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GOLF RALLIES BEHIND BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

Golf Australia is proud to confirm its support for the Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeal through a number of golf industry initiatives.

The support will begin immediately at the Women's Australian Open at the Metropolitan Golf Club.

Across the four championship days (February 12-15), collectors with buckets will be on course at Metropolitan accepting cash donations. On Sunday, all gate takings will be donated to the Appeal.

World number 9 and defending champion Karrie Webb said she was keen to see crowds come out to help the victims of the fires.

"I hope we see as many people as possible at this fantastic golf course and while they're enjoying the action, people will know that the money from their ticket is directly helping those affected by the fires," Webb said.

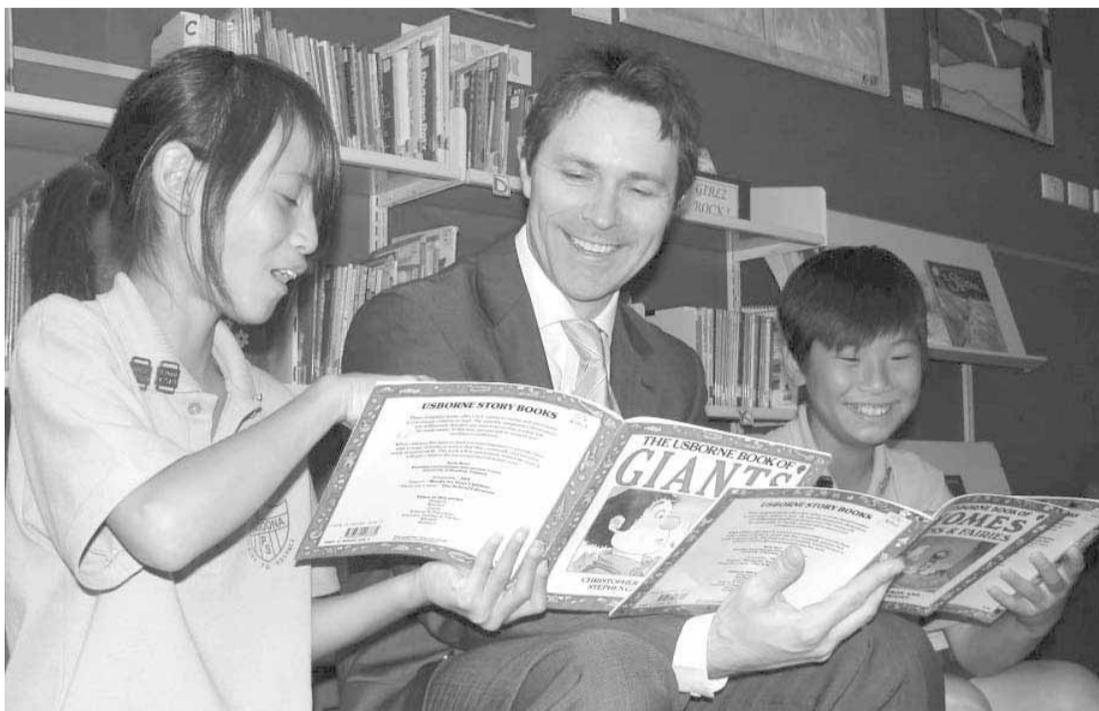
Golf Associations, Member State Organisations and Golf Industry bodies have all committed to fundraising events between now and the end of March 2009.

These initiatives will include clubs raising money through competitions and donations, donating their green fees, hosting fundraising functions, employee donations (approximately 23,000 employees in the industry) and some of Australia's finest courses hosting special golf opportunities for the public to play their courses.

Golf Australia has 1566 affiliated clubs representing 450,000 members and venues for 465,000 social players, representing 915,000 golfers in Australia.

\$42 BILLION TO BUILD THE NATION, SUPPORT LOCAL JOBS & GROW OUR ECONOMY

Local MPs representing the Canterbury Bankstown region, Tony Burke, Daryl Melham, and Jason Clare, today welcomed the Rudd Government's decisive \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan which will support local jobs and significantly invest in local businesses and schools.



The Plan will deliver \$28.2 billion in direct investment in essential community infrastructure like schools, housing, roads and local projects. In our local community this means:

1. Every one of our 114 local primary, special and K-12 schools will receive up to \$3 million (depending on the size of the school) to build or upgrade large scale infrastructure such as libraries and multi-purpose halls.

2. Every local school will also receive up to \$200,000 (depending on the size of the school) to refurbish and improve existing facilities.

"This is the biggest school infrastructure program in Australia's history. It will be rolled out quickly and will create a lot of local jobs," Mr Clare said.

3. Eligible families will be able to install insulation in the family home for free or apply for a rebate of up to

\$1,600 for solar hot water, which will cut energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as support jobs in these industries.

4. Local businesses – especially small businesses will be supported by a \$2.7 billion temporary tax rebate – to buy eligible assets.

Bonus payments valued at a total of \$12.7 billion will go to low and middle income households and individuals to immediately stimulate the economy in the shortest possible time.

The five key one-off cash bonuses will be paid automatically in March and April 2009

through the Australian Tax Office and Centrelink:

1. Up to \$950 will be paid to every eligible Australian worker whose taxable income was \$100,000 or less in 2007-08, reaching up to 8.7 million Australians

2. \$950 Single Income Family Bonus will support

1.5 million families with one main income earner (Family Tax Benefit Part B recipients)

3. \$950 per child Back to School Bonus to the 35,688 local families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A

4. \$950 Training and Learning Bonus paid to eligible tertiary students and people outside of the workforce returning to study to help with the costs of education

5. \$950 Farmer's Hardship Bonus paid to drought affected farmers and farm dependent small businesses

"We are doing this because we have to. This is the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Kevin Rudd has shown he is determined to do everything humanly possible to protect Australian jobs and keep the economy growing," the Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare said.

"This is more important for our local area than most.

Unemployment here is already 50 percent higher than it is across the rest of Australia. Home repossession are also still a big problem. You can't pay the mortgage without a job. That's why this \$42 billion plan is so important," Mr Clare said.

Member for Banks, Daryl Melham said, "This is a great boost for the local community, this package has been carefully designed to support jobs, help families and individuals and bolster our economy."

"There isn't a silver bullet but the Government's decisive action plan strikes the right balance between supporting jobs now, and building local schools, homes, and roads to strengthen our economy in the long term," Member for Watson, Tony Burke said.

"I welcome the Government's bold initiative in tackling the global financial crisis at the local community level," Mr Melham said.

The Nation Building and Jobs Plan builds on the measures already in place to support economic activity and jobs, including:

- The \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy and \$300 million program to build local community infrastructure in local council areas are supporting growth in the short term.

- The \$15.2 billion COAG funding package and the \$4.7 billion Nation Building Package will strengthen investment in road, rail, health and education infrastructure.

The Management of Kladis Group of Companies
Invite the Greek Community

To **Cocktail Party**

to be held at



The Astral Lounge, Star City Casino

7pm, Thursday March 7th 2009

Proceeds from this event will be donated

to The Victorian Bush Fire Victims Appeal Fund

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