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Donation given to Bushfires Volunteer Association

Bushfires NT Director Stephen Sutton thanked staff at the ANZ Winnellie branch for raising over \$1500 to support Northern Territory Volunteer Bushfire Brigades.

“ANZ raised the money during their recent annual ‘Blue Week’, a national initiative that has each branch around Australia raising money for their chosen local charity,” Mr Sutton said.

Bank Manager Tony Wilson said the efforts of staff was particularly creative with their display which had “a disturbingly real looking fire, a fire truck and mannequins”, to remind the public of the work bushfire volunteers do in dangerous conditions.

“We chose the Northern Territory Volunteer Bushfire Brigades as our charity because we feel they do such a great job,” Mr Wilson said.

President of the Northern Territory Bushfire Volunteers Association, Diane Tynan, said the Association has been developing its capacity to provide welfare to volunteers during the torrid fire season, and the money raised by the ANZ during ‘Blue Week’ would go a long way.

“Bushfire Volunteers are often landholders and members of the community who combine to form Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, and are an essential part of protecting the rural areas of the Territory from bushfire,” Ms Tynan said.

“The money will be used to run a bus to take volunteers home after fires and to fund refreshments during fires”.

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