



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Hunter, Central Coast, Northern Beaches, Illawarra and South Coast Branches and Clubs
<b>From:</b>	<a href="#">SLSNSW</a>
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<b>Subject:</b>	Disaster Assistance – NSW Severe Weather and Flooding: 27 June 2022 onwards

**This information is current as at 1pm 11/7/22 and is likely to change in coming days. Please check against each payment for which LGA/s are eligible and/or if the payment is suitable for individuals or organisations before applying.**

Following the recent flooding in New South Wales, some disaster assistance has been activated for the following LGAs:

- Bayside
- Blacktown
- Blue Mountains
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Canterbury Bankstown
- Central Coast
- Cessnock
- Dungog
- Fairfield
- Georges River
- Hawkesbury
- Hornsby
- Kiama
- Lake Macquarie
- Lithgow
- Liverpool
- Maitland
- Northern Beaches
- Penrith
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven
- Singleton
- Sutherland
- The Hills
- Upper Lachlan
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly
- Wollongong

## 1. FOR INDIVIDUALS

Individuals may be eligible for one or more of the following payments; please check the eligibility criteria before applying.

### Australian Government Disaster Recovery Allowance

- This allowance is a short-term payment to help you if a disaster directly affects your income.
- Eligible applicants can receive it for a maximum of 13 weeks.
- Claims for this payment may lodged with Services Australia (Centrelink) until **8/1/23**.
- More details can be found at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-disaster-recovery-allowance](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-disaster-recovery-allowance). If you are a New Zealander who has lost income due to the floods, you may be eligible to receive an allowance – details can be found at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-new-zealand-disaster-recovery-allowance](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-new-zealand-disaster-recovery-allowance).

### Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

- This payment provides lump sum payment to eligible Australians adversely affected by the floods. That includes but is not limited to: people who have been seriously injured; people who are an immediate family member of an Australian citizen or resident who died or is missing, and/or where the flood caused major damage to your home or a major asset at your home.
- The rate of this payment is
  - \$1,000 per eligible adult and
  - \$400 per eligible child younger than 16.
- Claims for this payment may lodged with Services Australia (Centrelink) **until 8/1/23**.
- For more information on eligibility, visit the Services Australia (Centrelink) website [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/what-new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment?context=62849](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/what-new-south-wales-floods-july-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment?context=62849) or contact the Australian Government Information Hotline on 180 22 66 for claims assistance.



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### **Centrelink Crisis Payments**

If you have experienced an extreme circumstance and are in severe financial hardship, e.g. you had to leave your home due to natural disaster and your area is not covered by other disaster payments, you may be eligible for a Crisis payment. More details can be found at [www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/crisis-payment](http://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/crisis-payment)

### **NSW Gov Disaster Relief Grant**

- If your home or essential household contents were damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster, you may be eligible for the Disaster Relief Grant for individuals.
- The financial assistance is provided to help people to recover from the effects of a disaster and re-establish a basic standard of living. It is not provided to replace insurance or compensate for losses.
- Eligibility criteria apply. For more information visit [www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw/disaster-relief-grant-for-individuals](http://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw/disaster-relief-grant-for-individuals).

## **2. FOR ORGANISATIONS**

### **Disaster relief and support for sport and recreation clubs**

- A grant (up to \$2,000) and/or a loan (up to \$10,000) may be provided to eligible sport and recreation clubs and associations as a contribution towards clean up, removal of debris and/or restoring essential facilities, equipment or other assets that have been damaged or destroyed by a disaster.
- Sport and recreation clubs and associations in disaster declared LGAs who have incurred costs as a result of the disaster, which are not recoverable through insurance, and who do not have the financial capacity to pay the costs from their own funds or reserves are eligible to apply. Clubs and associations that have sizeable commercial operations or gaming areas are NOT eligible to apply.
- More information is available at [www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support/for-sport-and-recreation-clubs](http://www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support/for-sport-and-recreation-clubs).
- To obtain an application for the grant assistance of up to \$2,000, eligible clubs are to contact NSW Treasury via e-mail on [natural\\_disasters@treasury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natural_disasters@treasury.nsw.gov.au).
- To apply for the loan of up to \$10,000, please visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/disaster-recovery-loans/sporting-and-recreation-clubs](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/disaster-recovery-loans/sporting-and-recreation-clubs).

### **Disaster relief and support for not-for-profit organisations**

- A loan (up to \$25,000) may be provided to eligible not-for-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities, equipment or other assets damaged or destroyed as a direct result of a declared disaster. These funds may also be directed towards temporary storage or leasing of alternate premises.
- Eligibility requirements apply; see [www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support/for-not-for-profit-organisations-and-churches](http://www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support/for-not-for-profit-organisations-and-churches). Organisations that have a sizeable commercial function are NOT eligible to apply.
- To apply for the loan of up to \$10,000, please visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/disaster-recovery-loans/non-profit-organisations](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/disaster-recovery-loans/non-profit-organisations)

**Please note** – the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit are available to provide assistance where possible - please contact one of the following if needed:

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