

Mayoral Minute

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - RECENT FLOODING
FROM: The Mayor
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The past few weeks have been absolutely devastating, as our community and communities across NSW, once again battle severe weather and catastrophic floods.

Watching our beautiful Camden flood again, for the fourth time this year, has just been heart breaking, with many more properties and businesses impacted this time round.

Over the last couple weeks, I have been speaking with impacted businesses and residents. Hearing their stories of fear, disbelief and frustration has been so difficult, especially for the ones who have only just rebuilt or re-opened from the last round of floods.

We've had Council staff working around the clock to manage road and bridge closures, clear debris, repair our roads and keep our community informed. I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to the Council teams who have once again gone over and above to do what they can to support our community.

I am also extremely proud that Council was able to once again, so quickly, establish a flood relief information pop-up in Camden, with representatives from Resilience NSW, Service NSW, Australian Red Cross, National Recovery & Resilience Agency, Services Australia and NSW Health in attendance to assist our impacted local businesses and residents.

We're now in the recovery phase. We're assessing the damage, cleaning and working to have all the damage rectified as soon as possible and doing whatever we can to assist our community.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank immensely the SES, Rural Fire Service, Australian Defence Force, Police and Resilience NSW for their ongoing support and assistance. We honestly couldn't do it without you. Unfortunately, as a community we are becoming well versed in responding to such disasters, but it doesn't make it any easier each time.

This is a very tough time for many local businesses and residents. I encourage everyone to stick together, shop and dine locally and support our local businesses.

To our residents and businesses impacted by the floods, please know we are all here for you. The resilience and strength you continue to display is inspiring and I know as a community we will rebuild and come out of this even stronger.

RECOMMENDED

That this information be noted.