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Severe thunderstorms bring hail and heavy rain to Sydney, Central Coast and other parts of NSW

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PHOTO: A woman photographs storm clouds over Bondi beach, with the BoM issuing a severe thunderstorm warning for Sydney. (AAP: Dan Himbrechts)

Hail has blanketed part of Sydney and the New South Wales Central Coast as severe storms moved across the state and continue to batter the Hunter region, the mid-north coast and other parts of New South Wales.

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The State Emergency Service has received about 160 calls for help this afternoon and said most calls were for leaking rooves and gutters.

The SES also said there had been isolated incidents of flash flooding.

Heavy rainfall hit Hornsby and Mona Vale, Berowra and Palm Beach in Sydney's north and Northern Beaches, but the Bureau of Meteorology has cancelled the thunderstorm warning for Metropolitan Sydney.

In Sydney's west, Blacktown and Baulkham Hills have received 30 millimetres of rain in 30 minutes and hail less than 2 centimetres in size were reported.

Areas affected on the Central Coast included Woy Woy, Umina, Kariong and Kilcare on the Central Coast.

As the storms moved in a north-easterly direction, Gosford, Terrigal, Bateau Bay, Erina, Budgewoi, Toukley, Wyong and Tuggerah on the Central Coast were expected to be inundated with heavy rainfall.



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The BoM said the thunderstorm was likely to produce hail bigger than two centimetres in diameter.

Air Services Australia said in a tweet that the thunderstorm activity in Sydney was causing delays to flights.

In the Hunter Valley, Rothbury, Paxton and Pokolbin have been affected by thunderstorms that are now travelling east and forecast to hit Belmont, Wallsend, Cessnock and Kurri Kurri.

Newcastle City, Maitland, Morpeth and Tocal were expected to be hit with heavy rainfall and large hailstones.

Ausgrid said emergency crews was working to restore power to about 1,700 homes and businesses in Maitland and East Maitland.

In south-west Sydney, power has been restored to 1100 homes and businesses in parts of Bass Hill and Villawood after a tree fell on the electricity network.

Ausgrid said power was also out to 1300 customers in Killcare, Hardys Bay, Pretty Beach and Macmasters Beach on the Central Coast.

A severe thunderstorm warning, that may bring large hailstones, heavy rainfall and damaging winds has also been issued for Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo, Parkes and Cobar in the Central West.

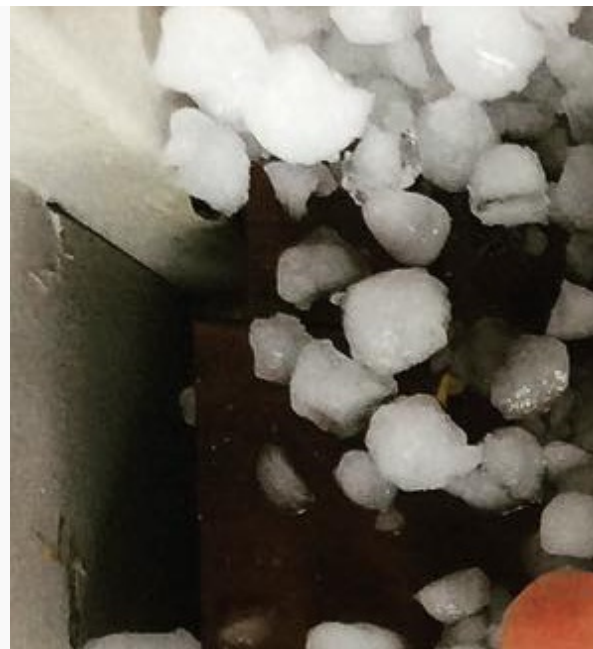


PHOTO: Surfers were leaving the water as storm rolled in over Bondi. (AAP: Dan Himbrechts)

