

MM-3 MAYORAL MINUTE - STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (SES)

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REPORT

Council relies on many voluntary organisations to assist us in delivering services to our community. Tonight, I would like to recognise the Canada Bay State Emergency Services (SES).

The SES has a state controlling body under the Ministry of Police and Emergency Services and each local SES is staffed by volunteers. Under the State Emergency Management arrangements, the SES is the agency responsible for dealing with flood, storm and Tsunami events.

Over the past 12 months, the Canada Bay SES, led by David Johnsun and Bill Hoyle has received 132 requests for assistance within Canada Bay. As well as this, the volunteers attend 1-2 training sessions per week and are often called to assist with major events outside Canada Bay such as bushfire and flood. In addition, they assist with Council events and their own fundraising.

The State SES has recently taken over the major SES budgets for vehicles, utilities and supplies. However, there are always hidden administrative costs involved with running such an organisation.

It is my suggestion that as part of Council's budget, we allocate funds of up to \$10,000 in recognition of the valuable community work provided by the Canada Bay SES.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council congratulate the Canada Bay SES and their volunteer work to support our community.
2. THAT Council consider allocating \$10,000 per year for expenses in running this volunteer group.