

State Emergency Service

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Rains ease across the state but flood water risks remain

The SES advises that the Bureau of Meteorology has cancelled the severe weather warning associated with heavy rains that fell across widespread parts of the state during Thursday and Friday, however a Flood Watch remains in place

During the rain event, the SES attended in excess of 800 requests for assistance, relating largely to flooding and water inundation to homes and properties across metropolitan Adelaide, and also in regional areas including the Mid- north and Riverland.

Had it not been for preventative actions taken by members of the community in the lead-up to the forecast rains, that number may have been significantly higher.

The SES would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers and staff, and those of other emergency services and agencies that assisted, especially on the back of sustained operations in response to the extreme heat and storm events, and fire support of recent weeks.

While the immediate risk of flash flooding has decreased, localised flooding may remain and many rivers, creeks and waterways in the affected areas may experience increased flows

Darryl Wright, State Duty Officer for the SES advises that fast moving waters pose a significant risk to public safety, especially to children, and the SES urges people to refrain from playing in, or walking, riding or driving through flood waters.

“Unfortunately there have been a number of tragedies over recent years where people have failed to heed warnings associated with the dangers of flood waters, and we ask that people use extreme caution in these situations”, he says.

Storm water and localised flooding may have left mud and other debris on roadways, and road users should exercise caution.

A severe thunderstorm warning remains in place for damaging winds and heavy rainfall for people in the North East Pastoral and parts of the Flinders and North West Pastoral districts.

The State Emergency Service advises that people should:

- * Not drive, ride or walk through flood water
- * Keep clear of creeks and storm drains
- * Slow down and take extra care on the roads

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