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EDEN REGION GETS SUPPORT FROM JAPAN

Nippon Paper employees, who still have strong ties to the Allied Natural Wood Exports (ANWE) wood chip mill in Eden, showed their support by donating money following the recent devastating bushfires.

Before it changed hands in 2015, Japanese company Nippon Paper owned the mill for more than three decades and many of its staff lived in the Eden area.

ANWE CEO Paul Heubner said it had come to the mill's attention that a large amount of money was donated by the Japanese to assist the community rebuild.

"It was very gratifying to learn that these wonderful people who worked with the mill's former owner still have a connection with Eden," he said.

"The older among us will remember that during the many years Nippon Paper owned the mill, their staff integrated with and supported the local community.

"It's fantastic to hear that they are still supporting us in a time of great need, and we are humbled by their generosity."

Twenty-two former Nippon Paper employees donated a total of \$6,500 to the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast Disaster Relief Fund.

The fund was established by the Bega Valley Shire Council in partnership with the charity organisation in 2019 to assist those affected by natural disaster.
