

Thursday 19 April 2012

EASTWOOD FLASH FLOOD

Over a dozen shops and businesses in the Eastwood CBD were flooded on Wednesday afternoon, 18 April 2012, following a very heavy downpour in the Terry's Creek catchment.

City of Ryde Group Manager Public Works, Terry Dodds, said: "Though this storm event was intense, the flooding was caused by the obstruction of the drainage channel by a pedestrian bridge washed downstream from the Parramatta LGA catchment along the Hillview Lane stormwater canal.

"The water subsided quickly and rapid-response Council crews undertook emergency works to remove the obstruction and carry out an extensive mop up operation.

"Council's ongoing flood mitigation works has seen extensive infrastructure upgrade carried out in and around Eastwood in recent times, including the installation of debris control barriers in Hillview Lane."

Flooding also occurred in a number of other locations within the Eastwood area and these were also addressed by Council emergency crews.

The improvement of existing flood mitigation works and the construction of new works is a never ending and continuous process and will remain so as population densities increase along with the degree of difficulty to mitigate risk.

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