

Media Release



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AusNet Services presents cheque to Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund

Gippsland's electricity delivery business, AusNet Services, presented a \$4,250 cheque today to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) to assist local residents impacted by natural disasters in the Gippsland area.

GERF, a volunteer-run organisation, is set up to be able to quickly respond to people's immediate requirements for food, clothing, utensils, furniture, bedding and children's needs during and after a flood, fire or storm.

AusNet Services Customer and Community Manager – East, Derek Walton, presented the cheque to GERF Deputy President, Doug Caulfield, on Tuesday, bringing the total amount donated by AusNet Services to approximately \$20,000 since 2012.

"Being a major employer and part of the Gippsland community, AusNet Services understands and appreciates the great work the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund does in helping Gippsland residents manage the effects of natural disasters," Mr Walton said.

"AusNet Services has a strong presence in the Gippsland area and we are pleased to be able to once again provide funds that will benefit the wider community."

When accepting the cheque, Mr Caulfield praised AusNet Services for its ongoing support of GERF.

"AusNet Services has once again demonstrated its ongoing commitment to the Gippsland community. They have been a generous contributor to our appeals and a valued partner in our efforts to assist impacted families and businesses to re-establish themselves following damaging events.

"This donation will help GERF volunteers to be able to quickly respond to people's needs immediately after a future natural disaster," he said.

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About AusNet Services

AusNet Services is Victoria's largest energy delivery service, owning and operating approximately \$11 billion of electricity and gas distribution assets that connect into more than 1.3 million Victorian homes and businesses.

Based in Melbourne, AusNet Services employs more than 2,700, including its Select Solutions and Geomatic Technologies businesses, and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AST) and Singapore Exchange.