

# SES sends out an SOS

**The State Emergency Service is facing a critical shortage of members in the western suburbs.**

Northshore SES deputy local manager Nick Elliott said that despite the winter storm season coming to an end, more volunteers were desperately needed to meet demands.

The unit covers Nedlands, Claremont, Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove, Mosman Park, Subiaco, Cambridge, Vincent and Perth.

"We are suffering, just like many other volunteer organisations, with member numbers at a critical low," Mr Elliott said.

"We have about 25 people on our list. However, only about 10 or 11 of these are available for call-outs at this current time.

"We are very keen to hear from

anyone who would like to join our team."

Northshore SES responded to three call-outs during recent wind storms.

They removed a fallen tree trunk from a car in Mann Street, Cottesloe, secured a glass screen on an upper-storey balcony in the city and removed a tree that had fallen on a house in Lovegrove Close, Mt Claremont.

Mr Elliott said the tree caused minor damage to the gutter and roof tiles.

Northshore volunteers are trained in rescue first-aid, land and air search, cliff rescue, storm damage techniques, flood relief operations, earthquake operations, evacuation and car versus building.

They also help with public

events such as the Christmas Pageant, Opera in the Park, John Hughes Big Walk and Australia Day celebrations.

Mr Elliott said the unit held new member tours and introductions on the first Wednesday of each month.

"If you would like to know more, want to make a real contribution to the local community and are willing and able to offer a few hours every week to becoming a trained member, then we would love to hear from you," he said.

People interested in joining the SES can contact the Northshore unit on 9444 9440 or visit the website at [www.geocities.com/northshoreses](http://www.geocities.com/northshoreses).

Local residents requiring SES help should call 1300 1300 39.