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NSW GOVERNMENT: $200,000 DONATION TO AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

The NSW Government has donated $200,000 to the Australian Red Cross as the organisation celebrates World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

"The Australian Red Cross has been there to assist generations of people at times when they need it most," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The NSW Government is extremely happy to provide this outstanding organisation with $200,000 to help it continue its valuable work," he said.

World Red Cross Red Crescent Day is held each year on 8 May to honour the birthday of Red Cross founder Henri Dunant.

Events will be held across Australia to recognise and celebrate the contribution the tens of thousands of Red Cross staff, members and volunteers make in the community.

Mr O'Farrell is urging others to help Australian Red Cross in whatever way they can.

"The Australian Red Cross relies on volunteers and donors," he said.

"Supporting the Red Cross will help provide vital programs and services to society's most vulnerable people."

The Australian Red Cross has thanked the NSW Government for the $200,000 donation.

"This generous donation will assist us in continuing our everyday work across the community. Every dollar will help those in need," said Di Jay, Executive Director NSW, Australian Red Cross.

"We thank the NSW Government and appreciate the strong message this sends the community about the importance of the work of Red Cross in supporting Australians when they are doing it tough."