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North Sydney SES raises awareness at Crows News Fair

North Sydney State Emergency Services (SES) joined thousands of people at the annual Crows Nest Fair on Sunday (15 October) and took the opportunity to set up a special display and share some important storm safety messages with the local community.

The team passed on hundreds of brochures with some key storm safety tips, as well as copies of a special SES storybook for the children. Aptly titled, "The Storm", the children's book tells the story of a young boy who helps his family during and after a storm, after he remembered the tips told by the local SES volunteers during a presentation to his class.

"The Crows Nest Fair was a great opportunity for us to speak with families and the wider community about the need to be 'storm aware' and ensure we all prepare our homes for bad weather," said Belinda Jenkins, Training Officer, North Sydney SES.

"As the weather swings from 35 degrees one day to southerly breezes and rain the next, it's a timely reminder that we are well into what's likely to be a big storm season."

There are six key ways everyone can protect their family and property during storms:

- Clean gutters and downpipes regularly
- Make sure your roof is in good repair
- Keep the garden free from clutter
- Trim overhanging branches
- Prepare and assemble an emergency kit
- Listen to the local radio station when storm warnings are broadcast

For information on staying safe in storms and floods, ring the SES on 1 800 201 000 or visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au. If you require assistance during a flood or storm contact the SES on 132 500.

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