

LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

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LMDRF Waroona and District Fires Appeal

Representatives of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund will travel to the fire ravaged Shires of Waroona and Harvey tomorrow, with the aim of gathering further information to finalise the Categories for Assistance.

The Treasurer and Secretary of the LMDRF will meet Shire CEOs, Shire Presidents and the Chair of the Local Recovery Committees.

LMDRF Board Chair, Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, said the Categories for Assistance are developed on advice from the Shires and Local Recovery Committees.

"As damage assessments move towards finalisation, Local Recovery Committees can better inform the Board about the greatest needs of their communities," Ms Scaffidi said.

"There's flexibility in creating the Categories for Assistance, and the advice received will be used to disburse the donated funds to those affected by the fires.

"Of course, next –of-kin of victims of the fires will be among the first to receive assistance, as well as residents who lost their home in last month's fires."

Donations to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund currently stand at \$5.7 million.

Categories for Assistance are expected to be finalised next week, with all eligible members of the fire affected communities encouraged to apply for financial assistance.

For more information go to:

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