

**MM-1                    MAYORAL MINUTE - SES AND TOUCHED BY OLIVIA'S  
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

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**REPORT**

I ask Council to join me in welcoming two very special organisations that provide an incredible service to not only our community, but the greater community at large.

Tonight, we have representatives from both Canada Bay SES and the Touched by Olivia Foundation joining us, including:

- David Johnsun, Amanda Wiley, Derek Ainscough and Eun-Kyong Ok from Canada Bay SES;
- John & Justine Perkins and Rebecca Ho from Touched by Olivia

Canada Bay SES

With approximately 30 volunteers, Canada Bay SES responded to 143 local requests for assistance in 2015 and provided assistance to both Randwick and Kurnell following the December 2015 tornado.

Our local SES unit also provides training for other SES units including Strathfield and Auburn and provide assistance for our large community events in Ferragosto and Concord Carnival.

Touched by Olivia Foundation

We have been involved with the Touched by Olivia Foundation since its 2007 inception, with our community the first in Australia to have a wonderful all abilities and inclusive playspace at Livvi's Place in Timbrell Park.

The Foundation has only grown, with these special playspaces now in over 40 communities around Australia, with many more scheduled for the coming years.

Council also partnered with the Foundation for the first Livvi's Place Café, a social enterprise café that offers inclusive employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

We are proud to support these important community organisations and I ask Council to join me in congratulating and thanking both these incredible organisations for all the hard work and dedication they bring to our community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council note the report.