

BRUMBIES RUGBY

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CA Brumbies to aid Victorian bushfire appeal

The CA Brumbies have committed to assisting those affected by the Victorian bushfires.

The CA Brumbies will host a collection point for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal at their first home match against the Crusaders at Canberra Stadium on Saturday, 21 February.

The effort is part of a co-ordinated approach between the Australian Rugby Union, Brumbies Rugby, NSW Rugby Union, Queensland Rugby Union and Rugby WA. Agreement was reached that each of the provinces will co-ordinate collections at their respective grounds when they play their first home matches this season.

All proceeds will go to the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal, launched by Victorian Premier John Brumby in partnership with Red Cross and the Federal Government.

Brumbies Rugby CEO Andrew Fagan is encouraging all Canberrans to give generously to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

“The events of the last few days have not only devastated Victoria but have shocked and impacted on all of Australia,” he said. “This is a national issue which is why the Australian rugby community is combining to assist one of our sister states.

“This appeal is particularly relevant to Canberra given the bushfires we experienced in 2003. I know how appreciative Canberrans were for the assistance they received during that time and this is a great opportunity for us to reciprocate.

“We are expecting a huge crowd for our match against the Crusaders, who have historically been one of the CA Brumbies great rivals and current Super 14 Champions, and this presents a tremendous opportunity to make a significant contribution to those in need in Victoria.

“Canberrans have a proud record of helping those in need and we are urging all supporters attending our first home match against the Crusaders to give generously and support those who have been affected by this disaster.”

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