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## **Media Release**

### **City of Perth**

#### **COMMENT FOR THE WEST AUSTRALIAN RE BALI APPEAL**

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (Bali Appeal) has raised approximately \$800,000.

To date, \$213,000 has been disbursed to WA victims of the Bali tragedy and their families.

The LMDRF board has recently written to all people on its register to check on their progress and to gauge their further needs.

It had been anticipated that disbursement would occur over the longer term due to the changing needs of people and depending on the extent of their recovery and ability to return to their former life arrangements. This has proved to be the case.

The Board will continue to review the needs of the WA Bali victims and will continue to release funds.

Victims have expressed the wish for their details to be kept confidential and the board respects their wishes.

People who consider they are eligible for support can still apply for assistance. They can do this via the fund's website [www.appealswa.org.au](http://www.appealswa.org.au) or by phoning 9461-3261.

Should any funds be left over, the board will consider disbursements to a Bali tragedy related cause.

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