



LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

MARGARET RIVER FIRE APPEAL 2011 ASSESSMENT OF CLAIMS

Preamble

Assistance in the form of a financial grant is available to residents who suffered personal hardship due to the loss of or significant damage to their residence, property, furniture or personal effects resulting from damage caused by bushfire that commenced on 23 November 2011.

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (the "Fund") aims to assist individuals in a time of need to effect repairs to their principal residence and to restore normal living conditions as quickly as possible.

Assistance will **supplement** insurance cover and Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement (WANDRRA) payments, and people requesting assistance should first claim from their insurance company and establish how much of the loss or damage they incurred will be covered by insurance.

In fairness to the many people who are careful to take out adequate insurance cover, the LMDRF cannot fully compensate those who have suffered loss because of no or inadequate insurance cover.

If your insurance cover was not sufficient to meet all of the loss or damage incurred, you may still be eligible for a grant to meet part of the loss that you would otherwise have to bear personally.

Categories of LMDRF Assistance which may be Considered

- ◆ In general, relief is directed to those who have suffered loss/damage to their primary residence and to compensate for the loss or damage to furniture and personal effects to the extent that these are not met under insurance claims, however in some circumstances, relief may be considered for loss/damage to non-primary residences.
- ◆ Assistance will not be paid in respect of damage to cars, boats and/or caravans.
- ◆ Please note that the LMDRF is unable to assist business operations. If your primary residence has a dual purpose, e.g. a holiday accommodation business, vineyard etc, eligibility is only for your personal effects and not for business-related losses.

Who Decides On My Claim

A Local Recovery Committee has been established from representatives of Local Government and your local communities. This Committee receives and assesses claims and makes recommendations to the Board of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund on an appropriate grant for individual claims.

Your Local Recovery Committee (LRC) members are:

Ray Colyer	President of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River (Chair)
Gary Evershed	CEO Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
Annie Riordan	Director Corporate & Community Services
Paul Gravett	Manager Community Development and Safety (Recovery Coordinator)

To assist the Local Recovery Committee, a Finance Sub Committee has been formed and has been tasked with making recommendations regarding financial assistance for individuals making application to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

Please be aware that the final decision regarding the extent of assistance for each claim rests with the Board of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

Points to Remember

- ◆ The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund assists individuals.
- ◆ The Fund fully relies on public donations and any grants made to you will be relative to the total donated amounts.
- ◆ A grant is designed to supplement insurance not replace it, so try to sort out your insurance claim first.
- ◆ Please help your LRC by filling out the application form **as fully as you can**, giving details of the uninsured loss incurred, and the amount of insurance cover held.
- ◆ If you consider you are eligible for assistance and wish to apply, please lodge your claim quickly.
- ◆ If you are in doubt or have any queries whatsoever on the scheme, ask your LRC for clarification. This will ensure you get the correct information.

Where do I Apply?

Please remit your application to either of the following locations:

By mail: Director Corporate and Community Services
Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
PO Box 61
MARGARET RIVER WA 6285

In person: Claims can be lodged at the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River office in 41 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River.

Signed documents will be accepted if emailed to amrsc@amrsc.wa.gov.au

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE



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MARGARET RIVER FIRE APPEAL 2011 LOCAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE

	Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr / other
Your Full Name
Your Current Mailing Address – where can we send your mail? Post Code
Your Occupation
Contact Phone Numbers: Mobile:
Address of damaged property
Is this property your PRIMARY residence?	YES / NO (please circle)

Where any of your responses fill more than the space(s) provided, please write on a separate page and attach to this application.

This claim is in respect to the damaged property located at

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which is my/our residence and of which I/we am/are the registered

- OWNER
- OWNER & OCCUPIER
- OCCUPIER

(please circle the description that relates to your situation), and where the following people - who are wholly dependent on me/us - also reside:

Name	Age	Relationship

Please ✓ if the loss or damage sustained is covered by insurance.

Description of damaged items	Insured ✓	Value	Nett Claim

Do you have insurance cover – YES or NO?

If insurance cover is held, please answer the following:

Have you lodged an insurance claim? YES or NO

Name of Insurer:

Type of insurance cover held:

Other information, e.g. the area/size of your property, and the percentage of your property that was affected by this disaster, major items lost, etc:

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To assist your Local Recovery Committee in assessing your application, please provide a summary of assistance (financial or otherwise) you have already received or applied for in connection with this fire.

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I certify the above information is correct and seek assistance from the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund for the abovementioned losses sustained as a result of the November 2011 fire in Margaret River.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

I verify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and I support the Local Recovery Committee’s recommendation of

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**Gary Evershed, CEO
Shire of Augusta-Margaret River**

Date