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**Att: Residents and Community Members of McKinlay Shire**

McKinlay Shire Council will be distributing financial assistance cards to the community from funds received under the Disaster Recovery Funding arrangements (DRFA) – CAT 'D' Funding in relation to the 2019 Monsoon Flood Event.

It is important to understand that this funding is specific to our major flooding event on 27 February 2019. Council is making these financial assistance cards available to all residents (over the age of 18) in the McKinlay Shire as well as contractors/workers (over the age of 18) who were working or living within the Shire boundaries during the dates of December 2018 to May 2019. Documentation proving residency will be required when submitting the application.

Applications are open as of today 25/06/2020 and card will be available for collection from the 22nd of July 2020. Cards are to be utilised by the 31st December 2020.

Each card will be pre loaded with \$250.00 to be used at local businesses that are registered with the program. List of participating businesses will be available shortly.

To receive a card, a simple application process will need to be completed. Applications will be made available on Councils website [www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au) from the 29th June 2020. For those who are unable to access online applications, hardcopy forms can be collected from the McKinlay Shire Council Office.

**Guidelines:**

The Community Flood Assistance Program - Disaster Recovery Funding arrangements (DRFA) – CAT 'D' Funding is being distributed by the McKinlay Shire Council.

- Cards are available for all residents and contractors/workers within the McKinlay Shire over the age of 18 who had been working within the shire prior to 27th of February 2019 to the value of \$250.00 each.
- Cards can only be utilised in business houses within the McKinlay Shire who have registered for the program.
- Cards will expire 31/12/2020.
- Applications can be completed online and once received will be registered and cards will be ready for collection from the McKinlay Shire Office.
- Only one card is available per person.
- Identification required for all applicants.
- If not a resident, proof of working within the shire is required.
- Direct applicants through the McKinlay Shire Office can not collect a card on behalf of anyone else other than themselves.
- Cards can not be exchanged for cash.
- Total limited funds are available – cards will be distributed on a first in best dressed basis
- Lost cards must be reported immediately for replacement.
- Cards will only be replaced for unused value of lost card.
- A register of all cards will be kept private and confidential.
- McKinlay Shire Council is not responsible for any losses due to lost or stolen cards.
- A list of registered business houses will be available on the Council website [www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au)

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