

Media Release

Blue Mountains Unit

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SES Month Ends With No Storms

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers had just experienced the entire month of May where they were not required to respond to any storm incidents. This is the first month in almost ten years where the SES trucks had not headed out to any emergencies.

“The mild weather experienced on the Central Tablelands throughout April and May has had little rain or wind,” stated SES Local Controller John Hughes

“However our members have still been busy with training and other community events across the Mountains during that time” Mr Hughes continued.

SES volunteers provided escort duties for the official walking party of the Blue Wave Bicentennial celebrations over the last three weeks, along with their colleagues at the Rural Fire Service and NSW Police.

Whilst the SES volunteered almost 500 hours for the Blue Wave event, they also spent over 1000 hours in training at both their bases at Faulconbridge and Katoomba.

“Being in between the summer and winter storm seasons, this time of year is ideal to complete very important training to keep is ready to respond to any incident” Mr Hughes continued.

“Our members have been training in storm damage, communications, advanced first aid, map reading as well as search and rescue training with the Police Rescue Squad” stated Mr Hughes.

As soon as winter started on the 1st June, rain and wind was experienced across the Mountains breaking the SES storm drought. Two SES teams were responded to a tree on a house at Mt Riverview on Sunday afternoon as other SES Units across Sydney responded to 130 calls for assistance on the same day.

The NSW SES wish to remind residents if they need assistance during storms to contact 132500 anytime.

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PHOTO: SES Volunteers remove a tree from a house at Mt Riverview on Sunday. Photo by Sue Thomson

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