The State Emergency Service (SES) Metro Challenge rolled around again in November, with 135 volunteers from 11 SES units taking part.

Eight teams competed in a range of events designed to test volunteer skills and competencies, with other team building activities not specific to the SES. The scenarios included readying a storm trailer in anticipation of heavy winds and flooding, performing an emergency cliff rescue requiring a Larkin Frame, and setting up lights off a generator to illuminate a road obstruction.

Now in its seventh year, the SES Metro Challenge is a great event that provides volunteers with an opportunity to improve their skills and interact with other units, with a healthy measure of friendly competition thrown in.

By day’s end Bayswater SES were victorious, edging out Northshore SES in second place and Cockburn SES in third.

▲ Bayswater SES volunteers are happy with their first place win.