

State Emergency Service

Media Release



Wednesday, 16 August 2017

More sandbags being distributed later today by SES

The State Emergency Service (SES) will have sandbags available later today (Wednesday, 16 August) from three locations in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

The three locations will be open between 4pm and 7pm and are as follows:

Where	Address
Strathalbyn SES Unit	51 Murray Street, Strathalbyn
Mount Barker SES Unit	14 Simper Crescent, Mount Barker
Bridgewater Country Fire Service (CFS) Brigade	2 Shannon Road, Bridgewater

An SES 'Sandbagging your home' factsheet will again be available from each of the locations. It provides information on the correct filling, laying and disposal of sandbags. Some locations will also have sand available for residents to fill their own sandbags.

SES State Duty Officer Ian Bonython said the SES was expecting to be busy operationally later today and throughout the night.

The SES received 80 calls for assistance yesterday with most of the calls coming from people living in the Mount Lofty Ranges. So far today, the SES has received another 15 callouts.

"We have had numerous trees fall as a result of the windy weather and a number of cases of localised flooding due to the rain. The Adelaide Hills towns of Meadows and Kangarilla were among the locations most impacted by yesterday's wet and windy weather," Mr Bonython said.

The SES advises the following during severe weather:

- Do not drive, ride or walk through floodwater.
- Be vigilant on the roads. There will be a lot of water across roads and there may be trees that have fallen across major roads.
- If you have the opportunity, secure loose items such as outdoor furniture in your back garden.
- Do not park your car under trees.
- Stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66, and
- Listen to local radio and monitor the Alert SA website for emergency warnings.

Residents needing assistance from the SES during storms and floods should call 132 500.

If the matter is life-threatening they should call 000 (Triple Zero).

For media enquires telephone the SES Media Line on (08) 8211 6176

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