



The Master Electricians helping rebuild Victoria



When devastating fires engulfed Victoria recently Australians quickly launched into action, donating everything from money to food and even blood.

Master Electricians Matt Electric recognised the need of Victorian residents and sought to assist both financially and by providing services where possible.

These victims must first recover from their ordeal before they can move forward and re-build their lives. That is why the thousands affected by this tragedy need members of the public to help make the process as painless and stress-free as possible.

Matt Electric acted immediately when tragedy struck, contacting disaster recovery organisations and offering their services to assist bushfire victims.

They have also pledged one dollar for every hour each technician from the company works in Victoria for the rest of 2009.

Matt Electric's commercial manager Scott Lyall said the company wants to assist as much as possible to help communities recover from the devastating bushfires.

"We estimate our 'dollar for hour' pledge will equate to somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in total.

"We are currently talking with the various authorities and charities about the best way for us to provide services as and where they are needed," Mr Lyall said.

Because the fires were among the worst in Australia's history, there is little precedent for the recovery process.

However, difficult times and events have historically brought out the best in Australians – both individuals and businesses – and the Victorian fires have proved no different.

Want to help a good cause?

1. To support the victims of the Victorian bushfires or the Country Fire Authority, please visit www.redcross.org.au or www.cfa.vic.gov.au.
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"In these economic conditions, and with unpredictable situations occurring like these bushfires, it is important for individuals and companies alike to dig deep.

"If there is any room whatsoever for you or your company to help either in donated time or money, these groups and causes all need our assistance.

"Our donations are the lifeblood of these organisations," Mr Lyall said.

In addition to supporting the victims of the Victorian bushfires, Matt Electric has been involved with several community organisations in Queensland, including the Palm Beach Currumbin Rugby Football Club, The Palm Beach



AFL Junior Football Club, and RACQ Careflight. Time and materials are also routinely donated to various surf lifesaving clubs and related charities.

Matt Electric's managing director Matthew Hanley said the company is only too happy to assist these groups and others in need.

"Our company is fortunate enough to be in a position where we can help others achieve their goals, and further assist those in need.

"We don't think twice about committing ourselves to a cause like the Victorian bushfire victims. We are there to provide aid and services where needed," Mr Hanley said.

Mr Lyall said that even in times of crisis or economic strain, it is important any electrical work is conducted by a professional.

"At Matt Electric, we are about safety first.

"If members of the public aren't sure about anything electric, it's important they contact a licensed electrician.

"There are many dangers when it comes to electrics, and doing it yourself isn't worth the risk," Mr Lyall said.

To learn more about Matt Electric, its services or charitable activities, please visit www.mattelectric.com.au. □

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Google PowerMeter is currently being tested by employees and is not yet available to the public.

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