



LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

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Further payments distributed to people devastated by Wooroloo & Hills Fire

Owner occupiers and owners whose place of residence and contents were totally destroyed or sustained major structural damage in last summer's Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire will receive further financial assistance from the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (The Fund).

As a result of the generosity of people and businesses, further payments have been allocated as follows:

- Up to \$20,000 to owner occupiers whose place of residence and contents were totally destroyed;
- Up to \$15,000 to owner occupiers whose place of residence sustained major structural damage and damage to contents;
- Up to \$15,000 to owners whose place of residence and contents were totally destroyed;
- Up to \$5,000 to owners whose place of residence and contents sustained structural damage;
- Up to \$5,000 to owner occupiers whose place of residence (converted shed / caravan / transportable) and contents were totally destroyed.

The new disbursements will begin immediately, with more than \$16.5 million now distributed to people affected by the catastrophic bushfire. A total of 276 applicants have received disbursements from the Fund to date.

Presiding Chair Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas said further payments to the Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire victims were due to the extraordinary generosity of people and demonstrated that those impacted by the bushfire had not been forgotten.

"People and businesses across Australia have been incredibly generous this year supporting two Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund appeals", he said.

"I know the people in the Hills are incredibly resilient and I have been impressed with their positive attitude to rebuilding their lives.

"Bushfires are incredibly traumatic events for communities and while these payments cannot replace everything that people have lost, hopefully they will ease some of the financial burden."

The Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire Appeal raised \$16.7 million. Applications and donations for the Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire have now closed.

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