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## Murray Bridge Community Support for Thomas Foods International

The Rural City of Murray Bridge acknowledges the generous offers of support from Murray Bridge Businesses, Community Groups and Individuals in response to the challenges arising out of last week's fire at the Thomas Foods Murray Bridge Plant. These offers of support are being logged and recorded by Council as part of its contribution to the State Government Recovery Response through the State Recovery Office of the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Mayor, Brenton Lewis said he was buoyed by the offers of help. "You are always aware that there could be a problem with your major employer, but when it happens it just hits you between the eyes," he said.

Council also acknowledges and thanks the Emergency Services crews for their rapid response and outstanding efforts in containing the fire at the Thomas Foods Murray Bridge Plant.

In the 48 hours following the fire at the Thomas Foods Murray Bridge Plant, Senior Council Officers have been actively involved in Zone Emergency Support Team meetings involving relevant State Government Agencies and representatives of Thomas Foods International.

With the immediate issues of the fire emergency now completed, Council will continue to be involved in a Local Coordination Group assisting Thomas Foods International with their recovery. Council looks forward to seeing Thomas Foods back "bigger and better" in Murray Bridge as soon as possible.

Council will continue to take an active facilitation role on behalf of the Local Coordination Group and will make contact with those Businesses, Community Groups and Individuals who have made offers of support and will follow up, based on the agreed actions of the Local Coordination Group regarding the appropriate activation of community based assistance to Thomas Foods International and its staff.

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Murray Bridge  
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Murray Bridge  
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**Regional Gallery and Town Hall**  
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**Visitor Information Centre**  
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T 08 8539 1142

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