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Fellow Rotarians

Last week and the savage bush fires brought home to us just how vulnerable we are in South Australia.

As you are aware, District 9500 has a **Disaster Recovery Committee chaired by Geoff Irish of the Rotary Club of Playford.** Earlier this week, Geoff and I contacted all Club Presidents requesting details of their Club Nominated Contact person for the purpose of organising a co-ordinated response if called upon.

Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520 entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Housing SA 2 years ago. This document identifies Housing SA as the lead agency for community and social relief activities in the event of major incidents or disasters.

We are very fortunate that the fire was contained as quickly as it was and that losses were kept to a minimum.

Rotary was called upon for limited initial support and the Rotary Clubs of Playford, Elizabeth, Golden Grove and Tea Tree Gully stepped forward for which we thank them wholeheartedly.

I am also aware of Rotarians independently offering assistance .

Geoff Irish is in continuing contact with Housing SA, and if they seek further assistance from Rotary, Rotarians will be advised. In the meantime the District Recovery Committee continues to meet to re-assess the situation.

My thanks to everyone who has provided assistance to date, and to our members in the fire effected areas, our thoughts are with you.

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