Wednesday 22 June, 2016

SES providing sandbags in readiness for rain event

With a vigorous rainfall front forecast to move across the state from the west and reach the Adelaide metropolitan area about Thursday afternoon and evening, the South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) is ramping up community sandbagging activities.

Due to the potential for higher than forecast tides due to storm surges, SES will be providing sandbags, advice and where possible sand, to communities where there may be an increased risk.

The following locations will open between 5:30 and 8:30 tonight (Wednesday 22nd June).

Naval Reserve Birkenhead

Fletcher road, just north of Semaphore road

Birkenhead

Noarlunga SES

Corner of Lindsay and Brian roads

Lonsdale

Mt Barker SES

14 Simper Crescent

Mt Barker

Tea Tree Gully SES

118 Tolley road

St Agnes

Campbelltown SES

141 Montacute Road

Campbelltown

Gumeracha CFS

Murray Street

Enfield SES

Hoods Road

Northfield

At these locations, residents will be able to pick up a leaflet explaining how to fill and lay the sandbags, and SES personnel will be on hand to assist.

In addition, sandbagging provisions are being provided to the Port Lincoln business district.

The SES reminds motorists to check on the conditions of roads before travelling through northern parts of the state and for all persons to avoid driving or walking through swollen creeks or waterways, and in particular to supervise children when near fast flowing water.

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- 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.