

State Emergency Service **Media Release**



Friday, 28 September 2012

BoM extends severe weather warning

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has issued a severe weather warning this morning for damaging winds for large parts of the state, including the Adelaide metropolitan area and the Adelaide Hills.

People living in the Adelaide Metropolitan, Mount Lofty Ranges, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Flinders, Mid North, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the Murraylands districts may be affected.

The bureau advises that a vigorous cold front will move across the south of the state today, producing strong and gusty west to southwest winds.

Damaging winds are forecast to develop over southern coastal areas early this afternoon and extend further inland across the warning area during the late afternoon.

West to southwest winds averaging 50-65 km/h are possible with gusts of 90-100 km/h, particularly with squally showers and thunderstorms.

Locations which may be affected include Port Lincoln, Kingscote, Warooka and extending to Adelaide, Meningie and Mount Gambier later in the afternoon.

Up-to-date warnings and further information on the expected weather can be found on the BoM website www.bom.gov.au

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture, garden tools and children's play equipment (such as trampolines and cubby houses) are put away or secured
- park vehicles undercover and well away from trees
- stay indoors and away from windows and skylights when weather conditions are severe
- stay away from fallen powerlines (always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks (formerly ETSA Utilities) on 13 13 66)
- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- shelter and secure pets and other animals
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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