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SES advises risk of flooding in Mount Lofty Ranges

With the prospect of localised minor flooding tomorrow, the State Emergency Service (SES) is advising people to be vigilant if they are living, working or travelling in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

To meet the risk of possible flooding of the middle Torrens and the middle Onkaparinga rivers, along with the North Para catchment, the SES has pre-positioned 6,000 empty sandbags at a local SES unit and two SA Country Fire Service (CFS) brigades.

The three locations are:

- Mount Barker SES Unit, 14 Simper Crescent, Mount Barker
- Gumeracha CFS Brigade, Murray Street, Gumeracha, and
- Nuriootpa CFS Brigade, 8 Old Kapunda Road, Nuriootpa

The three locations will be open from 7pm to 9pm this evening for local residents who believe they are at risk of flooding.

Residents will also be able to pick up a leaflet explaining how to fill and lay the sandbags.

A video on using sandbags can be found on the SES website www.ses.sa.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.