

# Media Release

ACT State Emergency Service



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## ACTSES to compete in National Challenge

ACT State Emergency Service (ACTSES) volunteers will this weekend compete against other emergency service workers in a National Disaster Rescue Challenge in Adelaide.

“The six members from the Majura SES Unit were successful in the local ACT competition in August last year and will be representing Canberra at Adelaide showgrounds against teams from all other Australian jurisdictions,” ACTSES Chief Officer Tony Graham said.

“Events like the National Disaster Rescue Challenge give all SES volunteers an opportunity to build confidence and increase skill levels to assist during times of emergency,” he said.

“Teams will compete in a variety of exercises including rescues from heights, casualty handling and participate in a search and rescue component.

The Australian Council of State Emergency Services manage the event in a controlled rescues environment every two years.

Mr Graham also stressed the important role the ACTSES play in the Canberra community.

“We have seen this week with the recent wet and windy weather how vital ACTSES volunteers are,” Mr Graham said.

“More than 100 calls for help were received with crews attending to trees and broken branches as well as damaged roofing across homes and businesses in difficult weather conditions,” he said.

“I would like to wish the Majura Unit well ahead of this weekend’s challenge.”

The event begins Saturday and concludes on Sunday.

The six members are: Matt Butters (team leader), James Dyer, Tracey Allen, Kris Cochrane, Rohan Hawkins, Matthew Parsons.  
Marlana Butters (team manager).

