

SES Hastings

Serving the **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**: from Baxter to Mt Martha, from Mornington to Shoreham *Also supporting French Island*

September 2022

SES Emergency Number: 132 500

PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED

What steps can we take to minimise threats from storms, flooding, landslides and other natural or unexpected situations? There are some recurring themes that emerge as SES volunteers respond to requests for assistance from the community. Some of these may help inform us how best to prepare for, and cope during, emergency situations.

Cleaning gutters regularly: we sometimes talk with homeowners who've had water damage to their ceiling even though, "We've just cleaned the gutters". On investigation it becomes clear that the gutters are full of leaf litter from overhanging trees which suggests that the cleaning schedule is not regular enough.

Securing loose items: a family's gazebo flew from one end of their garden to the other in a storm. Fortunately, there were no injuries and no damage to property (apart from the gazebo). This is also common with trampolines. Consider securing larger outdoor items that might be dislodged by strong winds.



Knowing where the water main tap is: a pipe under a sink may burst, tap washers may deteriorate, an appliance connection may fail and you will see water flowing where it shouldn't. There'll be minimal damage if you are able to quickly turn off the tap at the water main. Do you know where it is for your property?



Check the trees on and near your property: are there any dead limbs or dead trees? Is there a risk of damage to your home or obstruction of access to your property posed by trees or branches threatening to fall? You can communicate with the Council concerning dead trees or limbs that are on Council land. Trees on your property are your responsibility. Contact an arborist if you have concerns. Be mindful of where you park your car in windy weather.

Check out SES Hastings on Facebook

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RESPONSE INFORMATION

Last financial year Hastings Unit responded to 887 requests for assistance (9199 volunteer hours – not counting hours spent on training, maintenance & management). Over the past 3 months we've responded in:

Balnarring
Baxter
Bittern
Crib Point
Hastings
Merricks North
Mornington
Mt Martha
Pt Leo
Red Hill South
Somers
Somerville
Tuerong
Tyabb

and four requests from nearby SES Units to assist in searches near Flinders, Pearcedale, Frankston South & Springvale.



People are often surprised to learn everyone in our local SES Unit volunteers their time and skills. They're willing to go out at all hours to assist people in emergency situations, clearing roads & properties of obstructive fallen trees, assisting with flooding, landslides, searches, building damage caused by vehicles, storms or other reasons.

Members have also participated in various events providing information around how Hastings SES supports the community and what it entails to be a member of the State Emergency Service. These have included visits to Rotary, Probus and Scout groups. Use the email address below to inquire about a visit, if you think it could help your community group. If you have a particular topic you would like to discuss please include it in the email to us. hastings@ses.vic.gov.au

REMEMBER: slow to 40 km/h when passing stationary emergency vehicles with flashing lights



Fund-raising & grant applications

are essential to the survival of local SES Units. For safe & up-to-date equipment there must be a replacement schedule which includes the rescue vehicles & essential items large and small. Most of what you see in the vehicles and in LHQ at Frankston-Flinders Rd, Hastings is paid for by grants, support from local business and fund-raising.

One way you can support the Unit is through the Ritchies IGA Community Benefits scheme. If you have a card please consider including SES as a group that receives a benefit from your shopping. More information on Ritchies website.

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Fund-raising BBQ in July at Crib Point Community Market



Clearing a tree down in Moorooduc

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