

LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

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Further \$3 million to be distributed to people impacted by Wooroloo and Hills Fire

Presiding Chair Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas today announced further payments of up to \$55,000 will be sent to owners, owner / occupiers and occupiers who experienced structural damage and loss of contents as a result of the devastating Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire.

The Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire Appeal ended on 31 March with more than \$16.7 million received in donations.

The latest announcement means that nearly 80 per cent of the funds will now be distributed to those impacted.

Local Government authorities in the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring are continuing to assess and review applications.

Presiding Chair Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas said that the rapid disbursement of funds and substantial payments will hopefully ease some of the financial burden for those who have been affected by the devastating bushfire.

"Thank you to the Western Australian community for coming together and donating so generously to the Wooroloo and Hills Fire appeal," he said.

"This Fund is unique in that every dollar donated will go directly to the people and communities affected by this terrible bushfire."

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