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Inquiry into the 2026 summer fires across Victoria



Partnership with Agriculture
Victoria. Helping farmers in need
across the State.

Emergency Fodder Program Supporting Fire-Affected Farmers Across Victoria



Program Duration

104 days of continuous operations

Coordinated emergency fodder relief for fire-affected farming communities

Key Focus

Delivering urgent fodder support

Connecting donors, transport providers, and impacted farmers

Managing large-scale logistics during emergency conditions

Requests and Donations



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Farmer Support

531 individual requests for fodder received
Many farmers required multiple deliveries

Community Response

292 farmers offered donations to support fire-affected farmers
This demonstrated the strength and generosity of the agricultural community.

Transport & Deliveries

Logistics Support

338 trucks registered to deliver fodder
132 deliveries completed from Southwest Victoria to the Longwood fire area

Operational Management

Mansfield Hub Operations

VFF ran the Mansfield Hub | Supported by 2 staff members

Operated for approximately 3 weeks

Collaboration

Agriculture Victoria | fodder requests on the ground feed back to the VFF



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Administration & Reporting

Program Administration

545 written consignments completed

16 weeks of detailed reporting maintained

This ensured accountability, traceability, and strong operational oversight

Operating in Difficult Conditions

The team worked through: Closed roads

Reopened transport routes

Constant map and access updates

This effort required flexibility, resilience, and fast decision-making.



Disaster Relief Fund



The VFF Disaster Relief Fund assists farmers impacted by extreme events such as bushfires and floods.

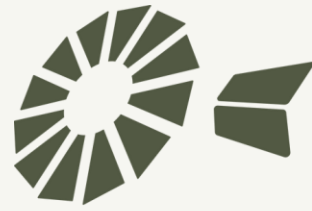
- Collected and distributed nearly \$1 million in donations across Victoria to fire-affected communities
- Issued grants to support:
 - Re-establishment of fences
 - Temporary accommodation
 - Essential farm and business equipment replacement and repairs
 - Fodder and feed assistance
- Supported over 500 individual applications for relief

Helping the Communities

- Provided financial donations to community groups supporting recovery efforts
- Funded the purchase of generators to assist impacted communities with essential power needs
- VFF team members actively on the ground for months, connecting affected people with grants and additional support services



Multiple
community lead
initiatives



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Extraordinary Effort

None of this would have been possible without the VFF team.

Behind every number is a group of people who showed up day in and day out—
coordinating, problem-solving, and ensuring fodder reached the farmers who needed it
most.

Their dedication made a real difference to farming families during an incredibly difficult
time.



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