



15th October 2002

Media Release

City of Perth

Bali Casualties Appeal launched

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund has launched an Appeal to cover distress and hardship for West Australians affected by the Bali incident of 12 October 2002.

It is envisaged that the WA Bali Casualties Appeal will cover items such as medical costs, counselling and travel costs. Other items may be considered upon application.

Perth Lord Mayor Dr Peter Nattrass said all donations to the WA Bali Casualties Appeal, Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund would be tax deductible.

Donations can be made at:

- All BankWest branches.
- City of Perth – Council House, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth.
- Or post to WA Bali Casualties Appeal, c/- City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth 6839.

People wanting to make a claim for relief can apply to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund by filling in forms that can be downloaded from the website www.appealswa.org.au or for further enquiries phone 9461-3261.

Dr Nattrass said that recent events in Bali had touched the lives of many in the State and the appeal would provide West Australians with the chance to assist casualties and families in a direct and constructive way.

“These events have hit Perth people hard, particularly in view of the close proximity of Bali and the fact that to so many it is our number one holiday destination,” Dr Natrass said.

“Through the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund, the City of Perth has always played a pivotal supporting role on occasions such as floods, fires and droughts.

“However, we live in a changing world and in the year 2002 such despicable acts as terrorism that strike so close to home must be taken into account so far as the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund is concerned.”

Issued by Peter Jackson, Media Liaison Co-ordinator
9461-3342