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## University to provide collection points for bushfire appeal donations

After providing emergency accommodation for evacuees at its Sandy Bay campus at the weekend the University of Tasmania is now establishing collection points and storage for donations to the Tasmanian bushfire appeal.

University students and staff, and the local community are welcome to drop off donations of non-perishable food items and infant and children's necessities (such as nappies and baby food) at the collection points on the Sandy Bay and Newnham campuses from **Wednesday 9 January**. Children's book and toy donations are also welcome. The collection is being made on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

UTAS provided emergency accommodation at the weekend for 80 evacuees, many of whom had spent the previous night sleeping on the ground in the open. University accommodation in Hobart and Launceston has also been offered to interstate fire crews and will remain available to those in need.

"The University is very proud of the many staff contributing directly to the bushfire response," the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said.

"Members of the University are fighting fires as volunteers, or independently providing assistance to those protecting properties. Others are looking after livestock, taking care of children, or providing food to volunteers, SES staff and families. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring community."

The collection points will be open from **12-2pm**, Monday to Friday, until 18 January. They are located as follows:

*Sandy Bay campus (southern Tasmania)  
Law Seminar Room 1, Room 131 (level 1), Law Building  
Access from driveway off Grosvenor Street*

*Newnham campus (northern Tasmania)  
Property Services Building (building number T8), Map Room  
Aquaculture Road*

An attendant will be present at each collection point to assist in lifting, sorting and stacking.

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