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SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

for HEAVY RAINFALL

For people in the Mallee, Wimmera and parts of the Central, South West, Northern Country and North Central Forecast Districts.

Issued at 10:17 am Tuesday, 13 September 2016.

WEATHER SITUATION:

A surface trough over Victoria and an upper level trough over the Bight will develop into a low pressure system over western Victoria later today. The low will then move slowly eastwards across the State during Wednesday then over the Tasman Sea during Thursday.

HEAVY RAIN which may lead to FLASH FLOODING is possible over parts of the Mallee, Northern Country, Wimmera, North Central, Central and Southwest districts during Tuesday.

Widespread 24 hours rainfall totals of 20 to 50mm are forecast across parts of western and central Victoria, with isolated higher falls of 60 to 70mm possible. Thunderstorms may also result in heavier falls.

Locations which may be affected include Mildura, Horsham, Bendigo, Maryborough, Kyneton and Ballarat.

The highest totals in the 24 hours to 9am today include:

- 32mm at Avalon Station
- 32mm at Charlton
- 29mm at Warracknabeal
- 25mm at Birchip

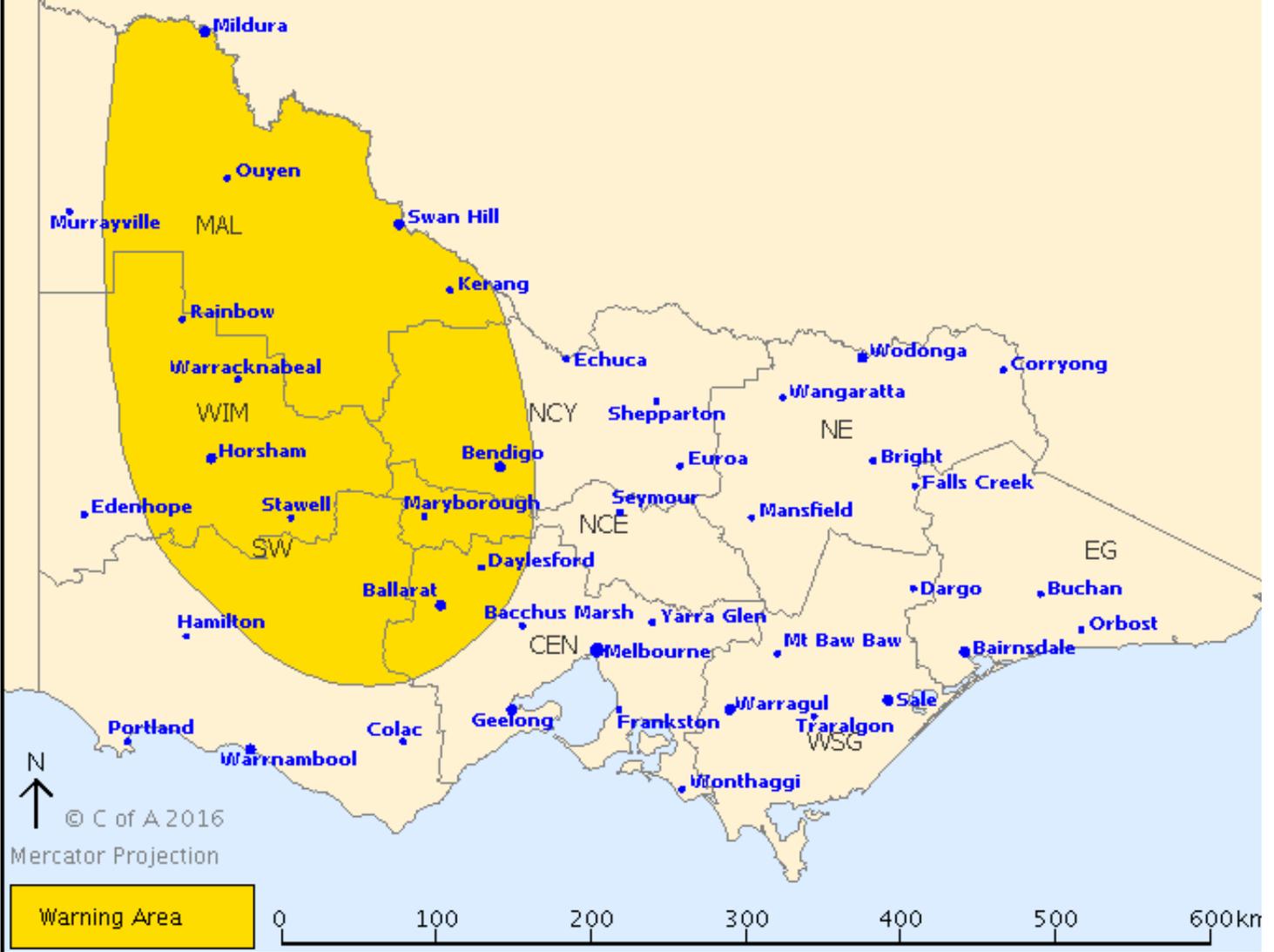
The State Emergency Service advises that people should:

- * Don't walk, ride or drive through flood water;
- * Keep clear of creeks and storm drains;
- * Be aware that in fire affected areas, rainfall run-off into waterways may contain debris such as ash, soil, trees and rocks;
- * Be alert that in areas recently affected by fires, heavy rainfall increases the potential for landslides and debris across roads;

The next warning is due to be issued by 4:20 pm.

Warnings are also available through TV and Radio broadcasts, the Bureau's website at www.bom.gov.au or call 1300 659 217. The Bureau and State Emergency Service would appreciate warnings being broadcast regularly.

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