



Donations flooding in

Fund stands at more than \$200,000

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THE Ipswich Flood Appeal is picking up steam with donations pushing the fund past \$200,000.

That impressive amount has come quickly, with Mayor Paul Pisasale only announcing the appeal on Tuesday.

Some of the most recent contributions include a \$15,000 donation from Ipswich-born actor and author Joy Chambers and her well-known husband Reg Grundy.

The Investa Property Group has put in \$35,000, The Reject Shop another \$5000 and Michael Hill jewellers have kicked in \$1000 to

the cause.

Buddhist Master Cheng Yen has also donated \$5000 to the cause.

They have come on top of the three \$50,000 donations contributed by the Amex Corporation, Wingate Properties and Payce Consolidated.

But it hasn't been all big names and large companies that have made contributions – the Bendigo Bank account has seen \$24,000 worth of donations made by the general public.

Garry Rodgers works at the Brewers Choice store in Yamanto

and donated \$2000 of his own personal money to the fund.

It means his project of restoring an old Holden has been pushed back a bit – but he doesn't mind.

"It's not about the attention. I just wanted to help and hope others can do the same where they can," he said.

Cr Pisasale said he was rapt with the support.

"There's well over \$200,000 in the fund now and it will continue to grow. The support has been overwhelming and it is not over yet," he said.



GENEROUS: Brewers Choice's Garry Rodgers is donating \$2000 of his own money to the flood appeal.

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