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August Winds Have Made Their Damage

To the volunteers of the State Emergency Service (SES), August is well known in the Blue Mountains as the windy month and this year it has been no different.

Since the 1st August, the SES has responded to 22 calls for assistance across the Mountains as westerly winds peaked almost 108km/h in Katoomba.

“Most calls were for fallen trees on roads and properties” stated John Hughes, Deputy Controller for the Blue Mountains SES.

“One call in Cascade Street Katoomba was when a tree that had gone through the power lines and onto the roof of a house” Mr Hughes continued.

“By using a combined emergency response, we had the NSW Fire Brigade ensure the property was safe, Integral Energy isolated the electricity then SES volunteers removed the large tree and made temporary repairs to the property.” Mr Hughes stated.

RFS volunteers also assisted the SES by responding to trees that had fallen and blocked Megalong Road and a call to a house in Mt Wilson that had flooded due to a water pipe break.

Whilst the Blue Mountains is prone to strong winds, householders are advised by the SES to make their properties safe by removing branches that may threaten the house, and secure outdoor items such as toys and garden tools when they are not in use.

The SES is the combat agency for storm and flood operations in NSW and if residents require assistance during a storm, contact the SES on 132500 at anytime. The SES also has tips on making your property safe at their website: www.bluemts.com.au/ses.

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