



RTBU

4 May 2022

RTBU Flood Relief Fund - Closed

We set out to provide financial assistance to RTBU members affected by the recent floods.

Our fund-raising campaign, which has now closed, saw members from across the country generously put their hands in their pockets in order to help out.

To provide a summary:

- We received a total \$14,788 in donations
- Go Fund Me charged \$346.64 in platform fees (incl. tax)
- The balance we had for applicants was **\$14,441.36**

- 15 RTBU members applied to the fund for financial relief
- 14 were granted relief and paid the maximum \$1000
- 1 application was refused as the damage was due to storm and not flood which meant it fell outside the legal criteria necessary to grant relief

- The unused balance of \$441.36 was donated to [Red Cross QLD and NSW Floods Appeal](#). We rounded it up to \$442.

For transparency, please find attached:

- Official documentation provided by Go Fund Me with details on the total amount collected and fees charged;
- Official letter from Giri Sivaraman from Maurice Blackburn Lawyers who was the Independent Chair of the fund confirming the amounts were actually paid to the 14 successful RTBU member applicants;
- Confirmation of the balance donated to the Red Cross.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity, and hope the assistance the fund provided to those in need helped them through this difficult time.

Regards

Mark Diamond
National Secretary

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To Whom it May Concern:

The fundraiser, *RTBU Flood Relief Fund*, started by *Mark Diamond*, raised a total of \$14,788 and received a total of \$14,441.36 after transaction fees.

Here is the breakdown of those fees:

Total Online Raised	\$14,788.00
Total Offline Raised	\$0.00
Total Amount Raised	\$14,788.00
Transaction Fees (2.2% + 0.3)	\$314.94
VAT	\$31.70
Transaction Fees (2.2% + 0.3)	\$0.00

Total Fees	\$346.64
Balance Available	\$14,441.36

Regards,

The GoFundMe Team



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Mark Diamond
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Dear RTBU Members,

RTBU Flood Relief Fund

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers is honoured to have been able to help facilitated the RTBU Flood Relief Fund.

The Panel responsible for considering all applications consisted of:

- Giri Sivaraman (myself as Independent Chair)
- Alexander Claassens (NSW Branch Secretary)
- Peter Allen (QLD Branch Secretary)
- Mark Diamond (National Secretary)

As the Independent Chair, I can confirm that all applications put before the Panel were considered and determined in accordance with the fund rules.

I can also confirm that I have cited evidence of RTBU bank records which show that the 14 successful applicants have had the full \$1,000 in relief paid into their bank accounts.

Yours faithfully

Giri Sivaraman (Enquiries: Rebecca Flowers - 07 3016 0345)
Principal
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Coronavirus Update

Covid 19 guidance for our clients, guests, suppliers and contractors [click here](https://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/about/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations).
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From: Australian Red Cross contactus@redcross.org.au
Subject: Thank you Mark, here's your receipt
Date: 3 May 2022 at 1:59 pm
To: mdiamond@rtbu.org.au



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Dear Mark,

From everyone here at Australian Red Cross,
a huge thank you for your generous
donation today.

You are supporting our work across Australia
and the world saving lives, reducing
suffering and protecting the dignity of
people facing crisis. You're helping make the
world a kinder, more caring and safer place.

Because of people like you we can:

- make daily wellbeing phone calls to
isolated, elderly Australians
- support those at risk of homelessness or
who are escaping violence and war
- be there to help disaster-hit
communities recover

You are supporting the world's largest
humanitarian movement. One that stands for
neutrality, impartiality and independence

neutrality and impartiality and helps those who need us most, regardless of nationality, gender, age, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.

OFFICIAL DONATION RECEIPT DETAILS

*Mark Diamond RTBU National Office
Sydney NSW 2000,
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Date of donation: 03/05/2022

Donation amount: **\$442.00**, Australian Red Cross - Donation

Receipt reference number: ESA0409076

Donations of \$2 and over is tax-deductible

Yours sincerely,
Australian Red Cross

Got a question?

Please contact us by phone on 1800 733 276 or [email us](#)

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