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Media Release

Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund

Donations sought for fire appeal

Lord Mayor Dr Peter Nattrass is calling for donations to help the embattled residents in the Shires of Cranbrook, Plantagenet and Bridgetown. Bushfires have swept through the region leaving many people in need of assistance.

In response, the Lord Mayor has established the **Cranbrook/Plantagenet/Bridgetown Fires Appeal** as part of the *Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund*.

The Lord Mayor is asking people to open their hearts and consider the plight of their neighbours to the south.

"The areas of Cranbrook, Plantagenet and Bridgetown have been ravaged by fire and the people need our help. Any money collected will hopefully make life a little easier for the residents and bring some happiness to their holiday season."

The Fund is working with the local authorities in Cranbrook, Plantagenet and Bridgetown to ensure all donations go to those who are the most needy.

Donations to the appeal can be made at:

- All BankWest branches.
- City of Perth – Council House, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth.
- Or post to Cranbrook/Plantagenet/Bridgetown Fires Appeal,
c/o City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth 6839.

Distribution of funds will be made direct to affected individuals. Applications for assistance can be made to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund, c/o City of Perth, GPO box C120.

Further details can be obtained from the website www.appealswa.org.au or by phoning 9461-3261.