

Media Release



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Heavy Rain Down Pour Causes Damage

The State Emergency Service has received more than 50 calls for assistance due to damage caused by the recent heavy rain storm that swept across the lower Blue Mountains last week.

“We received the majority of calls from the Mount Riverview and Blaxland area” stated Costa Zakis, Controller for the State Emergency Service.

“A large volume of calls was for hail damage to roofs where a number of skylights were smashed with the hail stones” Mr Zakis continued.

“As well as water entering homes, we also received a number of calls for trees that had fallen as the ground become very soft with the rain.”

It was reported that the area received some 45mm of rain within a 1 hour period on 16th December. The SES has been advised that further storms similar to this maybe expected with the weather pattern over the rest of the summer months.

The SES responded seven teams into the field and had the majority of calls attended to by the end of the day. SES volunteers from Bankstown, Fairfield and Kogarah responded from Kogarah to assist the Blue Mountains Unit to attend to all the calls quickly.

“People are reminded that we are there to help as much as we can,” Mr Zakis continued

“But residents should always be vigilant in ensuring their gutters are always kept clear of leaves and that dangerous trees around the house are made safe”

The SES is the combat agency for storms in NSW, so if residents wish to seek further advice, they can contact the SES at anytime on 132500 or download advice on making your property safe at their website: www.bluemts.com.au/ses.

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