

State Emergency Service

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Eight SES teams to compete at this year's State Rescue Challenge at Brukunga

Eight State Emergency Service (SES) teams from across the state will compete in this year's State Rescue Challenge which is being held this coming weekend at Brukunga.

The biennial challenge, which is being staged at the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) State Training Centre on Pyrites Road, Brukunga in the Adelaide Hills, will test the eight teams in a range of emergency scenarios, including general rescue, storm and flood damage.

Competing at the challenge will be SES teams from Mount Barker, Prospect, Eastern Suburbs, Tea Tree Gully, Campbelltown and Yankalilla units. There will also be two composite teams from Yorke and Mid North districts and Edinburgh-Tea Tree Gully units.

The public are invited to attend the event between 10.45am and 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm on Saturday, 16 May and from 10.45am to 1pm on Sunday, 17 May. Solid, enclosed footwear must be worn.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said the teams would be judged on their overall approach, skills and safety.

"They will be working under demanding and quite stressful conditions so good leadership, teamwork and communication is important," Mr Beattie said.

"There are also strong learning and competitive elements to the challenge with teams keen to do their very best and perhaps beat Tea Tree Gully who are the reigning South Australian champions," he added.

Tea Tree Gully SES Unit has a formidable record in the event, winning each State Rescue Challenge since 1992. It has also gone on to win the National Disaster Rescue Challenge three times in 1994, 2001 and 2011.

Mr Beattie said the eight teams had been training hard in recent months to hone their skills.

"Competing in the challenge does involve a lot of extra training hours with some of our teams training up to four nights a week," Mr Beattie said.

The winning team from this year's State Rescue Challenge will travel to Canberra in September to represent South Australia in this year's National Disaster Rescue Challenge.

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