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## MEDIA RELEASE

### NACRO NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Monday 13th July 2009:** The National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations is proud to announce its National Annual Conference for 2009.

As we are all aware, the multi-billion dollar worldwide recycling industry performs a vital social and environmental function. It assists tens of thousands of people overwhelmed by life's hardships, which is, in part funded by the income derived from charitable recycling.

In recognition that the industry's efforts can be enabled or hindered by council and government policies in the increasingly regulated environment within which we operate, **day one of this years conference** will explore the policy environment in which charitable recycling organisations operate. It will feature presentations from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts on the national policy that is being developed on waste; and from Product Stewardship Australia, the not-for-profit, industry-led organisation which is advocating for a phased national scheme that will see the collection and recycling of televisions.

In the wake of the devastating Victorian bushfires, the **day two of this conference** will explore the role of the charitable recycling organisations during times of crisis. Our members worked tirelessly and selflessly for many months to assist those who were affected, displaced and disadvantaged by the tragedy. It is a powerful example of human kindness and a recycling system that worked to alleviate the misfortunes of many men, women and children overwhelmed by hardship. Presentations will be made by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction & Recovery Authority and the Salvation Army. The day will culminate in a tour of the bushfire affected areas and a visit to the relief centre to hear from people who were coordinating the response as the tragedy unfolded.

NACRO Chairman, Ken Richardson: *"I urge all Australian Charitable Recycling practitioners to make the effort to attend this important forum. I look forward to seeing you in Victoria in October".*

The conference will be held at the dedicated conference venue "The Country Place" which is located right in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges. Today visitors flock to the romantic hilltop villages for luxury hideaways, beautiful gardens, and magnificent tall forests and views. Further details can be seen on the NACRO website [www.nacro.org.au](http://www.nacro.org.au). ENDS

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