City contributes \$50,000 to Toodyay Bushfire Appeal

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The Toodyay Bushfire Appeal has been boosted by a \$50,000 donation from the City of Perth.

On Wednesday the Council approved the donation to the appeal which is administered by the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF). The Fund has been used in the past to assist victims of bushfires at Cranbrook (2003) and Dwellingup (2007).

Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi said that Perth, as Western Australia's capital city, had a role in assisting victims of tragedies in other parts of the State.

"The LMDRF Toodyay Bushfire Appeal has been of great assistance as it is able to distribute money to those in need with minimum delay," Ms Scaffidi said.

"To date, there have been more than 60 grants made, amounting to \$165,500.

"That assistance has been greatly appreciated by the people of Toodyay and now the Council, at its first meeting for the year, has made its own contribution.

"It is the Council's sincere hope that these donations will go some way towards helping people re-establish their lives after the disastrous fires which destroyed 38 properties."

The Lord Mayor said the Toodyay Bushfire Appeal remained open and donations could be made at:

- All Bankwest branches
- City of Perth, Council House, 27 St Georges Tce, PERTH

Donations can be mailed to:

Toodyay Bushfire Appeal C/- City of Perth, GPO Box C120, PERTH, WA 6839

ABOUT THE LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund was established in 1961 to provide relief of personal hardship and distress arising from natural disasters occurring within Western Australia.

The perpetual fund is a registered charitable body and has approval of the Australian Taxation Office for tax deductibility of contributions.

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