



## A fundraiser for the communities affected by the Victorian Bushfires

As communities are rebuilt after a disaster such as the one Victoria has just experienced, music can strengthen morale and give a sense of future.

That is why we have decided to join together as musicians, music teachers, music departments, friends of music, music retailers and people with an interest and belief in the power of music, to raise money to be put towards the musical well being of the communities that have been ravaged by the recent fires.

Deborah Smith is co-coordinating an appeal to help schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, community centres and any other community organisations rebuild this vital aspect of community life – music.

100% of all funds donated will be allocated towards replacing lost and damaged music resources such as:

- musical equipment for the classroom such as recorders, xylophones, music tutor books and text books
- musical equipment for the school music department such as pianos and other instruments
- pianos for community organisations (such as the community hall)
- sheet music such as instrument tutor books and choir music
- assisting local music teachers and musicians in rebuilding their livelihoods

Where possible links will be encouraged between donors and recipients to create an ongoing link between our music communities.

### **What you can do to help**

There will be several phases to this fundraising effort including

- Raising awareness – this can be as simple as forwarding this email onto all the contacts in your email address book
- Fundraising (from schools, community groups etc) – planning and enacting
- Making contact (thoughtfully developing contacts in the fire affected areas and finding out what is required to help them rebuild their communities musical life)
- Accepting and coordinating offers of musical equipment from retailers and the general public
- Coordinating the assistance offered to be delivered (in the least invasive way possible)

### **How will you know what we need**

An email newsletter will be sent out approximately once a week with details of where the appeal is at and with any specific requirements needed at that time.

How to Donate:

By Cheque - payable to "Rebuilding Communities through Music" and sent to  
PO BOX 610 Heidelberg VIC 3084

By direct deposit into the following bank account:

Account name: "Rebuilding Communities through Music"

Bendigo Bank

Bank BSB: 633000

Account Number: 136325396

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