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Local SES Helps Flood Affected Communities

The Blue Mountains State Emergency Service (SES) has deployed a team to assist the victims of the Queensland Flood this week. The team of three joined a Task Force of 50 NSW SES volunteers that will be working in the devastated areas of Brisbane.

"We had a number of members who volunteers to head to Queensland" stated Costa Zakis, Controller for the Blue Mountains SES.

"With state-wide coordination, we were only required to supply three members for this operation and we are also assisting with flood operations in western NSW" Mr Zakis continued.

The Blue Mountains Unit has also deployed a team member as part of the Incident Management Team to Bourke this week to assist in the management of the flood operations. The SES is expecting flood operations in western NSW to continue for some months the flood waters from Queensland can take a number of weeks to flow through the Murray-Darling River System.

On a separate incident, eight search team members from the Blue Mountains SES Unit responded to a search for a missing 12 year old girl in the Maroota north of Windsor on Sunday 16th January. The Blue Mountains members were supported by a number of fellow SES and Police Officers across Sydney in the search operations.

"The mild weather within the Blue Mountains area has helped," stated Mr Zakis. "This has allowed our volunteers to respond to incidents outside of the region in areas that need our help"

The Blue Mountains SES will be having a recruitment evening for members of the community that wish to join their Rescue Section at Katoomba on the 2nd February. Those that are interested in joining the Unit can attend that day at the Emergency Services Centre at Katoomba at 7.30pm. For further information, contact the SES Duty Officer on 4782-3200.

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