

# Media Release



## Blue Mountains

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## Strong Winds Cause Damage

The Blue Mountains State Emergency Service (SES) responded to 39 calls for assistance as strong winds lashed the Blue Mountains over the last week.

Westerly winds peaked at 98km/h at Mt Boyce during the storm that affected many parts of the State. This was evident with the Blue Mountains left in a coat of dust from the large dust storm blowing in from Central Australia.

“Whilst the dust storm gave a very eerie effect in the morning sky on Wednesday, the SES did not receive any calls that were direct results of the dust” stated Costa Zakis, Controller for the Blue Mountains SES.

“Our volunteers did respond to mainly trees down and roof damage from Blackheath to Blaxland over a two day period with most damage reported in Wentworth Falls and Springwood” Mr Zakis continued.

The SES does forecast strong winds at this time of the year until December.

“This is a good time to remind residents to keep your yard and balcony free from clutter, trim any overhanging branches, clean your gutters, downpipes and stormwater drains” Mr Zakis stated.

*The worst in nature  
the best in us*

Further information on preparing for storms can be found at the Blue Mountains SES web site at [www.bluemts.com.au/ses/](http://www.bluemts.com.au/ses/)

If any resident requires emergency assistance during storms, they can contact the SES on 132500 at anytime.

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