



Ordinary Council Meeting

10 February 2021

NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

REPORT

ITEM NO

SUBJECT

14.2.1

CONTRIBUTION TO DISASTER RELIEF FUND – PERTH BUSHFIRES

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LOCATION/ADDRESS	N/A
APPLICANT/LANDOWNER	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
FILE REFERENCE	CSV/45
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Reason for treating as urgent business

It is recommended that this matter be treated as urgent business under clause 4.12 of the Standing Orders Local Law. This is on the basis that urgent support is needed to assist firefighting and recovery efforts.

IN BRIEF

In response to the current bush fires in Perth which have led to significant property losses, Council is requested to consider donating \$10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council donates \$10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund.

LOCATION PLAN

Nil

TABLED ITEMS

Nil

BACKGROUND

Bush fires to the north of Perth have caused widespread loss of land, houses, native habitat and animals over the past week.

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Nil

Internal Consultation

Manger Corporate Services

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

Due to the catastrophic destruction a generous response is warranted from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River on behalf of ratepayers knowing full well from experience the long and difficult road to be travelled in leading the recovery process. A donation of \$10,000 will ensure that assistance can be given across the various communities and sectors who have been severely impacted by the fires.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community Strategic Plan 2036 (CSP)

Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024

Key Result Area 5: Effective leadership and governance

Community Outcome 4: Community and customer focus

PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications

The donation is to be posted to account MC44 (Members of Council Donations) which has a budget allocation of \$11,400 for council discretionary donations, of which \$1,900 has already been spent.

Long Term Financial Plan

Nil

Whole of Lifecycle Considerations

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

Nil

Social

Many houses have been destroyed causing a massive dislocation of the community which also impacts directly on families and communities. The donations will assist in alleviating this impact.

Economic

Tourism may be affected. Communities have been dislocated and expenditure in local towns and regions will fall. The cost of rehabilitating the environment will be extreme and donations from across Australia will be essential to rebuilding the economies of these affected communities.

ADVOCACY

Nil

IMPLICATIONS OF ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council donates \$10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund.

ADVICE TO APPLICANT / PROPONENT

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil