

## Media Release

Blue Mountains Unit

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### Heavy Rain Affects Blue Mountains

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers responded to a total of 9 calls for assistance across the Blue Mountains in the last week of June as the region received 202mm of rain in a 5 day period.

The last call of the week-long operation required SES volunteers to remove a tree that was threatening a house in Blaxland late on Sunday afternoon.

“Whilst we had a lot of rain, the lack of wind was a blessing”, stated John Hughes, Local Controller for the NSW SES.

“Winds did gust to 52km/h at Mount Boyce but no damage was reported during the week” Mr Hughes stated.

Along with the local calls for assistance received, two SES teams were called to the Windsor area to assist with potential flooding operations on Thursday morning. Flooding was a threat to the Nepean-Hawkesbury River system as Warragamba Dam continued to spill excess water since Monday closing down Springwood Road at Yarramundi.

A further 30 Blue Mountains SES volunteers were placed on standby across the week for flood and storm operations in Western Sydney but were not required as the weather slowly eased into the weekend.

The SES wish to remind residents that they should maintain their property for storms throughout the year.

“Leaking roofs are almost impossible to find and fix during heavy rain” stated Mr Hughes

“The majority of leaking roofs are from poor maintenance such as blocked gutters and downpipes and we cannot risk sending SES volunteers onto dangerous roofs during bad weather” Mr Hughes concluded.

The SES is willing to give advice at any time about preparing or responding to storm damage incidents. If you require assistance, contact the SES on 132-500.

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