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Fire Engulfs the Greenwood Salvos Stores

In a devastating blow to the community and the good work of The Salvation Army this Christmas, the Greenwood Salvos Stores, located at 3/10 Canham Way in Perth has been destroyed by fire.

The fire started in the roof of the building and was caused by an electrical fault with the air-conditioning unit. The fire started just after the store opened for trading on Wednesday. Staff were aware of the fire when smoke started coming from the roof and quickly organised for the store to be evacuated.

Fire fighters and staff have been praised for their handling of the fire. The damage bill from the fire is estimated at \$1.5 million.

This devastating fire couldn't come at a worse time, with Salvos Stores ramping up for the Christmas season. All the funds from the sale of goods in store are used to support vital Salvation Army programs in the community.

Allen Dewhirst Salvos Stores CEO who was in Perth at the time commented, 'The whole Salvos Stores community has been devastated by this fire. The loss to the community and funding for the Salvation Army is significant. We're hoping the community will rally around Salvos Stores at this time and move their support to our surrounding stores so we can minimise the loss and continue to support the community.'

Salvos Stores are not sure at this stage whether the store will be able to be re-opened. Salvos Stores has asked the public not to drop donations off at the fire site as the store is not functional and cannot accept donations. People wishing to lend their support can donate quality goods to other Salvos Stores in the local area, including:

- Balcatta Salvos Stores - 207 Balcatta Road, Balcatta
- Wangara Salvos Stores - Shop 1-2 2 Prindiville Drive, Wangara
- Whitfords Salvos Stores - Unit 3 37 Endeavour Road, Hillarys

Salvos Stores Southern Territory operates 210 retail stores in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and Northern Territory. Salvos Stores operate as a fully functioning retail business, recycling pre loved goods and relying heavily on the generosity of the public. Overall Salvos Stores operates as a thriving business with the added benefit of contributing positively to the excellent work of The Salvation Army.

For more information about Salvos Stores please go to www.salvosstores.com.au.

In brief -

What: Fire devastates Greenwood Salvos Stores.

When: Fire occurred on Wednesday 7th December.