



AUSTRALIAN DISASTER RELIEF

The Samaritan's Purse Australian Disaster Relief (SP ADR) team mobilises equipment and hundreds of volunteers to provide emergency relief and recovery assistance to victims of floods, bushfires, cyclones and other natural disasters throughout Australia. Our mission is to provide physical relief to suffering people, while sharing hope in Jesus' Name. Based in Sydney, Australia, the Samaritan's Purse Australian Disaster Relief team maintains a constant state of readiness – monitoring weather conditions and emerging natural threats around the nation in order to respond at a moment's notice to help victims in desperate need.

Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches in the disaster area in order to promote community-driven engagement. Our volunteer teams assist with tasks such as possession recovery, mud-outs (after flooding), ash sifting (after fires), debris removal, tree clean-up and more. SP ADR partners with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association to provide crisis-trained chaplains to support the emotional needs of disaster survivors.

Since 2009, Samaritan's Purse has responded to 18 domestic disasters in 5 states, bringing aid to thousands of families. These deployments include:

2021 Flood: Port Macquarie, NSW	2019 Bushfire: Bunyip, VIC	2014 Bushfire: VIC
2021 Flood: Hawkesbury, NSW	2018 Bushfire: Tathra, VIC	2013 Bushfire: Blue Mountains, NSW
2019-2020 Bushfires: QLD, NSW, VIC	2018 Drought: QLD, NSW	2013 Flood: Bundaberg, QLD
2019 Flood: Townsville, QLD	2015 Bushfire: Adelaide Hills, SA	2012 Flood: South-East QLD

DEPLOYMENTS

Following major disasters, SP ADR responds quickly by mobilising equipment and volunteers, partnering with local churches, and coordinating with emergency services.

- Depending on the nature of a disaster, SP ADR volunteers may cut trees and remove debris, tear out damaged gyprock, remove flooring, sift ashes for valuables, clean properties, and help homeowners salvage personal belongings.
- Emphasis is given to vulnerable or at-risk people to ensure they are cared for.
- All assistance is provided completely free of charge.
- Disaster relief teams are made up predominately of volunteers, many of whom travel across Australia to disaster areas to participate.
- SP ADR works alongside emergency management agencies, other organisations, and community groups to provide a well-coordinated response.
- Deployments can stretch from two weeks to several months, depending on the level of need.



DISASTER RELIEF UNIT (DRU)

Our DRU is a mobile command centre from which Samaritan's Purse coordinates relief operations within a disaster zone. This semi-trailer is stocked with relief supplies, generators, chainsaws, and other essential tools to aid in recovery efforts. The DRU has a fully equipped office, a workshop, its own power and water supply, and the equipment necessary to support our disaster relief teams.

Additionally, Samaritan's Purse maintains a fleet of trucks, trailers, and other equipment which will be deployed in order to support disaster relief teams.

VOLUNTEERS

SP ADR maintains a list of over 700 volunteers, including a number of experienced volunteers who serve as the Site Leadership Team and manage the deployment teams. Anyone aged 14 years and older is welcome to volunteer!

Opportunities to volunteer open when SP-ADR deploys following a major disaster. During non-deployment times, those interested in becoming a volunteer can learn more at samaritanspurse.org.au. Once signed-up, you will receive information when there are opportunities to volunteer with ADR.

