

City of Marion answers calls for help in storm aftermath

The City of Marion's Emergency Management Team responded to 60 calls for assistance from residents and emergency services in the aftermath of last Saturday's severe storm.

Their work ranged from removing debris and making safe areas around fallen trees and branches, blocking off streets and footpaths impacted by damaged powerlines, sandbagging areas to reduce the impact of stormwater flooding and assisting residents with damaged property.

The team also responded to property damage and security-related issues at facilities across the Council. Additional staff were called in for support.

The Bureau of Meteorology recorded more than 423,000 lightning strikes and wind gusts of up to 106km/h across the State, with the southern suburbs and Adelaide Hills among the hardest hit when the storm swept through late Saturday afternoon.

Power outages initially affected more than 163,000 SA Power Network customers, with around 10,000 residences and businesses still without electricity on Tuesday morning.

The City of Marion has also helped residents impacted by extended power outages, encouraging the community to visit its libraries and neighbourhood centres to charge digital devices and access free wi-fi.

Council's Open Space operations team have responded to over 200 tree-related customer events in 24hrs and is continuing to work hard to remove fallen branches and other storm-related debris.

The community can report storm damage issues via our My Marion customer portal www.my.marion.sa.gov.au

If the hazard relates to powerlines, please contact SA Power Networks on 13 13 66.

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