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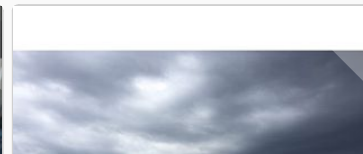
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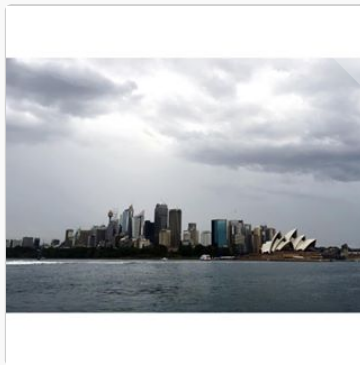
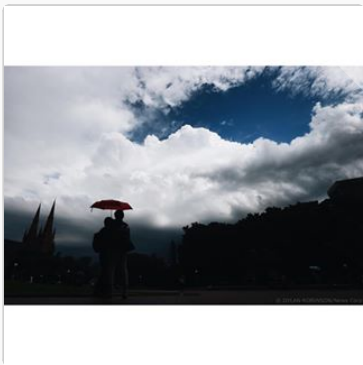
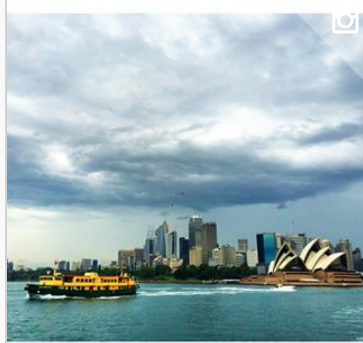
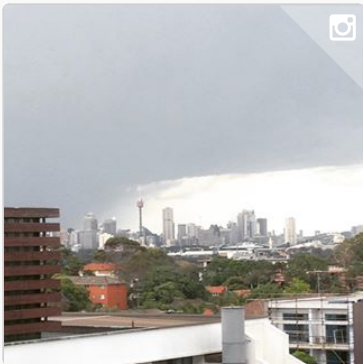
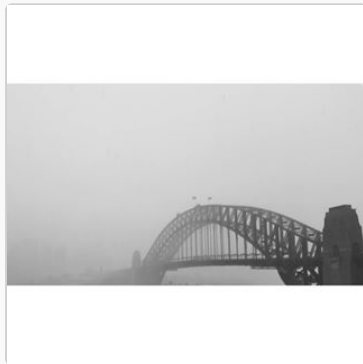
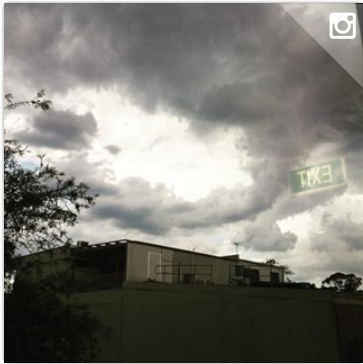
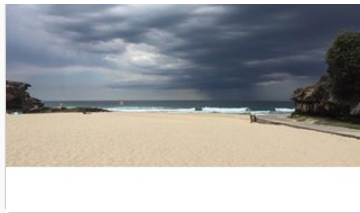
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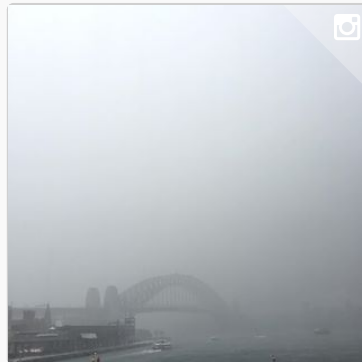
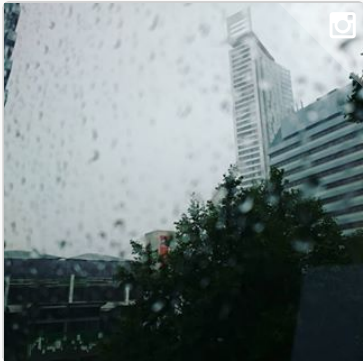
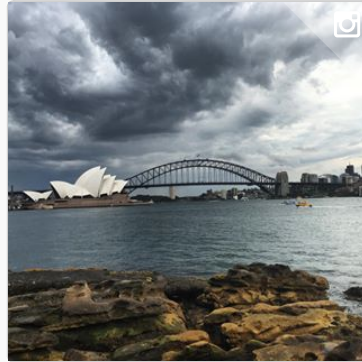
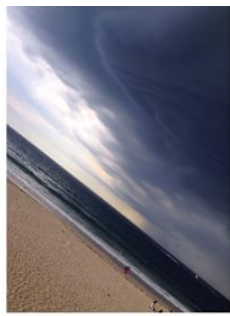


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