

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**19 January 2026**

### **Northern Beaches Flooding: Thank you to our SES volunteers**

Over the weekend, parts of Sydney experienced dangerous and unprecedented flash flooding, with severe impacts felt across the Northern Beaches.

Record-breaking rainfall led to a landslide at Mackerel Beach, evacuations around Narrabeen Lake, and Terrey Hills recording its wettest day on record for any month.

Many families are now assessing damage to their homes and beginning what will be a long recovery process. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries reported.

Throughout the event, SES volunteers worked tirelessly in extreme conditions - responding through the night, checking properties, assisting evacuations and keeping people safe.

Their calm, professionalism and dedication in the face of dangerous conditions made a critical difference.

Our community is deeply grateful to every SES volunteer who stepped up. The SES is always looking for locals to get involved, and our community needs you.

Thank you on behalf of our entire community.

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