

# State Emergency Service **Media Release**



Tuesday, 8 July 2014

## **Severe weather warning for most of southern SA**

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

The warning, issued at 9:18am, advises that people living in the Adelaide Metropolitan, Mount Lofty Ranges, West Coast, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Mid North, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the Flinders and Murraylands districts may be affected.

A complex low pressure system and associated vigorous fronts will move across the south of the state during Tuesday and Wednesday.

The front is expected to reach Eyre Peninsula Tuesday morning, and the Adelaide area late afternoon or early evening, with a second front to follow on Wednesday morning.

Strong northerly winds are forecast this morning ahead of the first front. These winds may be locally gale force at times, averaging 50-65 km/h, with gusts of 90-100 km/h.

Squally showers and possible thunderstorms are forecast to develop with the first front. Damaging wind gusts in excess of 90 km/h may also occur with and following the first front, mostly with showers or thunderstorms.

Locations which may be affected on Tuesday include Port Lincoln, Kingscote, Victor Harbor, Cleve, Maitland, Clare, Adelaide, Mount Barker 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](http://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 (including 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
- For SES assistance in floods or storms call 132 500. For life-threatening emergencies call 000 (Triple Zero).

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