

Curry Charmers volunteering to help Bushfire Victims

A McLeod Indian restaurateur has been dishing up rice, curries and flat breads to residents affected by the bush-fires.

Just days after Black Saturday, Anand Dagore, owner of Watsonia's Curry Charmers, put his hands to work, preparing vegetarian meals with a group of volunteers.

Together they have delivered more than 1700 meals to residents in Kinglake, Strathewan and St Andrews.

"My really good friends Dave and Elise were living in Kinglake, and I was worried when I couldn't get in touch with them for a few days" Mr Dagore said.

"And when I finally got through to them and heard about the situation, I immediately realised I had to help."

His generosity has eaten into the restaurant's profits and a bottom line already hurting from the economic downturn, but he remains a cheerful giver.

"I believe cooking is a blessing, and you must use it for good karma" he said.

"You realise you have to help each other, especially in crisis. I'll keep doing it until the demand stops"

Elise Pike, who runs a netball business nearby, said Mr Dagore was a "top bloke."

Ms Pike said: "The CFA and the Lions Club were putting on barbecues, but that was all that was provided. So he offered to cook."

Curry Charmers is located at Shop 4/78 Nepean Street, Watsonia.

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