

Media Release



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Winds Hit Mountains

Just as the volunteers of the State Emergency Service (SES) were cleaning up from storm operations in the August winds, the Blue Mountains was once again hit by gale force storms last Sunday.

“We commenced receiving calls for assistance from 1230 am on Sunday morning” stated Costa Zakis, Controller for the Blue Mountains SES .

The SES responded crews to a total of 32 calls for assistance in a 24 hour period from Blackheath to Blaxland as winds at Katoomba peaked at 98km/h in the early hours of Sunday morning and remained gusty across the Blue Mountains until Sunday evening.

“We ask that residents are to take responsibility when they have prior knowledge of a tree maybe rotten or a roof that maybe damaged for some time and not wait for a windstorm” Mr Zakis stated.

“Some jobs like these are very risky for volunteers to try and make safe when the winds are gusting at almost 100km/h”, Mr Zakis continued.

“Householders must maintain the condition of their properties which may require you to speak to council about the removal of dangerous trees before they become problematic in bad weather.”

The 18 SES volunteers were assisted with crews from the NSW Fire Brigade to quickly clear and make safe damage caused from the windstorm by Sunday night.

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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