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Kleenheat Gas supports Mandurah Salvation Army Emergency Services with a \$5000 donation following the Lake Clifton bushfires.

Kleenheat Gas will continue its ongoing monthly partnership to support The Salvation Army, when the company presents \$5000 to the Mandurah Salvation Army on Monday 18 March at 10.00am towards Lake Clifton fire relief.

The donation will assist in the supporting the victims of the January 10 deliberately lit bushfire that caused \$10M damage to the region, burning through 2,000 hectares of land. The fire completely destroyed nine homes and much infrastructure and livestock in Lake Clifton, located in the Peel region between Mandurah and Bunbury.

Kleenheat's \$5000 donation will be used by Emergency Services to replenish depleted stocks of food and supplies, and other emergency resources such as toothbrushes and hygiene products for the centre, so they can continue to service fire victims and general welfare clients in the Mandurah region.

Captain Michael Cossington from the Mandurah Salvation Army has been working with multiple families in the region following the fires.

"People are still re-building their lives in this region – one lady in particular was overseas when her home was destroyed. She rushed back to Perth on a flight with only the clothes on her back and minimal things in her suitcase. The Salvation Army has assisted her with purchasing emergency clothing and she frequently visits us for food parcels," he said.

The Salvation Army have been assisting in many ways, from providing linen, crockery and household supplies, to purchasing tools to help with repairs to homes, assisting with finance to reconnect electricity, replenishing water in water tanks, and assisting with property repairs such as fencing and reticulation.

"The donation from Kleenheat is timely as our centre's resources have become drained and the boost will aid us in helping to support those in need in this area. Residents of Lake Clifton are physically and emotionally exhausted from the massive clean-up after the January fire," said Captain Cossington.

Kleenheat Gas spokesperson Sales Manager WA South Mr Rory Shepherdson, said he hoped the donation would make a difference to assist the hard work of the Salvos in this area.

Mr Shepherdson said: "We realise it is a long and an ongoing process to rebuild the lives and community after such devastation as that in Lake Clifton. Kleenheat is proud to support Mandurah Salvos so they keep up the great support for those in need."

The Regional Care Services program was established in 2009 with the purpose of supporting a different community in regional Australia each month by providing operational funding and donations.

Since the program's launch, Kleenheat has donated over \$95,000 in cash and equipment including computers and whitegoods to various regional Salvation Army centres across Australia. In January and February this year donations were made towards Queensland Flood Relief efforts.

The donation handover to the Salvation Army will take place:

Monday 18 April, 10.00am

The Salvation Army Mandurah, 44 – 51 Lakes Road

Accepting the donation for The Salvation Army on the day will be Captain Michael Cossington.

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND FOR FOOTAGE, PHOTOGRAPHIC & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES.

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