

## Media Release

The Resound Bushfire Appeal needs your support

The Resound Bushfire Appeal is helping bushfire-affected communities by replacing musical instruments lost in the recent fires. Resound is looking for pledges of good quality musical instruments so that they can be rehoused and used by affected musicians.

“Replacing musical instruments enables a musician to begin playing again. This is vital for those who earn a living from music, in teaching and performing, for those who are studying music but have had their education interrupted, for those who participate in local community ensembles and for those who just simply need to play as a relief from the devastation of what has happened. Playing music has a positive impact on a person’s mental health. Live music events can unite communities that have been dispersed because of bushfires. All of these positive benefits for the individual and for the community can come about simply by enabling a musician through the gift of a replacement instrument.”

In the current round of applications, there is a mix of professional musicians, instrumental teachers, school students and hobby musicians. Resound has received generous pledges of student instruments but also need instruments of professional quality. Applications for instruments currently have come from musicians on the South Coast of NSW and in the Mallacoota region of Victoria. There will also be applications coming from South Australia and applications will increase as communities begin the recovery phase.

The Resound Bushfire Appeal began in 2009, with support from ABC Classic FM, and helped with recovery for musicians impacted by the devastating Black Saturday bushfire. At the time, Resound provided over 150 instruments to musicians in need. It is anticipated that numbers will reach at least this amount for the current bushfire season. The appeal is supported by the music community and is a program of the Music Trust, an organisation that works with energy, imagination and authority for music in Australia.

Pledges and donations can be made at [www.resound.org.au](http://www.resound.org.au)

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