



## Australia Employees Respond to Wildfires

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*“Every time the pager goes off you don’t know what the incident will be.” -Stephen Bockett*

Stephen Bockett is a Senior Fire Fighter for the Helensburgh Volunteer Fire Brigade. The rural area, about an hour south of Sydney, is home to horse stables, apple farms and about 4,000 people who take the one road in and out of town to work every day.

Bockett takes that road to C.H. Robinson, where he works as a key account manager. Back in 2000, he joined the fire brigade to support the community and in return, has always felt support from his team at Robinson. “I have never had any issues when requesting time off to help” says Bockett.

Daryl Coleman, an operations team leader, left the company holiday party early to set up a staging area for a bushfire about a half hour north of the office in Perth. In 2005, Coleman moved from England to Australia and became a volunteer for the State Emergency Service in Western Australia. He thought it was a good way to understand the culture, make new friends and give something back to his newly adopted country.

“Giving up your own time to assist your community and others during times of need gives you a sense of purpose.” says Coleman. “The management team at C.H. Robinson is very supportive of what I do and appreciate the service provided to the local community.”



*Bockett in action on the field*



*Coleman receiving a silver award by The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (middle), with the West Australian general manager; Adam Hughes (left) and Mr. Francis Logan MLA—Minister for Emergency Services and Corrective Services in WA (right)*

“We are incredibly proud of the work that Stephen and Daryl are doing to help our country in its time of need. It’s an incredible display of mateship and shows just how resilient Australia is when we work together” says Andrew Coldrey, vice president of Oceania. C.H. Robinson will be matching all employee donations to the Red Cross. Additionally, the C.H. Robinson Foundation will be making a \$10,000 gift on behalf of the efforts of our employees. If you would like to join us and show your support visit Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery to donate:

<https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-donate>

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