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North Sydney and Mosman SES join forces for Landsearch weekend

Residents of North Sydney and McMahons Point could be forgiven for thinking there was a major search and rescue exercise taking place on the weekend, when 19 volunteers from North Sydney and Mosman SES took part in a special Landsearch course.

The course was run by North Sydney SES and saw volunteers from the two Units trained in a range of search techniques, including missing person, forensic and urban searches.

Exercises were carried out around the streets of North Sydney, in the grassland at Lavender Bay, through the bush at X Park and even involved a missing person search at Luna Park – creating a bit of interest for the weekend fairground crowd.

“Landsearch is an essential skill for many of our SES volunteers, as we take the primary role in supporting the police for missing person and forensic searches,” said Cheryl Hambly, X North Sydney SES. “It was great to see the two units come together for this course and this created a realistic situation, as teams from various Units would join forces in a real life scenario.”

“And we now have an additional 19 volunteers in the local area fully qualified to undertake these types of searches.”

SES volunteers are trained in a range of skills from general rescue, operations and radio control, to storm damage, flood boat rescue and landsearch. If you require assistance during a flood or storm contact the SES on 132 500.

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