

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Dust off the Brollies: Wet Weather Ahead!

The NSW SES is encouraging all Northern Rivers residents to get ready for the possibility of heavy rainfall, storms and dangerous surf starting Sunday and extending through to early next week.

The Bureau of Meteorology are predicting heavy rain and thunderstorms across the Northern Rivers bringing heavy rainfall to localised areas with flash flooding possible. There is a chance that some rivers may get to a minor flood level, especially with Spring tides forecast for early next week.

With the possibility of wet weather on the way, NSW SES Deputy Zone Commander Mark Somers urges residents to prepare their homes. “Bring in or secure any outdoor items in the yard or on the balcony, check your gutters are clear and your roof is in good condition, trim any overhanging branches and take care when travelling in poor weather conditions.”

Mr Somers added, “The Northern Rivers has experienced drier conditions over the past 12 months and this rain event will be a welcome relief to many.”

“NSW SES urges residents and visitors to take care when driving in wet weather on the local roads and especially if you are driving in upper catchment areas where low lying causeways overflow and are dangerous to cross when flooded.”

“It’s important that drivers slow down as roads may have trees, branches and debris covering them.”

NSW SES reminds people to never drive, ride or walk through floodwater as this is the main cause of death during floods.

The NSW SES and Bureau of Meteorology are continuing to monitor the weather system closely.

Stay alert this week, listen to any updates and advice and monitor the Bureau of Meteorology website on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) .

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