused by the fires but estimates range from A\$500m (\$329m; £225m) to A\$2bn (\$1.3bn; £900m).

The death toll includes Australian fire fighter David Balfour who was killed by a falling tree, the only fire fighter that died in the bushfire.

This is the deadliest bushfire in Australian history with more than 200 being killed. At least 1,800 homes have been destroyed and more than 450,000 hectares burnt out in the Victoria bushfire which started on Feb 7.

Most bushfires in Victoria have been brought under control so far.

Lions Clubs from all over New Zealand have donated funds to assist with the relief. Titahi Bay has donated \$1000.00 to the cause and encourages other clubs that are able to help in some way, do so.

Donations can be made at any Westpac branch.

Lions Club International District 202M Australian Bushfire Appeal.

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