

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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Threat from high tides has reduced

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the threat related to the recent high tides in most of the state's coastal regions, has reduced.

With the advent of unusually high tides and strong winds throughout South Australia for most of the day, many of the state's coastal locations reached or exceeded their forecast peaks.

This resulted in localised flooding late this afternoon and throughout the evening, with the State Emergency Service (SES) responding to more than 650 calls for assistance.

To meet the risk of possible flooding in Glenelg and Port Adelaide, the SES pre-positioned 10,000 sandbags in the two local council depots.

Although the threat from high tides has reduced, there still remains the threat to the community from high winds and rainfall throughout the evening and into tomorrow morning.

The State Emergency Service, Chief of Staff Darryl Wright says South Australian communities need to be vigilant throughout the evening for the ever present danger from falling trees and floodwaters.

"I would strongly urge all people who don't have a need to be outside this evening to stay inside and if you have to drive, please do not try and negotiate any floodwaters or water on the roads", Mr Wright said.

Mr Wright also praised the efforts of all SES volunteers and support staff and said that cooperation between all of South Australia's Emergency Services Organisations; SES, MFS, CFS and local councils throughout this event has been outstanding.

The SES is urging people to be particularly careful on the roads for the next couple of days and the following precautions are advised:

- Never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- 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
- Shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- Check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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