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WOOROLOO BUSHFIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

The Wooroloo Bushfire caused extensive damage to residential properties within the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring in February 2021. Across the local government areas over 10,000 hectares were burnt and 86 properties were destroyed, with many more damaged by the fire. The bushfire had a devastating impact on the community.

Sunday 1 August marked the six-month anniversary of the bushfire and in these last six months a great deal of progress has been made on the road towards recovery. Government agencies at all levels, not-for-profit groups and local volunteers have all come together to deal with the aftermath of the incident and to work together for the sake of the community and its recovery.

While the recovery is locally led, the DFES State Recovery Operations team has been playing an active recovery role and providing significant support to the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring.

Financial assistance is being provided to those affected including personal hardship and distress payments, administered by the Department of Communities under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) and a State Government Bushfire Relief Payment. A Community Recovery Package worth \$18.1 million was also announced under the DRFAWA, which covers:

- a coordinated residential clean-up program, providing safe removal of bushfire damaged waste to enable rebuilding, which has now seen 112 properties cleared (82 per cent of those registered), and 8,010 cubic metres of rubble diverted from landfill and sent for recycling;
- a community recovery and outreach program, including services and initiatives such as a Bushfire Recovery Centre, emotional support services, and community-driven recovery projects; and
- a community recreational asset restoration program, assisting with the clean-up and repair of community and recreational assets (for example, walking trails, footpaths, picnic furniture and toilets).

In addition to this, the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund raised \$16.7 million, 80 per cent of which has now been disbursed directly to those in need.

For more information on the Wooroloo Bushfire Recovery please visit the [intranet page](#) or email wooroloo@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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