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ORANGE SKY MOBILISES LAUNDRY AND SHOWER VANS TO SUPPORT BUSHFIRE AFFECTED AREAS

Orange Sky has announced they will mobilise a number of mobile laundry and shower vans to support people affected by bushfires across New South Wales and Victoria.

Orange Sky is currently seeking members of the public to reach out and help locate communities doing it tough due to the bushfires and in need of laundry, showers and genuine conversation.

Disaster response efforts will happen in addition to the 250 services delivered by Orange Sky across every state and territory each week.

Orange Sky Co-Founder Lucas Patchett said the organisation was committed to supporting communities affected by the fires.

“Like all Australians, we continue to be devastated watching the fires burn across our country. We have received a large number of requests from people who have been displaced or have lost everything for access to free laundry, warm showers and a place to sit down and connect,” he said.

“We know that recovery efforts will be vitally important to help communities rebuild, and we are ready and eager to provide that support.”

Lucas said Orange Sky had previously supported a number of communities following cyclones, floods and fires across Queensland and New South Wales.

“We’ve seen firsthand the impact of clean clothes, a warm shower and a simple conversation can have, and we’re calling for donations to help us deliver this support to as many Australians as possible.”

Bank of Queensland have kick-started the disaster relief funding efforts by providing a \$150,000 contribution to Orange Sky. Mr. George Frazis, BOQ Managing Director and CEO said BOQ Group is committed to helping the people and communities rebuild following the devastating bushfires, in particular the important recovery efforts that will be needed over the coming weeks and months.

“It’s inspiring to see our communities unite behind our brave emergency services personnel, volunteers, and those people who have been impacted by these catastrophic bushfires. It’s during challenging times like this, that we witness the true strength and resilience of the Australian spirit.” he said.

Orange Sky’s disaster response efforts are being coordinated in collaboration with Emergency Response teams in New South Wales and Victoria.

To suggest a location for Orange Sky to provide disaster relief support, to make a donation or to find out more information, please visit [orangesky.org.au/bushfires](https://www.orangesky.org.au/bushfires)

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