

# Machinery sales surge as regions brace for flood clean up

Heavy machinery and equipment companies have been inundated with demand to rent or buy equipment to help with the clean up after a spate of wild weather along the eastern seaboard since Christmas.

With parts of north Queensland and NSW already experiencing 'cyclone like' conditions and predictions of more severe weather to come, Australia's largest portal to buy, sell or hire machinery, Machines4U.com.au, is predicting demand will increase even further in the coming weeks.

Machines4U.com.au CEO Steve Krebs said a recent surge in demand for equipment to help people deal with the damage caused by wild weather looked set to continue.

"We've seen a big upswing in enquiries on wood chippers and similar machines. We've also been flooded with enquiries for tilt trucks and backhoes—equipment commonly used for storm clean up.

"We noticed interest in storm response equipment first started when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast more cyclones than usual this year due to La Nina but with the recent cyclone and storm activity across the eastern seaboard, we've been blown away by demand," Mr Krebs said.

"Councils and Emergency Services Response Units are keen not to be caught short handed, but we've also noticed private operators purchasing and hiring equipment for summer."

Mr Krebs said caravan and holiday parks, hotels and resorts, large farms and mines were also enquiring on clean up equipment, to facilitate a quick clean up if predicted cyclones and storms do hit over summer.

"Almost half of all buyers enquire or search for machinery and equipment after hours, with the Machines4U website attracting more than 5 million users a year."

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