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## **PBA national fundraiser for bushfire recovery**

Pipe Bands Australia has launched an initiative to raise funds for the national bushfire relief and recovery appeal established by the Bendigo Bank in partnership with the Salvation Army.

Bushfires across Australia over summer have impacted many communities and affected members of our pipe band family with several, sadly, losing their homes and possessions. Members of Pipe Bands Australia have already willingly rallied to assist those affected members with replacement of instruments or uniforms.

The PBA online fundraiser has been made possible by the generous assistance of McCallum Bagpipes in Scotland and the Melbourne-based Celtic Affairs with donation of a set of bagpipes. We thank and acknowledge the kind support and assistance of McCallum Bagpipes and Celtic Affairs.

Members, families and friends supporting the PBA special effort will go into a draw to receive a set of McCallum AB4/DLC Blackwood Bagpipes with imitation ivory projecting mounts with engraved nickel plates recessed into the top surface of the projecting mounts, engraved nickel ferrules and slides, engraved nickel ringcaps, engraved nickel & imitation ivory mouthpiece (Celtic). Also included will be a Blackwood McC2 Pipe Chanter (Engraved Nickel Sole) Celtic and McCallum Bagpiper Case.

**The link to support this fundraising initiative is <https://www.trybooking.com/BHWUI> and will remain open until 3 April with recipients of the McCallum bagpipes announced at the Australian Pipe Band Championships on the weekend of 4 and 5 April.**

Bendigo Bank has partnered with The Salvation Army, to establish an appeal with 100 per cent of donated funds going directly to communities in need. The appeal will be conducted by the bank's charitable arm, Community Enterprise Foundation. Funds raised will be used in a range of locally identified charitable areas to provide relief and recovery in the fire affected areas.

Pipe Bands Australia will also promote individual band performances and fundraising efforts for the bushfire appeals.

St Andrew's Caledonian Pipe Band will be participating in the Fair Dinkum Fire Appeal on 31 January at Windsor Park, Launceston, Sunshine Coast Caledonian Pipes and Drums will be performing at a bush fire fundraiser at Mooloolaba Wharf on 9 February while City of Ipswich Pipe Band has announced its gathering in May will be a bushfire appeal fundraiser.