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NORTH SYDNEY SES OUT ON WINDY SUNDAY

As the temperatures seared the wind also swept across the Harbourside on Sunday and the North Sydney SES was out with a team of volunteers supporting local residents.

A tree came down on Walker St, North Sydney and was easily cleared. A large tree at a block of flats on Carabella Street, Kirribilli also snapped clean across in the strong winds. The larger part of the tree landed on the fence between two blocks of flats and narrowly missed a car parked underneath. The owner of the car was away at the time, but the team from North Sydney SES managed to support the tree, pull it away from the car and then cut it up to ensure it was safe for local residents and vehicles.

“The conditions were extreme on Sunday and it shows the importance of being careful not to park under trees during storms and high winds,” said Stephen X, North Sydney SES. “The car owner was away at the time and was very lucky that there wasn’t any damage – in fact not a scratch on the car which was literally inches away from the fallen tree.”

The team also attended to a resident in Artarmon who had a window blow out from their 3rd story apartment. The SES volunteers secured the window to ensure the home was protected until repairs could be arranged.

For more information on staying safe in storms and floods, ring the SES on 1 800 201 000 or visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au.

For emergency assistance during a storm or flood call the SES on 132 500.’

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