



Country Women's Association of NSW

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Country Women's Association of NSW extends support to Tathra fire victims

The Country Women's Association (CWA) of New South Wales has today announced a commitment of \$50,000 from its Disaster Relief fund to assist the victims of the bushfire that ravaged the community of Tathra.

The CWA is coordinating with local branch members to assist with the management of the funding which is designed to assist victims with their immediate needs.

The blaze swept through the small community on Sunday, March 18, destroying 100 dwellings, including homes, caravans and cabins and damaging another 48 houses. Livestock and property infrastructure losses were also high.

CWA of NSW president Annette Turner said it had had a devastating effect on the area and the local community, and the road to recovery would be a long one.

"Our organisation is pleased to be in a position to extend this funding assistance to the community at such a terrible time," Mrs Turner said.

"We appreciate it's only a small drop in the ocean when you look at the enormous number of losses, but we want this money to help victims with some of the things they need right now."

Mrs Turner said the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief fund was established for exactly these types of situations. The fund has been recently used to assist those affected by the Sir Ivan and Bonnay fires, as well as provide drought relief assistance in the Hunter Valley.

Since the fund was established in 2006/07, more than \$1.37 million has been given to victims of fire, flood, drought and other natural disasters across the state.

People can also donate to the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund, with donations tax deductible and able to be made via the CWA website at <https://cwaofnsw.org.au/donate>

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