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NORTH SYDNEY SES TAKES ON RAZORBACKS AND TERRIGAL

North Sydney SES have taken to the top of two tall buildings as part of the celebrations for SES Week (which runs from Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 November). On Tuesday 14 November, a team of SES volunteers from North Sydney, Mosman, Ryde and Gosford Units set up a spectacle to surprise early morning risers – as they went abseiling down the side of Fox Sports Studios in Pyrmont with two players from the Razorbacks NBL team.

The team set up an abseiling system and took the players through their paces – this time down the facade of a 20m high building rather than on a basketball court. The players were filmed for a special segment to be aired on Fox Sports as they mastered their new vertical climbing skills.

“It was an amazing opportunity to not only celebrate SES week, but really showcase our skills and meet the players, other volunteers and members of the community,” said Cheryl Hambly, Deputy Controller, North Sydney SES. “SES Week is all about sharing our work with local residents and community groups. The exercise with the Razorbacks was a fantastic experience for all and showed the diversity of our volunteer work – which focuses on providing support during floods and storms, as well as training for a variety of rescue scenarios (including rescues from heights and depths).”

Another team from North Sydney SES also scaled new heights in Terrigal on the weekend as they joined Gosford SES for a special abseiling event down the side of the 9-storey (50m high) Crowne Plaza Hotel. It not only provided an amazing scene for beachgoers on the day, but also raised valuable awareness for the work of the SES volunteers.

“We were excited to be part of such a special event,” said Vlad Kotlyar, Team Leader, North Sydney SES. “It provided us with another valuable abseiling experience in the lead up to the Razorbacks filming at Fox Sports Studios. We all got so much out of it and really enjoyed the opportunity to share it with the local community.”

The SES responds to floods and storms. SES recruits are highly trained professional volunteers. For emergency assistance during a storm or flood call the SES on 132 500.

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