

MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - STORM CLEAN UP

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

As Council would be aware, Sydney was hit by freak storms last Friday, 17 February and over the weekend.

The City of Canada Bay was impacted with flash flooding and downed trees, with Council's Tree Services receiving over 80 jobs related to trees following the storm. The worst hit area was a swathe from Lysaght Park through Russell Lea, Wareemba, Abbotsford and down to Henley Marine Drive.

The clean-up is ongoing and has involved Council engaging contractors with cherry pickers and staff working across the weekend, cleaning footpaths, removing dangerous trees and debris from roads and footpaths.

To assist our residents further, Council will clear downed trees that residents have placed outside their properties at no cost.

It is anticipated that the clean-up will last at least a week and will cost Council in excess of \$100,000.

Canada Bay SES received over 130 calls for assistance from residents on Friday afternoon. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful local SES team, whose assistance mitigated the impact of this storm event on our community.

I ask Council to join me in thanking Canada Bay SES and Council staff for their hard-work and dedication following this storm event.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council note the report

2. THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$100,000 for the emergency work and subsequent clean-up following the recent storms