

Media Release

Blue Mountains Unit

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Large Hail Causes Significant Damage

On Thursday evening, the Blue Mountains received the full impact of a summer-type storm with the SES responding to 30 calls for assistance mainly in the Springwood and Faulconbridge area.

Significant damage was caused by large hail stones with reports of hail up to 10cms wide. The SES reported that there was hardly any wind and there were no reports of any tree damage at all.

“The majority of the damage was to skylights” stated John Hughes, Local Controller for the Blue Mountains SES.

“Some of the skylights were completely shredded by the hail showing the incredible force of the storm”

The SES responded three local rescue teams and a team from Strathfield assisted until the early hours of the morning.

“It was very frightening for a lot of residents and many just need advice and reassurance” Mr Hughes continued.

“Home owners need to check their house insurance is up to date and contact their insurer as soon as possible to get the repairs underway”.

Whilst SES volunteers are trained to make property safe and secure, the SES advised residents that they still need to arrange repairs as soon as possible.

If any members of the public require assistance during storms, the SES can be contacted on 132500 at any time.

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