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RSL National announces relief grants for veterans impacted by the bushfires

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RSL National has announced that cash grants of up to \$10,000 are now available for veterans and current Australian Defence Force personnel who have been impacted by the bushfires.

The RSL Foundation Bushfire Relief Grants (the grants) have been made available following a generous donation from RSL QLD to RSL National Foundation.

RSL National President, Greg Melick, said that the grants will be used to support members of the serving and ex-serving community who have suffered a loss as a result of the bushfires to assist in their long journey to recovery.

"As we are all aware, the 2019/20 bushfire season has been devastating for many communities across Australia, and many members of the serving and ex-serving community have been affected."

"The RSL Foundation Bushfire Relief Grants will help alleviate some of the suffering that our community has experienced as a result of the fires," he said.

RSL Victoria Chief of Veteran Services, Adam Lawson, encouraged Victorian Veterans impacted by the fires to enquire about the grants and apply if appropriate.

"Recovery following an emergency is a long, complex and expensive process. RSL Victoria is encouraging veterans who have lost property related to their principal place of residences as a result of the fires to apply for an RSL Foundation Bushfire Relief Grant."

Mr Lawson went on to thank RSL Queensland for helping RSL National to make the grants possible. "This grant, made possible by RSL Queensland's generous donation, compliments other financial support available to Victorian's through the Federal and State Government along with the direct financial and non-financial support provided by RSL Victoria Sub-Branch's to veterans and their families," he said.

Applications for the RSL Foundation Bushire Relief Grants close on March 31, 2020. Successful applicants will be notified on April 15, 2020.

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To Apply for an RSL Foundation Bushire Relief Grant visit http://rslnational.org/ Enquiries related to the Grants should be directed to RSL National via enquiries@rsl.org.au or 02 6280 4079

RSL Victoria is also offering support to veterans suffering immediate hardship by the bushfires. For more information or to request support **please contact your local RSL Sub-Branch or RSL Victoria on 9655 5555.**

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