

State Emergency Service **Media Release**



Friday, 26 June 2014

Severe weather warning for most of state

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has issued a severe weather warning today for damaging winds for most parts of the state.

The warning, issued at 6.30am, advises that people living in the Adelaide Metropolitan, Mount Lofty Ranges, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Mid North, Riverland, Murraylands, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the West Coast and Flinders districts may be affected.

A large and deep low pressure system will track south of the state during today. An associated strong front is expected to affect Eyre Peninsula and Kangaroo Island this morning, the Adelaide area and South East coast during the afternoon and the eastern border this evening. Local heavy showers and thunderstorms will accompany the front with further showers to follow.

Strong northwesterly winds may become locally damaging with gusts of 90-100km/h over parts of southern Eyre and Yorke peninsulas, Kangaroo Island and the southern Mount Lofty Ranges from early today. Winds are likely to reach gale force, averaging 50-70km/h in elevated areas and on the eastern slopes of the Mount Lofty Ranges.

Damaging northwest to westerly winds with gusts in excess of 90km/h are then expected to spread eastwards across the warning area today, affecting the Adelaide area during the afternoon and eastern districts this evening. The damaging winds are most likely to occur near the front and with showers or thunderstorms.

Locations which may be affected include Adelaide, Victor Harbor, Port Lincoln, Maitland, Clare, Murray Bridge, Keith and Mount Gambier.

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 on 13 13 66
- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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