



## Frome Electorate Office

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### **Hail our Country Fire Service Volunteers**

Geoff applauds the efforts of each and every person who have dedicated themselves in assisting to fight the most recent and ongoing fires in Bangor.

This significant fire has now burned more than 19,000 ha, and we have lost 6 homes. Geoff visited the region yesterday and saw for himself the devastation it has left behind.

Firefighters have been working around the clock and have managed to save many homes in the area, and the work continues. Over 162 fire fighters have been involved, countless community volunteers and emergency service workers.

Salvation Army Emergency Services have an on- site kitchen which was set up in Melrose. Donations have flooded in from our local Port Pirie community to provide extra sustenance to those out there fighting to protect us.

The Bangor region is our neighbour and this fire has taken its toll on many in the area. The fire has touched our close knit communities and our communities have rallied around to support those who have been effected, and also to show support for our dedicated volunteer fire fighters and other members of our great Emergency Services.

The State Recovery Committee met today to launch the rebuilding effort for stricken communities in the bushfire affected areas. The government has vowed immediate financial help to all affected areas. Families who had suffered losses or were stranded without cash or credit cards should make contact with the following :- [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au) or call (08) 8522 0235.

To make donations you can call the State Recovery Office on 1800 302 787.

Regular community meetings are taking place so everyone is well informed. For up to date information visit the CFS website ([www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)) or calling the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361.

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