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PHHWV is a non-profit, charitable organisation committed to providing hope for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

## Press Release

# Horse Crisis Register

## **Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc. launches a support register for future fire and flood victims in Victoria**

On the first anniversary of Black Saturday Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc. (PHHWV) will launch its new Horse Crisis Register to support emergency evacuation, temporary homing and transportation of horses in the event of another major Victorian crisis situation.

The register relies on horse owners registering what assistance they can offer in the event of an emergency such as fire or floods.

“Victims of a fire or flood will be able to view information on offers of assistance in their vicinity and be able to contact those people making the offer directly.” says PHHWV Vice President, Ms Tania Smith.

The kind of information that can be obtained from the register will include details of the location and contact details of the person making the offer, the time period that the horses can be accommodated and the number of horses that can be supported.

“This register is a way to enhance communication in a crisis situation and is purely designed to facilitate that communication. It will be the horse owner responsibility to ensure the offer they are considering meets their needs and to develop a formal agreement with the other party on the terms of the assistance provided.” Ms Smith says.

The Horse Crisis Register can be located directly at [www.horsecrisisregister.org.au](http://www.horsecrisisregister.org.au) or via the PHHWV website from 7 February 2010. All Victorians that have the capabilities to offer assistance are encouraged to register their offer of help.

For further information on PHHWV as an organisation or to make a tax deductible donation to support the work undertaken by PHHWV visit [www.phhvv.org.au](http://www.phhvv.org.au) or telephone 1300 881 606.

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