

State Emergency Service **Media Release**



Wednesday, 2 May, 2018

Severe weather warning issued this afternoon for a number of districts, including Adelaide

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has issued a severe weather warning for damaging winds and heavy rainfall for a number of districts, including Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges.

The bureau advises that, apart from Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges, other districts which may be impacted are the Lower Eyre Peninsula, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Mid North, Kangaroo Island, Murraylands, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the West Coast and Riverland districts.

The warning, issued at 4.06pm today, advises that a trough of low pressure currently in the west of the state will reach the central districts, including Adelaide, early on Thursday morning before moving across the remaining central and eastern districts during Thursday.

A developing band of rain and thunderstorms associated with the trough is forecast to produce damaging winds and locally heavy rainfall over parts of the warning area from late this evening. Localised damaging winds, averaging 50-65 kilometres per hour with gusts of around 90 kilometres per hour, are forecast over Eyre Peninsula from late this evening before extending east. Damaging winds are most likely to be associated with the rain or thunderstorms.

Thunderstorms within the band may also produce locally heavy rainfall in some areas, leading to flash flooding. The heavier rainfall accumulations of 40mm or more are most likely to occur in the Mount Lofty Ranges district. Locations which may be affected include Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Clare, Maitland, Adelaide, Kingscote, Murray Bridge, Naracoorte and Mount Gambier.

SES Deputy Chief Officer Dermot said homeowners should start preparing their homes this evening for the upcoming severe weather.

“Simple things, like ensuring gutters and downpipes are clear of leaf litter and other rubbish, can make all the difference,” Mr Barry said.

“Homeowners should also put away or secure any loose items in the backyard as these can become airborne and cause considerable damage,” he said.

During severe weather, the SES also advises the following precautions:

- never drive, ride or walk through floodwater
- 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 (SAPN) 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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