



Memorandum

To:	Far North Coast Clubs + Members
From:	Christina Voyage, Partnerships Manager, SLSNSW
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Subject:	Disaster recovery assistance for Far North Coast clubs and members

Disaster relief and recovery arrangements have been made available for those in the following LGAs which have been disaster-declared

- Ballina
- Byron
- Kyogle
- Lismore
- Richmond Valley
- Tweed

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CLUBS AND BRANCHES

For those clubs in the LGAs listed in the above Natural Disaster Declarations there are a number of schemes available:

- 1. Natural Disaster Assistance Scheme – Sporting Clubs (grants administered by NSW Treasury)**

Loan amount: Maximum assistance available is \$12,000, including a grant of up to \$2,000 and the balance by way of a repayable advance with interest.

Focus: A special scheme is available to assist sporting clubs in meeting the costs of restoration of essential club facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. The assistance is made available to those clubs which do not have the financial capacity to meet restoration costs from their own resources, but which have the capacity to repay any loan that may be granted.

Contact number: (02) 9228 5062

Link: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/for-the-community/disaster-assistance/natural-disaster-assistance-schemes.html
- 2. Natural Disaster Assistance Scheme – Churches and voluntary non-profit organisations (administered by NSW Rural Assistance Authority)**

Loan amount: Loans up to a maximum of \$25,000 at a concessional interest rates per annum.

Focus: Loan assistance is available to churches and voluntary non-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. Eligible groups will usually perform a service for the community or environment and are funded by grants or donations.

Contact number: 1800 678 593

Link: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/for-the-community/disaster-assistance/natural-disaster-assistance-schemes.html



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS

1. NSW Office of Emergency Management Disaster Relief Grants

Focus: Relief grants to eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster

Eligibility criteria include:

- low-income earner and meet income and assets test;
- demonstrate that affected home is your principle place of residence, and that damage was caused by the disaster; and
- not be covered by insurance.

Closing date: Applications must be lodged within four months of the disaster occurring

Contact number: 1800 018 444

Link: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/for-the-community/disaster-assistance/disaster-assistance-for-individuals/for-individuals.html

2. Federal Government Disaster Recovery Payment

Please note that no current information on NSW floods in on the Department of Human Services website. I would encourage individuals to contact the Department before applying to ensure eligibility.

Focus: The Disaster Recovery Payment is a one-off, non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children who have been adversely affected by a major disaster. Eligibility criteria apply.

Link: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/help-in-an-emergency

3. Federal Government Disaster Recovery Payment – Tweed and Lismore LGAs ONLY

Focus: The Disaster Recovery Payment is a one-off, non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children who have been adversely affected by a major disaster. Eligibility criteria apply.

Link: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/tropical-cyclone-debbie-march-2017

4. Federal Government Disaster Recovery Allowance – Tweed and Lismore LGAs ONLY

Focus: Employees, primary producers or sole traders who can demonstrate that they have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the declared disaster may be eligible for an allowance. Eligibility criteria and conditions apply.

Link: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/tropical-cyclone-debbie-march-2017-disaster-recovery-allowance



Other

While these are not grants or financial assistance, these are other useful services or waivers that individuals affected by the natural disaster may wish to utilise.

1. NSW Births Deaths and Marriages

Focus: Special provisions are made for certificate replacement in cases of declared natural disasters.

Link: www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Documents/PO-02-05-Fee-Waiver-Policy-2014-08.pdf

2. Office of State Revenue

Focus: Motorists whose cars have been written off as a result of a natural disaster may be eligible for a stamp duty refund on their replacement vehicle. Refunds are made where the written off vehicle was comprehensively insured and the insurance does not cover duty for a replacement vehicle.

Link: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/for-the-community/disaster-assistance/natural-disaster-assistance-schemes.html and www.osr.nsw.gov.au/taxes/vehicle/natural-disaster

Please note – if you would like the Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit to assist with drafting and submitting an application or have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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