

Media Release

Blue Mountains Unit

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Extensive Rain Continues to Cause Damage

Rain has continued to cause damage to properties as 50mm of rain was recorded in the Upper Mountains over the weekend.

The State Emergency Service (SES) received 33 calls for assistance since Friday morning, the majority of which were for leaking roofs and fallen trees.

Winds from the east peaked almost 50km/h on Friday and Saturday evening which caused a number of trees to fall onto properties and roads. The RMS and RFS assisted the SES in clearing roads that had been blocked, including a tree blocking part of the Highway at the bottom of Boddington Hill.

The majority of calls to the SES on the weekend were from the Upper Mountains where the rain and wind had the greatest impact.

Whilst the rain and wind has struck the mountains, SES volunteers remain on standby this week as the Hawkesbury Nepean River system experienced minor flooding closing Springwood Road at Yarramundi on Friday night.

The SES would remind residents that if they require emergency assistance during storms to contact the SES on 132500. Life threatening emergency should be reported to 000.

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