

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Donation to help South West fire victims**

The City of Bunbury has donated \$10,000 to the Perth Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund to help those affected by the disastrous fires in the Harvey and Waroona shires.

Mayor Gary Brennan said the donation had been made on behalf of the Bunbury community.

"These catastrophic fires hit close to home and there are many of us in Bunbury who have been directly affected or know of someone who has suffered as a result of this blaze," Mr Brennan said.

"I have been heartened by the outpouring of assistance from residents and businesses who have gone above and beyond to help those in need and to also support the hundreds of firefighters who battled this massive blaze.

"I am sure the community will also join me in praising the many local firefighters who spent countless hours on the fire front."

The donation comes from the Council's Disaster Relief Reserve and will go towards assisting with the rebuilding of affected properties.

The City has previously donated \$10,000 from the Disaster Relief Reserve for aid to those affected by the Esperance fires in November 2015, Parkerville fires in January 2014 and the Margaret River fires in February 2012.

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund is the recognised State emergency fund that raises and co-ordinates donations to support victims of the fires.

Mr Brennan said individuals who wanted to make a donation could also contribute to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

The fund is operated by an independent Board and donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The costs of administering the fund are absorbed by the City of Perth, so all money raised will go directly to those who need it most.

Donations to the Waroona and District Fires Appeal can be made:

- via EFT: BSB: 306-035, Account: 2014474;
- over the counter at any BankWest branch or agency to the dedicated appeal account BSB: 306-035, Account: 2014474;
- on the phone via credit card on 9461 3886 during normal business hours;

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- by mail to LMDRF, Waroona and District Fires Appeal, City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth WA 6839.

The process for distributing funds will be announced at a later date and will be managed in conjunction with the affected Shires.

For more information visit [www.appealswa.org.au](http://www.appealswa.org.au)

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