

As you may have all known, the days following the 2011 Australian National Rally, our host, Margaret River was devastated by fires lasting just over a week (see attached photos). After three days of fun and laughter at the Rally, residents were subjected to tears, shock, millions of dollars in damages and lost homes. Perth Chapter has planned a series of fundraising for the victims of the fires culminating in a ride back to Margaret River to present our cheque of donations to those who lost a great deal that week.

I would like (albeit at short notice) to extend this fundraising effort to yourselves. There is obviously no obligation, but I do ask to consider this appeal. Should you choose to donate directly through HOGWest, you can contact our treasurer, Tracey Versace hogtreasurer@inet.net.au , who is collecting donations. We intend to deliver the combined cheque of donations on the final weekend of January. Should you choose to donate directly or after the month of January please use the following link to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Margaret River Fire Appeal 2011: <http://www.appealswa.org.au/currentappeal.html> . If you are unable to make a donation, I do ask that if you have any words of encouragement or comments you would like me to deliver to those in Margaret River, you may do so via my e-mail address; hogdirector@inet.net.au

Thank you for your consideration and let's see if we can put smiles back on the faces of those that hosted our National Rally.

Kind Regards,

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