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Pederick promises Pinnaroo support if needed

Following his unscheduled visit to storm-ravaged Pinnaroo last Thursday, local MP Adrian Pederick has asked local authorities to keep him posted on their assessment of the damage.

He said the combination of high winds and heavy rain, which struck without warning on Wednesday afternoon, has caused havoc with both private and public buildings. Several houses suffered damage to their rooves and gutters and one or two may be beyond repair.

Several inches of water flooded through part of the local hospital and a grain silo suffered some damage.

Around the town in paddocks, parks and private gardens, scores of trees were either uprooted or laid over by the force of the wind.

Mr Pederick praised the rapid response of council, emergency services and local farmers who quickly cleared large amounts of debris blocking roads, paths and driveways.

He has asked Southern Mallee District Council CEO Rod Ralph to keep him informed following council's thorough assessment of the damage and promised to lobby the government for any assistance seen to be required.

Mr Pederick said, with the memory of a rogue storm at Karoonda still fresh in the minds of many in the region, he understood insurance assessors were on their way with a view to hastening the process and minimising the discomfort and distress of residents who had suffered loss.

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